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WHEN JEROME DOWD, professor of sociology, read in the papers that Madame Chiang Kai-Shek, wife of the Chinese leader, was in this country, it brought back memories of an amiable 15-year-old Chinese boy he taught to play hopscotch 60 years ago. He was Charlie Soong, who had left China and come to this country as a stowaway in order to get an education. He and Mr. Dowd attended Trinity College in North Carolina back in 1881 and became great friends. Later Charlie Soong got his degree at Vanderbilt University, went back to China to make a fortune and became Sun Yat Sen's aide in the Chinese revolution. He was the father of three famous daughters, the youngest of whom is the wife of China's leader. Mr. Dowd's friendship with Mr. Soong is recounted in his biography of a former president of Trinity, *The Life of Braxton Craven*.

► Benjamin A. Botkin, formerly on the faculty of the Department of English, has been appointed assistant-in-charge of the Archive of American Folk Song in the Library of Congress. Mr. Botkin, who left the University in 1940, has served as national folklore editor of the Federal Writers' Project, chief editor of the Writers' Unit of the Library of Congress project, and fellow of the Library of Congress in Folklore. While at the University he edited four volumes of *Folk-Say*, an annual collection of regional literature.

► Lester W. W. Morrow, former director of the School of Electrical Engineering, died recently of a heart ailment in Shelton, New Jersey. Mr. Morrow joined the faculty as an assistant professor in 1913 and became head of the School in 1917, resigning the next year. In 1926 he was a delegate to a world conference held in Berlin.

► Herschel Elarth, associate professor of architecture, has been granted a leave of absence to serve as a second lieutenant in the Army Engineers Corps. Lieutenant Elarth made a survey of air raid protection in this country last year, and has recently been engaged with Henry Kamphoefner, acting director of the School of Architecture, in planning housing facilities for students and Navy construction workers in Norman.

► A. K. Christian, professor of history, has been elected permanent secretary of the faculty succeeding the late S. R. Hadsell.

► Norman H. Smith, assistant professor of military science and tactics, has been promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel.

► George A. Bucklin, '03ba, former University faculty member and retired United States diplomat, is now making his home in Los Angeles. Mr. Bucklin became head of the Department of Economics and Sociology in 1904, entered diplomatic service

in 1906. He served in Europe at Glauchau, Coblenz, Bordeaux and Paris, and at San Luis Potosi, Acapulco and Guatemala in Latin America, Victoria and British Columbia in Canada and Wellington, New Zealand.

► Dorothy Kirk, '23fa, assistant professor of art, recently returned from a 15-month sabbatical leave spent in Mexico, where she did research work on Spanish colonial architecture, painted and sketched extensively in a number of small villages, and painted a portrait of Ching Tien-Ku, Chinese minister to Mexico. The portrait is now in Mexico but will eventually hang in the family home of the Tien-Kus in China.

► Roy T. House, professor of modern languages, is the author of an article on German immigrants in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1851 which appeared in a recent issue of the *American-German Review*.

► E. E. Dale, '11ba, professor of history, was a speaker at the American Historical Association meeting in Columbus, Ohio, December 31.

► Noel Kaho has resigned as director of script writing at radio station WNAD in order to accept a position with an advertising agency in New York City. Mr. Kaho, formerly of Claremore, joined the WNAD staff in 1941. He is the author of *Will Rogers Country* and *The Dish of Wood*.

► The French commander at Tunisia, General Jean Delattre de Tassigny, is a cousin of Pierre Delattre, associate professor of modern languages. General de Tassigny directed the 1940 defense of Paris

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## CAMPUS CALENDAR

January 12—Norman Forum meeting with discussion "The 1943 Tax Law" led by H. C. Jones, Collector of Internal Revenue from Oklahoma City. Members of discussion panel: W. K. Newton, professor of accounting, and Dewey L. Barnes, associate professor of accounting. 8 p.m., Business Administration Auditorium.

January 14—Convocation for first-term graduates.

January 16—Sooner-Kansas State basketball game at Norman.

January 18—Second term begins.

January 19—Sooner-Norman Naval Reserve Base (Aviation Maintenance) basketball game at Norman.

January 27—Artists Series performance, Ruth Draper, monologist, 8:15 p.m., University Auditorium.

January 30—Sooner-Nebraska basketball game at Lincoln.

February 1—Sooner-Iowa State basketball game at Ames.

February 5—Sooner-Naval Reserve Aviation Base basketball game at Norman.

February 5, 6—Playhouse production, *Shadow and Substance*, by Paul Vincent Carroll, 8:15 p.m., University Auditorium.

and turned the German forces to the north. After the French surrender he was decorated by Marshal Petain, who called him the bravest general of the defeated army.

► Lewis S. Salter, '12bm, '17ba, dean of the College of Fine Arts, attended a meeting of music executives of state schools held recently in connection with the dedication of a new music building at the University of Texas in Austin.

► A story has been sold to Popular Publications by Dorothy Hughes, receptionist in the President's office. Miss Hughes is a pupil in W. S. Campbell's professional writing class.

► Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Dietrich are the parents of a baby daughter born at Norman. Mr. Dietrich is an instructor in welding in the College of Engineering.

► A joint paper by A. O. Weese, professor of animal biology, and Arthur N. Bragg, '37ph.d, assistant professor of animal biology, was presented at a meeting of the Ecological Society of America in New York City during the Christmas holidays. Mr. Weese also presided at a meeting of the Grasslands Research Foundation, of which he is president.

► Miss Margaret Culpepper, director of the Baptist Student Union, was to marry Ensign T. C. Clark, Jr., Brookhaven, Mississippi, December 22 in Gainesville, Georgia. Miss Culpepper, a graduate of Taft College at Forsyth, Georgia, was director of Baptist student activities for over a year. Ensign Clark, who graduated from Mississippi College at Clinton, was on duty at New Orleans.

► "Dual Geodesics on a Surface," was a paper presented by C. E. Springer, '25ba, '26ma, professor of mathematics, at a meeting of the American Mathematical Society at Notre Dame University, South Bend, Indiana.

► Three faculty members, Ima James, chairman of the Department of Physical Education for Women, Hugh V. McDermott, '20ba, chairman of the Department of Physical Education for Men, and Dale Arbuckle, '27law, '36ed, assistant football coach, represented the University at a three-day conference called recently at the University of Texas in Austin to study the Army's physical fitness program.

► An Annapolis football star who was named All-America end by Walter Camp in 1922 is a new faculty member this year. He is Wendell S. Taylor, special instructor in mechanical engineering. Mr. Taylor first gained notice of sports experts when he played spectacular football at Hennessey back in 1914-17 and captured the state title in several track events. He is considered one of the finest athletes ever to attend the Naval Academy.

► Frances Hunt, '29ba, formerly on the faculty of the School of Journalism, now with the Farm Security Administration in Washington, D. C., has a new residence address in Mount Rainier, Maryland.