

# War Council Enlists Alumni

All war aid activities of the University are co-ordinated through new general council set up by President Brandt

**T**RYING to avoid the appearance of the apocryphal hero who "jumped on his horse and rode off in all directions," the University has organized a unified war program designed to achieve a maximum of efficiency.

Every individual and every department has been surveying resources and making suggestions for specific ways of aiding the nation's war effort. Many activities were started immediately after war was declared; others, such as the civilian morale program of the Extension Division, had already been under way for a year.

To prevent confusion and to keep the program on a rational basis, President Joseph A. Brandt last month appointed a University War Council, with supreme authority to direct the numerous activities, and to determine policies to guide the program. By clearing all suggestions and plans through this one channel, it is believed that maximum effectiveness can be secured.

Herbert H. Scott, '26ba, '26ma, director of the University Extension Division was appointed co-ordinator of the War Council and is executive head of the program, including both the student and faculty activities on the campus and the University's special war-time services offered the communities of the state, which will be conducted through special alumni representatives.

Members of the War Council were chosen for the University functions or divisions that they represent. The personnel is as follows:

- Joseph A. Brandt, president of the University.
- Herbert H. Scott, director of Extension Division, co-ordinator.
- R. Boyd Gunning, assistant director of Extension Division, representing Short Courses and Institute Training Programs.
- Fayette Copeland, counselor of men.
- Margaret Stephenson, counselor of women.
- Ima James, chairman of Department of Physical Education for Women, representing health and recreation.
- Homer Heck, director of Radio Station WNAD, radio and information.
- Helen Burton, director of School of Home Economics, nutrition.
- Alma J. Neill, chairman of Physiology Department, first aid.



WAR COUNCIL CO-ORDINATOR  
*Herbert H. Scott, '26ba, '26ma, director of the Extension Division and executive head of the University War Council's work*

- Royden J. Dangerfield, professor of government, representing forums and general discussions.
- T. M. Beaird, executive secretary Alumni Association.
- Stewart Harral, director press relations.
- M. L. Wardell, professor of history, University-sponsored WPA projects.
- William H. Carson, dean of College of Engineering, representing engineering defense courses.
- A. B. Adams, dean of College of Business Administration, representing production management defense courses.

- Homer L. Dodge, chairman of Physics department, representing physics defense courses.
- J. S. Walton, professor of chemical engineering, representing war industries research.
- Emil R. Kraetli, secretary of the University.
- Charles Elson, professor of drama, representing entertainment.
- Helen Gregory, professor of physical education, entertainment.
- Walter Kraft, superintendent of utilities.
- Lt. Col. Charles Brammell, R. O. T. C. commandant, U. S. Army.
- Commander James Van de Carr, N. R. O. T. C. commandant, U. S. Navy.
- Savoie Lottinville, director University Press.

The War Council has accepted an offer from the Alumni Association for co-operation in the off-campus phases of the University's defense activities. In late January, Mr. Beaird, as executive secretary of the Alumni Association and as a member of the War Council, was contacting a list of alumni—one in each county in Oklahoma—who were asked to serve as county representatives of the University War Council.

The council expects to operate through these alumni in making the special defense services of the University available to city, county and other local groups.

The University services to local communities will be chiefly in three fields: 1) Training and information; 2) Civilian Morale Service; 3) Civilian Protection.

One phase will be furnishing technical talent and leadership in training programs such as first aid, health and recreation, special discussion leadership, switchboard operation, morse-code training, nutrition, foods and food preservation, sanitation, home nursing, nurses' aid, decontamination service, home safety and many other things important to persons on the home front.

The county representative of the University War Council will actually be a volunteer member of the University administrative staff in carrying on the war work. He will keep in direct and frequent contact with the co-ordinator at the University. A one-day institute at Norman probably will be held for the county representatives, to give them full information about their work.

The county representatives will survey the defense activities already under way in their communities to see how the special services of the University might assist these activities, and they will enlist local leadership for discussion groups, training programs and so on.

The War Council is working on many

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## Hear These War Courses Broadcast on WNAD

Many alumni will want to hear the radio broadcast of two special courses offered by the University second semester, beginning February 2. One course, *Problems in the Pacific*, will be broadcast at about 9:15 a. m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The panel of instructors includes Dangerfield, Benson, Petty, Hewes, Merritt, Park, Livezey and Tompkins. The other course, *The Individual in the Modern State*, taught by Ewing and Campbell, is scheduled at 11:15 a. m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Tune in on WNAD at 640 kilocycles to hear these timely discussions from your university.

## Association Progress

**M**EETING time for University of Oklahoma alumni attending the annual convention of the Oklahoma Education Association at Oklahoma City will be from 5 to 7 p. m. Friday evening, February 13, in the Mirror Room of the Biltmore Hotel, T. M. Beard, executive secretary of the alumni association, has announced.

Association officials decided to hold a reception instead of the usual dinner, as a war-time step to conserve time and money for the teacher alumni attending the convention. Only light refreshments will be served.

All Sooner alumni in the Oklahoma City area, as well as members of the O. E. A., are invited to attend the reception to visit with O. U. friends.

### More Life Members

Number of living Life Members reached 589 last month, Secretary Beard announced.

The five new ones are:

Dr. J. R. Hinshaw, '19bs, '21med, Norman physician, and Mrs. Lucile W. Hinshaw, '20ba, '21ma.

Alford J. Barron, '39ma, and Mrs. Leona Stamps Barron, '39ma, both teachers at Burbank.

Kenneth Taylor, '40ex, flier with the U. S. Army in Hawaii who won the Distinguished Service Cross for his effective defense work against the Japanese in the sneak raid on Pearl Harbor.

Joe C. Looney, '20ba, '22law, Wewoka attorney and president of the University Board of Regents, started a fund made up of \$1 contributions to purchase a complimentary Life Membership for Lieutenant Taylor, in appreciation of his achievement.

In accordance with a decision of the trustees of the Life Membership Trust Fund, all money paid in on Life Memberships before next July 1 is to be used to buy Defense Bonds for the trust fund. This includes money paid on existing pledges, and on new Life Memberships.



## Planning the Semicentennial

By PRESIDENT EMERITUS W. B. BIZZELL

**T**HE Alumni of the University, I am sure, will be interested to know that plans for the Semicentennial are going forward and several committees are busily engaged in formulating the program and considering the numerous details that such an undertaking naturally involves. A meeting has been held recently with the chairmen of all committees for the purpose of co-ordinating all aspects of this undertaking.

The war situation has made it necessary to change somewhat the objectives of the Semicentennial, but there is no thought of abandoning the program. The fact is, the new problems that the war situation has created make it more imperative that educational institutions give concerted consideration to the new problems that confront us.

The University has already entered upon a vast program of war activities and due to the rapid shifting of war planning by the Government our colleges and universities will need to make many new adjustments as time goes on. In the face of this situation the committee on program, of which Dr. C. C. Rister is chairman, contemplates placing emphasis on the con-

tribution that institutions of higher learning may be able to make to the prosecution of the war and reconstruction after the war is over.

It is contemplated that the speakers who are invited to participate in the Semicentennial will be selected on a basis of their special knowledge and interest in some aspect of the critical war situation and the problems and issues that grow out of it. We hope, therefore, that the actual difficulties and uncertainties that now exist may make the Semicentennial of even greater importance than if it had been held in normal times.

I am glad to give alumni full assurance, therefore, that plans are definitely and vigorously under way for the Semicentennial and that every possible effort is being put forth to make the occasion one of great significance and importance to higher education. Remember the dates: December 2-5, 1942, and make your plans even this far in advance to be present. I will welcome any suggestions that may occur to you concerning this program. Be assured that everything possible will be done to make this landmark in the history of your Alma Mater as significant and as important as possible.

phases of defense work on the campus at Norman.

A 12-member committee headed by J. S. Walton, professor of chemical engineering, is conducting war research projects in such important fields as high-octane gasoline, synthetic rubber, Oklahoma mineral resources, explosives, petroleum, hydrocarbons, plant and animal resources and medicines. Others on this committee include William C. Bednar, J. Rud Nielsen, Charles Whitmer, O. J. Eigsti, Bruce Houston, A. C. Shead, J. Teague Self, C. G. Lalicker, Ralph A. Bienfang, Mark R. Everett and Homer L. Dodge.

Efforts are being made to accelerate college training to give young men a maximum of education before they go into military duty. Oklahoma college presidents met with John Oliver, administrative officer for the State Regents for Higher Education, and agreed to try to give students four years' work in three by encouraging them to attend summer sessions. It was agreed that a uniform calendar for all the state colleges should be adopted, and that vacations should be largely eliminated. It was suggested that the two winter semesters be divided at Christmas time, making the fall semester start several weeks earlier. It was agreed that the often-discussed quarterly schedule for state colleges could not be adopted until more funds are provided, either by the state or federal government.

University students are being registered by a special committee for volunteer defense activities. These will include special non-credit courses in fields like first aid, home nursing, simple nutrition, water safety, and so on, and participation in knitting and sewing, motor corps training, entertainment for military posts, general office work, and other similar projects.

Attention of students is being called to various credit courses in the regular curriculum which have special value in war time.

Many students are expected to receive training that will qualify them to act as instructors in defense courses in their home communities next summer.

The University Short Course department, headed by R. Boyd Gunning, is shaping its program around the defense situation and will be prepared to conduct short courses in whatever fields group training is needed.

The Lecture and Entertainment Bureau, directed by J. F. Malone, is working on organization of forum discussion groups in state communities, and is prepared to furnish leadership or speakers for such programs.

Herbert Scott, director of the Extension Division, is well qualified to serve as coordinator of the University's complex and rapidly developing program. Because of

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# Oklahoma Books and Authors

THE first complete history of the Creek Indian tribe, *The Road to Disappearance*, written by one of Oklahoma's best known historians and authors, Angie Debo, '18ba, '33ph.d, has been released by the University of Oklahoma Press as another volume in its series on the Civilization of the American Indian. (\$3.50.)

Two hundred years ago when the white man had secured only a slight foothold on the North American continent the great Creek Confederacy flourished under the reign of native law on land which now comprises for the most part, the states of Alabama and Georgia.

From this beginning, Miss Debo traces the tragic history and gradual movement westward of the tribe. Today, the progressive laws and customs of the Creeks have been assimilated into the American, but the influence of these Indians, Miss Debo feels, will remain long after their language is dead.

The story is that of a proud, once-powerful people. The reputation of the Creeks as warriors and diplomats, during the eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries, extended to the most distant reaches of the Indian country. Outnumbered by the white men, whose growing greed for land forced their removal westward, they tried to establish a new home in the wilderness beyond the Mississippi.

No sooner had the Creeks begun rebuilding their shattered nation than they were again encircled by the encroaching white man. They were faced, moreover, with internal political strife, and split by the sectionalism of the Civil War. Despite these handicaps and adversities, Miss Debo tells how they maintained their native culture until final dissolution of the tribe by the Dawes Act.

Her book is the story of a minority people, clinging against all odds to native custom, language, and institution. She tells in an interesting manner of the internal structure of the Creek nation giving detailed description of its folklore, religion, politics, wars and social life. The reader also learns about the important Creek leaders, many of whom had a part in early Oklahoma history.

There is perhaps no person better qualified to write such a book than Miss Debo. Within the past year, her contributions to Oklahoma literature include *And Still the Waters Run*, a historical book on the Five Civilized Tribes, and her work as co-editor with John Oskison, of *Oklahoma: A Guide to the Sooner State* for the American Guide Series of the Federal Writer's Project.

Miss Debo was reared and attended school in Marshall, Oklahoma, where she made a first-hand acquaintance with Indian folkways and traditions. Starting at the age of sixteen, her education was combined with intervals of teaching in country schools. After receiving a bachelor's degree at the University, she took an M. A. degree at the University of Chicago, and later was graduated from the University with a doctor's degree.

In the field of regional literature, Miss Debo holds a distinguished reputation. She is the author of *The Rise and Fall of the Choctaw Republic*, which won the John H. Dunning prize of the *American Historical Society* for the best book submitted in the field of United States history in 1934.

*The Road to Disappearance* contains 416 pages, including a number of illustrations and maps. The book is divided into eleven chapters, each dealing with a separate phase of Creek history.

## War Council

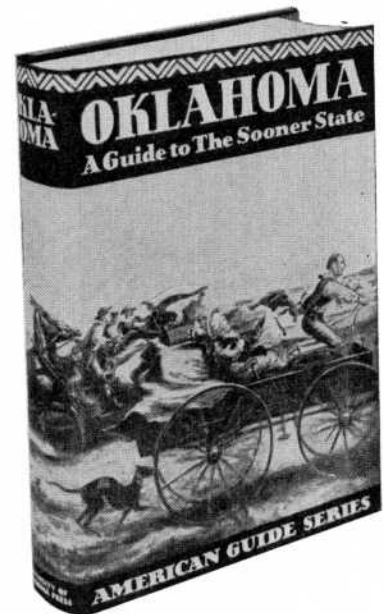
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the fact that the O. U. Extension Division, like other members of the National University Extension Association, had been conducting numerous civilian morale and defense activities during the last year, Mr. Scott was familiar with the background of many of the problems faced by the new War Council.

At the last meeting of the national association, held last November, Mr. Scott was commended by officials of the United States Office of Education for the way in which the University's Extension Division had emphasized a program of services aiding national defense for about a

year before the national defense movement got into full swing.

Mr. Scott's office in Old Science Hall is now an important nerve center of the campus. Ideas, suggestions, criticisms, statistics on the University's manifold war activities flow across his desk. In frequent consultation with President Brandt, and with periodical meetings of the War Council, the co-ordinator keeps the activities organized, prevents duplication, sees that word on general policies reaches the right places, and, in short, makes the University's war program a unified and consistent project.



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