

WAR COMES TO THE CAMPUS

Grim-faced students gather in the Fieldhouse to hear President Roosevelt's war message to Congress after the Japanese invasion. Right, a recruiting office quickly set up at the Armory to accommodate scores of students seeking to enlist

News From the Campus

War

Like all of America, the University of Oklahoma campus was a jittery place when classes convened on Monday morning, December 7. Students and faculty members had spent long hours listening to fragmentary radio reports on Japan's surprise invasion of Hawaii and the Philippines.

Within a week the campus, like the rest of the nation, had absorbed the shock and had begun a calm but determined effort to adapt the University's activities to wartime demands. Administrative officials, aided by numerous faculty and student committees and organizations, went to work to discover every means by which the University could aid the nation's war effort.

► **Enlistment Rush.** First news of the war caused a natural wave of enlistment fever among the 3,855 male students in the University. There was such a rush of inquiries that a temporary recruiting office was set up at the Armory. About twenty-five students dropped out of school to enlist during the first week, and about seventy-five more indicated they would leave as soon as arrangements could be made to complete their work for the first semester.

Advice for students to stay in school at least long enough to finish the semester was given by Joseph A. Brandt, president of the University; Lt. Col. Charles H. Brammell, R.O.T.C. commandant; and Lt. Com. James C. Van de Carr, commandant of the N.R.O.T.C. They emphasized that the armed forces need trained men, and that in many cases students can better serve the nation by continuing their University work until called into service.

► **President's Statement.** President Brandt issued the following statement for guidance of students and faculty:

The declaration of war against Japan means that from now until eventual victory, we must be at the service of the Secretaries of War and of the Navy, subject to the needs of our country.

For undergraduate members of the University this means two things:

First: Stay in school until you are directed otherwise. This is no time for hysteria. Keep calm. Be rational. You'll learn how best you can serve as the government develops its program. Until the government calls you, stay where you are.

Second: Work. Fortunately, the disgusting attitude of a few undergraduates seeking a university holiday to have a good time on the occasion of the cold-blooded murder of our armed forces in the service of their country, represented an infinitesimal part of our undergraduate body.

But that there should be even a few with that attitude does the cause of education little good.

Begin now to curtail your social program. Money spent on elaborate social functions would do far more good invested in defense bonds. The leisure spent in hand-holding on the south oval should go into knitting and services useful to the country.

Our military program is in the hands of the commander-in-chief; but faculty members should do their part now by beginning serious planning looking towards peace, a peace which ought to insure that there be no repetition of the present tragedy engulfing the world.

Now, specifically for those undergraduates and graduate men who may be called into service before they have completed this semester; we are working on a program which we hope will insure that you will not lose the credit for the work which you have done this semester, provided it has been satisfactory work.

We are also working on a program of study for next semester which will give all undergraduates the complete and necessary background for the present conflict. We are furthermore considering permitting men to take more than the conventional work load so that their period of stay in the University may be shortened.

While we will win this war thrust upon us, we must not for a moment underestimate the bitterness of the struggle that lies ahead of us, nor the inescapable duty which faces everyone, whether in uniform or as an undergraduate, to do our duty, to work hard as we've never worked before. Never in our history has the right of the individual been so menaced as now, and never before has the individual been faced as now with assuming gladly his role in an invincible army which is determined that democracy shall prevail.

► **Student Life.** Leaders of student groups such as the Associated Women Students, the Men's Government Association, Women's League, Independent Men's Association, Panhellenic and Interfraternity Council plunged into a series of conferences to plan a radical revision of student life.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

January 5—Classwork resumes after Christmas vacation.

January 7, 8, 9—Institute of Public Affairs.

January 10—Sooner-Kansas State basketball game, Fieldhouse.

January 22—Semester examinations begin.

January 26—Sooner-Iowa State basketball game, Fieldhouse.

January 28—Semester examinations end.

January 30, 31—Registration for second semester.

February 2—Second semester classes begin, 8:10 a. m.

February 3, 4—Career Conference.

February 3, 4, 5—Fifth Annual School for Retail Pharmacists and Sales Personnel.

February 6, 7—Lawyers' Institute on Income Taxes.

February 7—Sooner-Missouri basketball game, Fieldhouse.

Early suggestions were that more time be allotted to study, as many students will want to increase their credit load to complete as much work as possible before being called to military service; that students participating actively in defense projects such as Red Cross campaign, first aid training, and so on; that more attention be given to outdoor recreation in order to keep physically fit; and that ample time be saved for sleep as an essential of physical fitness.

It is anticipated that practically all social activities will be restricted to weekend nights, and that week-night meetings of departmental and honorary groups will be eliminated or greatly restricted.

Plans were started to cut down radically on unnecessary work and expenses for social functions, particularly as to decorations. Many organized houses have indicated that they would use money saved on social affairs to purchase defense bonds.

► **Defense Projects.** Campaigns were quickly organized to give direct aid to the defense program. University faculty and student leaders participated actively in the Cleveland County Red Cross drive for a special defense fund. Plans were set up for first aid training courses, sponsored by the Red Cross, including home nursing, nurse's aid, and motor corps training. Mrs. Brandt offered to open the basement of the president's home for a proposed bandage making project.

President Brandt appointed an entertainment committee to arrange programs of campus talent to be presented at army camps and training centers in the central Oklahoma area. The department of physical education started a program of physical improvement for men students.

Much of the University's defense program will be cleared through the Extension Division, which for the last year has been emphasizing defense preparation.

► **Military Training.** More than half of the men students in the University are already receiving military training along with their scholastic work. The R.O.T.C. has an enrolment of 1,441 freshmen and sophomores, taking basic courses, while 315 juniors and seniors are taking the advanced military science courses which lead to reserve officers' commissions. The Naval R.O.T.C. unit has an enrolment of 75, and about fifty students are taking flying instruction in the University's civilian pilot training program. Since this latter program was started in 1940, O.U. has turned out 179 licensed private pilots, and 60 received advanced ratings. About 60 of these O.U. fliers are now serving in the Army or Navy air forces and one is with the Canadian air force.

The Regents

Steps to adjust University administration to meet wartime demands were taken December 10 when the O. U. board of regents met and empowered President Joseph A.



SHELLEY E. TRACY, '11ba
... met with the Board of Regents to advise on endowment campaign plans

Brandt to marshal the University's strength for national defense uses.

The entire University, its facilities and its instructional staff, are ready to aid the nation in every way possible, Joe Looney, Wewoka, president of the regents, said. "Just as we have done in the past, the regents and President Brandt are glad to give all-out co-operation in the national emergency."

Most of the session was devoted to discussing ways the University might render service to the nation. The regents suggested: 1) that students voluntarily reduce social activities; 2) that money saved on social affairs be invested in defense stamps and bonds; and 3) that students spend more time studying and preparing themselves to be good soldiers and citizens.

Present curriculum was frozen by the regents and no new courses will be added except defense courses. President Brandt was authorized to appoint a committee to devise a plan so that students who withdraw can take examinations and receive credit for courses before the end of the semester.

The regents announced that Shelley Tracy, '11ba, advertising executive and a dollar-a-year man in the communications division of the Co-ordinator of Inter-American affairs, New York City, will work with the University in planning an endowment campaign. Mr. Tracy met with the regents and spent several days on the campus.

The following personnel matters were acted upon by the regents:

William O. Felkner, '37ba, '39ms, instructor in botany, granted a leave of absence for the school year 1942-43.

Carl T. Almquist, O. U. engineering professor now an ordnance officer at Des Moines, Iowa, granted another year's leave of absence for army duty.

Dr. Lewis L. Reese, medical director of the University and Crippled Children's Hospitals, resigned and Dr. G. M. Barry, director of the outpatient departments, was appointed acting director.

Arthur A. Hellbaum, associate professor of physiology in the School of Medicine, granted a sabbatical leave of absence for the school year 1942-43 to study at the University of Chicago.

Henry G. Bennett, Jr., appointed assistant in gynecology in the School of Medicine.

Louis E. Diamond, research assistant in the department of bio-chemistry at the School of Medicine, appointed instructor in bio-chemistry.

The President

"How's old Joe Brandt doing as president of the University?" is a question that the Alumni Office receives frequently from alumni who knew him as a student in the University twenty years ago.

It is not a question that can be answered simply, but the tall, sandy-haired Sooner alumnus who became administrative head of his own alma mater last July 1 is far enough along in the program he has set for himself that it is possible to describe some general trends.

It would be not only unfair, but also impossible, to say whether his program is "succeeding" or not, because President Brandt is thinking largely in terms of what the University and the State of Oklahoma will be ten or fifteen years from now. One of the major functions of a University, he believes, is to anticipate the future, to prepare for what is to come, and to do everything possible to steer the state's development into constructive channels.

True, some changes have been made in the University program which might be listed as tangible items of improvement, but they are actually only steps leading toward fulfillment of broad objectives that cannot be attained in a few short months.

The war, of course, has changed the whole picture of things on the University campus. Administrative officials must devote much time and thought to adaptation of the general program to the demands of national defense. Changes must be made in curriculum, in the regulation of student life, in schedules, and in almost every phase of University activity. At the same time, President Brandt recognizes that the universities have a peculiar responsibility for continuing to teach the truth during war time, and to preserve the essential functions of higher education.

Recognizing that the war demands make it difficult to predict the future of the University, it is still worth while to summarize President Brandt's accomplishments and his views as the first half-year of his administration ends.

► **Long-Range Objective.** "I sincerely believe that business and education can live together and serve each other. Just as the

A. and M. College is helping the farmer, the University can be of service to business and professional men. Oklahoma in recent years has lost a large part of its earning population to other states, and is faced with the threat of a declining economy. The University can supply trained leadership to take advantage of Oklahoma's resources and prevent an economic decline."

► *Unifying the University.* President Brandt's program involves less independent action by the various schools and colleges; more all-University viewpoint in handling administrative problems. Example: a re-admissions committee which has placed some control over a student expelled by one division of the University and seeking entrance in another.

► *Democracy on the Campus.* "I am interested in making the faculty as nearly as possible a democratic body, practicing a fair amount of self-government." Examples: establishing of a Faculty senate, rotating department chairmen, wider representation on faculty committees, participation of undergraduates on faculty committees dealing with student affairs.

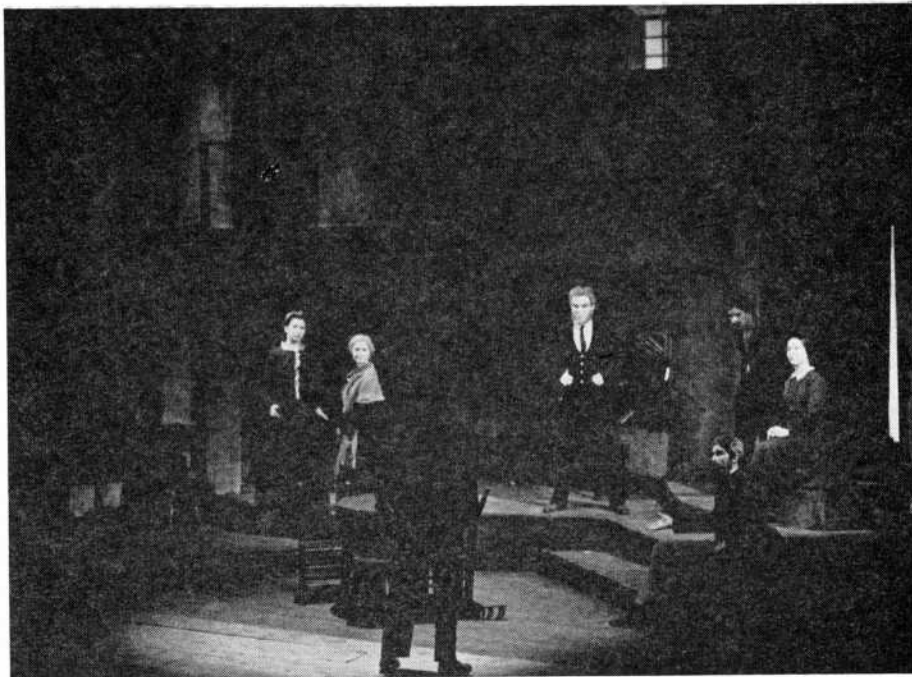
► *Quality Program.* "I believe Oklahomans are entitled to as fine education as that given in private, endowed institutions, and within the limits of money and facilities we hope to provide it. We will take the quality of the graduates as the measure of success. As a part of this program, students will be expected to work or get out."

► *Research Institute.* "Results should not be expected too soon from the Research Institute, but it is encouraging that even before the research building has been started, we are getting an increasing number of concrete scientific problems affecting Oklahoma business and industry that our own staff members can work out with the facilities we have."

► *Policy of Frankness.* President Brandt, perhaps because of his newspaper background, has followed a policy of stating frankly what he is doing as head of the institution, and explaining what he hopes to do in the future. He fears, sometimes, that this policy has brought too much newspaper publicity about him personally, but he believes it is a wholesome thing for the state to know what is going on at the University, and that the newspaper stories stimulate thinking about the University's problems.

► *Citizenship Training.* The matriculation system started by President Brandt—something entirely new in the nation—has created a fine spirit of unity in the freshman class. The freshman class election was conducted, with the assistance of faculty members, as a model election in which voting booths were used and the freshmen had an object lesson in honesty and democracy.

► *Efficiency.* One of President Brandt's first steps was to appoint a curriculum revision committee to reduce the number of courses



PLAYHOUSE USES WAR THEME

"Thunder Rock," presented impressively last month by the University Playhouse, was timely in more ways than one. The theme had a war background, and a repeat performance scheduled at Anadarko had to be canceled because cast members joined the army

offered in some over-specialized fields, and to increase general efficiency of the program. With America's entry into the war, President Brandt announced he would appoint a full-time curriculum committee which would work intensively to eliminate non-essentials from the present curriculum and permit the scheduling of special defense courses.

► *Salaries.* Some adjustments have been made in salaries, but the president is "aware of inequities" still existing. The principle of employing no new faculty members without a personal interview has been adopted, and is expected to prevent occasional unfortunate additions to the staff. Special efforts are being made to discover hidden talents of faculty members and to give them a chance for development.

► *President of the Student Body.* President Brandt is making a conscientious effort to serve as president of the students as well as president of the University in general. He is taking an active and personal interest in student affairs, and is winning unusually fine co-operation from the student body.

► *Well-Rounded Education.* President Brandt has informed the faculty that he considers the University responsible for producing a well-rounded cultured person from each student, and not just a person well informed on subject matter.

► *Endowments.* One of the special projects President Brandt is working toward is organization of a continuous endowment program for the University, an agency for soliciting gifts and bequests to be used for financing many of the University's needs

that probably never can be taken care of through legislative appropriations.

► *Debit Side.* The summary above tells something about what President Brandt has accomplished and what he is trying to achieve. On the debit side of the ledger may be listed such things as: 1) he frequently has a stack of unanswered mail a foot high on his desk because the mail in the president's office has increased rapidly; 2) he hasn't had time to establish many contacts with alumni leaders because he has been so busy on the campus; 3) he has found the organization of the University to be such a complicated affair that many of the reforms he hoped to accomplish quickly have had to wait; 4) he has learned, the hard way, that a University president, unlike a city editor or a book publisher, has to do a good deal of conferring and consulting before making decisions.

► *Balance.* Summing up, the answer to the question "How's He Doin'?" is that he is steadily making progress, though not as rapidly as he would like, and that the real fruits of his work will blossom five and ten years from now, and not next month or next year. He's working hard. He's carrying a heavy load. But he hasn't lost his sense of humor. His batting average on puns per hour is still excellent.

Building Funds Available

Work on the \$407,500 Research Institute building approved at the last session of the legislature is expected to begin soon since state funds for the project have become available.

Late in November, depletion of the pub-



HONORARY COLONEL

Marian Unger, Oklahoma City, member of Delta Delta Delta sorority, has been chosen honorary colonel of the University R.O.T.C.

lic building fund threatened to defer construction. This condition was remedied when a total of \$188,000 was turned into the fund from two different sources, including \$68,000 intended originally for use in a University School of Medicine building project and \$120,000 from a judgment on an oil well whipstocked under the state capitol.

A request for a federal grant for \$350,000 to match state funds is still pending, but is expected to be approved under defense legislation. If federal money is obtained, the institute building can be built on a larger scale than formerly proposed.

One of three NYA buildings to be constructed as housing units for working students may not be erected because of recent cuts in the NYA budget. Blueprints for this project are finished and actual work under way.

Nationwide Broadcast

The 68-member University symphony orchestra gave a half-hour program of Russian music over a coast-to-coast National Broadcasting Company hookup January 4.

The program, originating from radio station WKY in Oklahoma City, was the first given by an O. U. musical group as a full-time non-commercial broadcast over a national network.

Paul S. Carpenter, member of the University faculty since 1914 and conductor of the orchestra, was invited to present the program after N.B.C. officials heard recordings of a program presented last November over WKY.

Future Peace

Hope for a peaceful world after the present war depends largely on some strong

world organization to draw a distinction between aggressor nations and nations that are attacked, Tully A. Nettleton, '23ba, told a group of O. U. friends during a visit to the campus last month.

Mr. Nettleton is editorial writer for the *Christian Science Monitor*, Boston, Massachusetts. He and Mrs. Nettleton (Ruth S. Nettleton, '26ba), were entertained at the home of President and Mrs. Joseph A. Brandt and were honored at a small dinner arranged by H. H. Herbert, director of the School of Journalism. Mr. Nettleton also spoke to journalism students on "The Distinctive Features of the *Monitor* as a Newspaper."

The *Christian Science Monitor* was one of the few American publications which recognized the inevitability of the present war as far back as the false "peace" of Munich.

Discussing the responsibility of newspapers in the present emergency, Mr. Nettleton expressed belief that they should do what they can to prevent the growth of extreme hatred toward the people of the Axis nations. Americans should remember that there are good points about the Germans and the Japanese and the Italians, and should direct energies toward destruction of the organized minorities in those countries that have sponsored policies of ruthless aggression.

Election Evil Cited

A method to eliminate "misfits and simpletons" from public office and secure competent, intelligent candidates is an urgent governmental need in the opinion of A. E. Kull, Oklahoma City public relations worker.

"Even the barber has to have a certificate to trim your hair or cut your fingernails," Mr. Kull said. "But many in the government can't even read the law, much less know its meaning."

He suggests the establishment of schools for potential candidates, with special courses in government, and restrictions on candidacy. Mr. Kull's talk was the first in an annual lecture series set up for O.U. by an endowment of the late Joseph L. Daniel.

More Regional Study

The University was urged to make greater study and research into the regional culture of Southern plains people by Carl Coke Rister, professor of history, in a recent public lecture at the University.

He complimented the University Press as "a nationally known medium of western literary expression" and suggested that the new Research Institute will enable the University to serve southwestern industries.

However, he urged further emphasis on conserving regional culture, and proposed an integrated curriculum of the Southern plains, dealing with the region's botany, geology, government, history, and so on.

"Daddy" Lehrer Dies

Oscar J. "Daddy" Lehrer, professor of music at the University for more than 25 years and well known Oklahoma musician for more than 50 years, died at his home in Norman December 15. He suffered a heart attack following a week's illness. He was 70 years old.

Funeral services were held at a Norman church. Survivors are his wife, Mrs. Martha Bell Trapp Lehrer, sister of M. E. Trapp, former governor of Oklahoma, and a son, Ivan Lehrer, '23ba, of Hollywood, California.

"Daddy" Lehrer came to Oklahoma in 1891 as a member of the cavalry stationed at Fort Sill. Following his discharge, he began organizing bands, a work he continued throughout his life. In 1901 he became the first man to teach instrumental music in Oklahoma schools when he accepted a position as band director at Central State College, Edmond.

From the time he came to the University in 1916 as band director, he directed the University Symphony orchestra for several years, taught harmony, orchestration and instrumental music, and composed a number of anthems, marches and religious selections.

An operetta, *The Pennant*, which the professor wrote and published in 1908, drew nationwide attention and praise. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge, the American Association of University Professors and several music organizations.

Lawyers' Institute

A two-day Lawyers' Institute for study of the preparation of income tax returns and associated problems will be held at the University February 6 and 7 under sponsorship of the School of Law and the Oklahoma State Bar Association.

Arrangements are being made by John G. Hervey, '23law, dean of the School of Law; Tom R. Benedum, '28law, Norman attorney and chairman of the bar association's committee on institutes, and Boyd Gunning, director of University Short Courses.

Because of new legislation affecting income tax returns, and the growing complexity of government records, a large attendance is expected.

On Institute Committee

Appointed by President Joseph A. Brandt on a 14-member committee to plan the 1942 Institute of International Relations are three alumni, all members of the O. U. staff and faculty.

They are Oliver E. Benson, '32ba, '33ma, government professor; R. Boyd Gunning, '37ba, '37law, assistant director of the Extension Division; and Savoie Lottinville, '29ba, director of the University Press.

Cattle Industry Film

A 30-minute motion picture in natural color, gift of Roy J. Turner, widely known Oklahoma breeder of championship cattle,

has been presented to the University Extension Division.

The film, made on Mr. Turner's ranch near Sulphur, is described by O. U. officials as the "first important film produced on Oklahoma industry and resources."

R. Boyd Gunning, '37ba, '37law, director of visual education, says the film is the first contribution of its kind presented to the visual education library and expressed hope that similar movies could be made in the future for use in state schools.

Faculty

A set of 14 exercises compiled by Lucile Searcy, instructor in English, to aid beginners in dictionary usage will be published in pamphlet form by the G. C. Merriam Company, publishers of Webster dictionaries. The company asked permission to distribute the exercises after Miss Searcy submitted them.

O. F. Evans, assistant professor of geology, has been selected by the American Association for the Advancement of Science as the outstanding research man in the Oklahoma Academy of Science in 1941. Mr. Evans has been doing extensive research on the deposition of ripple marks by water waves, a study expected to aid geologists in locating oil formation.

A sculptured black panther called "Outlaw," the work of Joseph R. Taylor, associate professor of art, won a purchase award of \$350 from the International Business Machine Corporation while on exhibit at the Oklahoma City Art Fair during November. The panther will be placed in the corporation's museum collection of contemporary American art for showings throughout the country.

Major C. J. Kanaga, former military science professor at the University, is reported training a group of young Chinese pilots at Moffett Field, California. Major Kanaga was chosen for this work because of his knowledge of the Mandarin dialect learned while on a four-year stay at the American legation in Peking, China.

Allen M. Ruggles, professor of educational psychology, and Arthur N. Bragg, instructor in zoology, are among the newly

elected vice presidents of the Oklahoma Academy of Science. Mr. Ruggles has charge of the section on social sciences and Mr. Bragg, the section on biological sciences.

An article on horses in today's army, *Training a Buck Private Bronc*, by Grace E. Ray, assistant professor of journalism, has been accepted for publication by *Everyweek Magazine*, a Sunday newspaper feature issued by NEA syndicate.

Woodrow P. Wentzy, assistant in journalism last year, was called to active duty shortly after accepting a position as photographer with the Oklahoma Department of Public Safety.

Clement B. Waterfield, '30ma, University English professor, after grading some 10,000 required junior English examinations during the last 10 years, has come to the conclusion that students can't spell as well as their grandfathers of the spelling-bee era. The simplest and most ordinary words are most commonly misspelled, Mr. Waterfield has found. But optimistically, he opines that anyone can learn to spell by paying particular attention to difficult words.

Cortez A. M. Ewing, professor of government, took part in a discussion on developing responsible citizens at the 47th annual conference of the National Municipal League held in November at St. Louis, Missouri.

Homer L. Dodge, dean of the University graduate school and member of the national advisory committee for engineering, science and management defense training, has been authorized to plan a program of special defense courses for several of the nation's universities next summer. The courses, in various branches of physics, will be given in universities which have adequate equipment.

John H. Casey, professor of journalism, was a speaker at the annual convention of the Texas High School Press Association at Texas State College for Women, Denton.

William H. Butterfield, chairman of the University business communication department, is the author of a fourth book on business letter writing published by the McGraw-Hill Book Company. The book, entitled *Successful Collection Letters*, deals with the collecting of past-due accounts by letter without losing customer goodwill.

A new type of art which appeals, not to the eye, ear, taste or nose, but to the touch of the individual has been introduced at the University by Roger Corsaw, art instructor. Pieces of hand sculpture recently exhibited are odd-shaped pieces of polished wood with no regular theme or design.

E. E. Hatfield, chairman of the University department of secretarial science, has found through research on the history of business education that various systems of shorthand have been in use during the last 2,000 years. The typewriter also is an older device than most people believe, Mr. Hat-

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OSCAR J. LEHRER
*Beloved Daddy Lehrer has waved a
band baton for the last time*

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field says, dating back as far as 1714. Three years ago Mr. Hatfield was awarded the Gregg Publishing Company gold medal for proficiency in shorthand.

President Emeritus W. B. Bizzell has been appointed to a three-man commission to conduct a survey of the Louisiana educational system and make recommendations for better co-ordination in higher education.

A book for the layman, *Elementary Theory of Music*, compiled in 1920 by two University music professors has been revised, enlarged and recently published in its fifth edition. Original authors are the late Fredrik Holmberg, former dean of fine arts, and Charles F. Giard, University professor of music. Charles B. Macklin, Oklahoma composer-teacher, has contributed to recent editions as the third author.

Lewis S. Salter, '12fa, '17ba, dean of the College of Fine Arts, attended the annual meeting of the National Association of Music Executives in State Universities held in November at Boulder, Colorado. He is a past president of the association.

Two compositions written by Spencer Norton, chairman of the department of piano, have recently been played by symphony orchestras. Movements from his *Dance Suite* were presented by the Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra and two selections from the *Suite for String Orchestra* were played by the Oklahoma Symphony.

William R. Wehrend, director of the University band, was guest director at the North Plains Band Clinic held in Stinnett, Texas, and sponsored by the Stinnett High School band now under the direction of Dermont Misner, '40ed. While in Texas Mr. Wehrend visited a number of alumni who are also former members of the O. U. band.

Four members of the University speech faculty appeared on the program at the annual convention of the National Association of Teachers of Speech held in December at Detroit, Michigan. They are Charles P. Green, '25ba, chairman of the department; William M. Sattler, Carl H. Ritzman and E. Thayer Curry.

Dean A. B. Adams, of the College of Business Administration, will be one of the leaders at a joint conference of the Oklahoma Bankers Association and University representatives scheduled February 25-27 at the Skirvin Hotel, Oklahoma City. Banking experts and educators have been invited to attend.

Mrs. Robert C. Twyman and her husband have moved from San Antonio, Texas, to Enid. Mrs. Twyman, the former Miss Margaret Ann Gessner, was assistant counselor of women at the University several years ago.

Gustav Mueller, University professor of philosophy, is the author of an article *Style* appearing in a recent issue of the *Journal*

of *Aesthetics* published in New York City.

Ivan Rainwater, former stockroom custodian in the department of botany and bacteriology, is now doing research work as assistant entomologist with the Missouri State Department of Agriculture.

Joe E. Smay, director of the School of Architecture, has been appointed a member of the program committee of the American Institute of Architects which will hold its annual meeting in Detroit, Michigan, next May. One architect from each of the 10 regions in the United States serves in this capacity.

Dean John G. Hervey, '23ba, '25law, of the School of Law, attended the annual meeting of the Association of American Law Schools held in late December at Chicago, Illinois. Following the convention, he went to Washington, D. C., for conferences called by the Department of Justice, which he serves as special attorney.

Dr. W. A. Fowler, director of the University's student health service, led a round-table discussion on methods of evaluating the work of student health services at a meeting of the American Student Health Association December 30 in New York City.

Two University staff members have been appointed to committees of the National University Extension Association. Alice Sowers, professor of family life education, was selected a member of the committee on short courses and institutes, and J. F. Malone, '37ba, director of the lecture and entertainment bureau, was appointed to the committee on fine arts.

New Daily Editor

Clancy Pearce, senior journalism student from El Reno, has been appointed editor of the *Oklahoma Daily*, student newspaper, succeeding Roy L. Calvin, Drumright, who resigned December 1 to join the Oklahoma City bureau of United Press.

The new editor was elected for the remainder of the present semester, ending the last of January. He is campus correspondent for Associated Press and formerly worked on the *El Reno American* and *El Reno Tribune*. His brother, Dick Pearce, '31ba, former Oklahoma newspaperman now with the *San Francisco Examiner* in California, was editor of the *Daily* in 1931.

The *Oklahoma Daily* was awarded first prize in feature writing at the annual convention of Sigma Delta Chi, national professional journalistic fraternity, held in November at New Orleans, Louisiana.

Competing were college newspapers throughout the nation. Other first prizes in sports writing, news, and editorials went respectively to student papers at Syracuse University, New York; Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois; and the University of Texas, Austin.

Student Cattleman

The legal profession won't have a monopoly in the Meacham family of western Oklahoma if George Meacham, III, O. U. arts and sciences sophomore student from Clinton, continues with his present vocation of raising thoroughbred Hereford cattle.

Eighteen-year-old George has been in the cattle business for six years, ever since he became interested in F.F.A. work while a high school freshman. Starting from scratch with one cow, he now has a herd of 40 animals.

George practically takes his cows to school with him because he keeps six cows and five calves on rented pasture land east of Norman where he can look after them. He drives out almost every day in his own pickup to feed the calves and generally look after the welfare of his charges. The rest of the herd is on pasture near Clinton. He isn't paying his way through school, but he is steadily building a cattle business.

The long line of lawyers George comes from includes his father, George Meacham, Jr., '20law, former Clinton lawyer now a member of the Oklahoma Highway Commission, his brother Denver, '33ba, '35law, and two uncles, Alvin, '26law, and Bert, '18.

These four Meachams are members of a Clinton law firm. The glass door to the office wasn't wide enough to accommodate the name four times, so the problem was solved by writing "Meachams Law Firm" and letting the public speculate on how many members that included.

George has a sister, Margery Meacham Fogg, '36lib.sci, El Reno, who also is an O. U. graduate.

Essay Wins Again

An essay on American foreign policy written last year by three University students has been awarded fourth place among entries from 144 colleges and universities in a contest sponsored by the Institute for National Policy.

Authors of the essay are Betty Ann Randel, '41ma, teacher in Oklahoma City; Tennyson Suagee, '40ba, '41ma, now working toward a doctorate on a Guggenheim Fellowship at the University of Chicago, and William F. Gingerich, '41, who is doing graduate work at the Georgetown School of Foreign Service, Washington, D.C.

The essay, "The Next Decade of American Foreign Policy," won first place last spring in a regional contest for students in southwestern states.

Judges in the national contest were Senator Elbert D. Thomas of Utah, vice president of the American Society on International Law; Admiral Harry E. Yarnell, U.S. Navy, former commander of the Asiatic Fleet, and Hanson Baldwin, military and Navy correspondent of the *New York Times*.

Ladies of Erin

Eleven co-eds, the greatest number ever enrolled in the College of Engineering, have formed an organization new to the O.U. campus and to Oklahoma, which has been christened the Oklahoma Society of Women Engineers.

President is Vivian Mills, junior student from Norman. Other officers are Freda Mae Meyer, Norman, vice president; Loleta Neher, Altus, secretary-treasurer; Carolyn McArthur, Norman, publicity director; John Lesch, Oklahoma City, adviser, and Mrs. Alfreda Chapman, secretary to the dean of the College of Engineering, sponsor.

Four of the co-eds are majors in architectural engineering, two in aeronautical, two in general, two in chemical and one in civil engineering. Other members are Elizabeth Cook, Topeka, Kansas; Dottie Flick, Clinton; Doris J. Killough, Rocky; Peggy Thompson, Enid; Frances Witten, Pauls Valley; and Almeda Rinsland and Geneva West, both of Norman.

Union Activities Report

Members of the Activities Board of the Oklahoma Memorial Union returned from a trip to the annual convention of the Association of College Unions, held this year at the University of Nebraska, with several recommendations for the operation of the O.U. Union.

Some of the specific suggestions: 1) At least the director and the student chairman of the Activities Board be on the Board of Managers; 2) There should be a school for waiters with a graduated wage scale from freshmen (30 cents) to seniors (45 cents), with fourth year men acting as instructors; 3) There should be more decorative space in which to eat; 4) Consult an architect for advice on better utilization of space; 5) Maintain a free check room all the time; 6) Broadcast basketball games in the cafeteria; 7) Give prize to employee or student for best suggestion for improving the cafeteria; 8) Publish Union directory and attractive literature; 9) Use round tables in dining rooms, thus encouraging groups to hold luncheon committee meetings.

Virginia Reinecke, director of Union activities, reported to the Board of Managers that the present Activities Board is the first student board of this kind that has proved successful, and that it has made much progress in promoting a program that will meet the varied needs of many students.

Play Is Impressive

Second major production of the University Playhouse on the 1941-42 schedule was presented December 5 and 6. James Biondo, instructor in drama, directed Robert Ardrey's *Thunder Rock*, a rather ponderous, thought-provoking play of ideas rather than action. In spite of this fact, Mr. Biondo achieved, through the medium of a very competent student cast, a swiftly paced and strongly moving production that was highly satisfying.

The cast included John Romanyszyn, Yonkers, New York; Bob Margulies, Sioux Falls, South Dakota; Robert Randall, Fairview; Lonnie Chapman, Joplin, Missouri; Fred Gill, Norman; Dewey Foster, Cushing; Ray Hinkley, Middleport, New York; Ted Gadol, Vienna, Austria; Annis Grey Howe, Portales, New Mexico; Donna Ruth Greider, Tulsa; and Virginia Lee Cox, Holdenville. Two members of the cast, Lonnie Chapman and Dewey Foster, have since enlisted and been assigned to duties in the nation's armed forces.

The locale of the play is a lonely light-house on an island in Lake Michigan. Charles Elson, associate professor of drama, designed and built an exceptionally convincing set in which the illusion of solidity and great strength was admirably achieved. Stage manager for the production was Marilyn Harper, Fort Sill.

The first play of the season was the Broadway comedy *George Washington Slept Here*, by Kaufman and Hart. Three other productions are scheduled for the remainder of the year, but no definite selections have been made. Rupel J. Jones, Director of the School of Drama, announces that it is planned to produce shows of lighter character with smaller casts and mobile sets that may be taken on tour of the army camps for the entertainment of the enlisted men.

Tuneful Returns

President Joseph A. Brandt, who got a lot of ayes and nays when he suggested substituting an original Sooner song for *Boomer Sooner*, is now receiving school songs from some of the stronger aye voters.

Four songs, from different sections of the United States, have recently arrived. Two were composed by former students and two by well-wishers who think O.U. should have a new song.

However, the well known *Boomer Sooner*, set to the music of Yale University's *Boola Boola*, does not seem to be in imminent danger. In regard to the new compositions, President Brandt only promises that they'll be tried out.

Covering the Campus

One of the most outstanding honors won by a University student during the first semester went to Menter G. Baker, Muskogee, who was chosen the outstanding senior in military science and awarded a check for \$100.....Three junior students in the School of Architecture received honorable mention in a Beaux Arts Institute of Design competition for their entry, a civilian defense project. They are Jim Ed Cottingham and Joe M. Ray, both of Oklahoma City, and Wilfred Dawson, Wayne, Oklahoma.....Marian Unger, junior in the College of Arts and Sciences, Oklahoma City, has been chosen honorary colonel of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps out of a group of co-ed candidates representing sororities and independent women's houses.

Gene Edwards, arts and sciences fresh-

man from Oklahoma City, was elected president of the freshman class in a model election conducted by faculty members of the government department. The preferential voting plan, by which students marked first, second and third choices, was used. President Brandt served as acting president of the class until members became well enough acquainted with each other to hold an election.

Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority was declared winner at an all-University square dance after a group of Kappa co-eds and partners outswung entrants from other sororities and independent women's houses. Kappa square dancers who entered were Mary K. Farr, Clinton; Gerda Wootten, Chickasha; Barbara Camp, Bartlesville; and Jean Clark, Tulsa.

Art work of University students and faculty members was offered for sale recently at an Art Fair held as part of National Art Week. Christmas shoppers bought many of the items. On exhibit were bookplates, water color and oil paintings, ceramic work, lithographs, and wood carvings.

Harold Mueller, associate editor of the *Daily Oklahoman* and *Oklahoma City Times*, better known as Art Gum, showed a colored movie taken on a trip he made to Mexico at a recent meeting sponsored by the Spanish and French Clubs and the School of Journalism. Approximately 350 people attended.

Co-ed Dies

Margaret Burton, 21-year-old co-ed in the College of Business Administration, died November 19 at Ellison Infirmary on the O.U. campus following a two-weeks' illness with pneumonia.

Funeral services were held November 21 at Tyler, Texas. Survivors include the parents, Mr. and Mrs. George E. Burton, of Tyler, a brother, George E. Burton, Jr., also a University student, and a sister.

Miss Burton was a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority. Her father was assistant director of the Oklahoma Geological Survey at the University from 1915 to 1918.

Who's Who

Twenty University students, outstanding in leadership and scholarship, will be listed in the 1941-42 edition of *Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities*.

They are Sue Starr, Helen Slesnick and Edwin S. Hurst, all of Oklahoma City; Alice Dodge, George S. Brown and Joe Francis, all of Norman; Daisy Lockewitz, Charles Nesbitt and John R. Richards, all of Tulsa; Bonnie Betty Libbin and Claude M. Gordon, both of Okmulgee; Jean Clark, Ponca City; Catherine Baker, Cordell; Roy L. Calvin, Drumright; Dolph Carmichael, Chickasha; Ted C. Findeiss, Wichita, Kansas; Robert S. Frantz, Enid; John Marks, Guthrie; Emil Stratton, Carnegie, and Tommy Trower, Bartlesville.