

# Faculty

MARGARET STEPHENSON, counselor of women since 1937, has been granted leave of absence from the University to accept a commission as lieutenant senior grade and second in command in the SPARS, women's auxiliary of the Coast Guard. Miss Stephenson left in January for New London, Connecticut, where the Coast Guard Academy is located. Virginia Reinecke, assistant counselor of women and director of Union activities since 1940, was appointed acting counselor during Miss Stephenson's absence. Miss Reinecke holds a bachelor's degree from Knox College at Galesburg, Illinois, and a master's degree from Northwestern University at Evanston. Miss Stephenson has degrees from Iowa University at Iowa City and Columbia University in New York.

► George L. Cross, acting dean of the Graduate College and professor of botany, has been appointed acting director of the Oklahoma Research Institute. The position was formerly held by Royden Dangerfield, professor of government and dean of the faculty, now on leave of absence in Washington, D. C.

► Col. Arthur L. Shreve, former associate professor of military science and tactics, has been reported a prisoner of the Japanese on the Philippine Islands. Colonel Shreve, previously reported missing in action, was with General MacArthur in the defense of Bataan and failed to escape to Australia.

► John Carlock, 69-year-old former state senator and member of the University Board of Regents from 1925 to 1932, died at his home in Ardmore December 14. Mr. Carlock was a banker and had extensive land and oil holdings. Survivors include his wife and one son, Capt. Hoyle Carlock, '31ba, now stationed at Camp Grant, Illinois.

► Professor Alice Sowers, director of family life education, attended a meeting of the executive board of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers held in Chicago recently. She is vice president of the seventh district of the organization. Professor Sowers was also honored early last month at a tea given jointly by the Oklahoma City Council of Art and the Oklahoma City Parent-Teacher Council in Oklahoma City.

► W. H. Carson, dean of the College of Engineering, was one of a group of technological educators shown through Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland in January. While passing through the small arms range, Mr. Carson demonstrated his skill with a Garand rifle.

► "Your Theater and the War" is the title of an article by Charles Elson, associate professor of drama, which appeared in the January issue of *Players'*

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**Use the Union Cafeteria**

By using the Union Cafeteria when visiting the campus, alumni can profit in several ways. First, there is a saving of gasoline and tires because of the central location of the Oklahoma Memorial Union. Second, alumni will probably find more old cronies gathered in the Cafeteria than in any other one place. Third, the Union Cafeteria continues to serve well-balanced, nourishing meals at a reasonable price despite the scarcity of some foods.

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*Magazine*. In it Mr. Elson described his experiences in presenting performances before service men throughout Oklahoma. ▶ Mrs. Ima Venable, '36lib.sci, '40ba, has resigned her position in the order department of the University Library to join the staff of the Smith Book Company in Oklahoma City. She was a member of the library staff for six years, serving as secretary to Jesse L. Rader, '08ba, '13ma, head librarian, before transferring to the order department.

▶ Leave of absence has been granted to E. Thayer Curry, assistant professor of speech, who holds a commission as lieutenant junior grade in the Navy. Lieutenant Curry, after completing two-months' preliminary training in Tucson, Arizona, will probably be assigned to duty with an Anti-aircraft unit, either in a combat zone or a research laboratory.

▶ Oren F. Evans, associate professor of geology, has been elected president of the Oklahoma Academy of Science. Other faculty members included among the new officers of the organization are J. Teague Self, '36ph.d, assistant secretary-treasurer; C. A. Merritt, vice-president of geological sciences, and J. Rud Nielsen, vice-president of physical sciences.

▶ Leslie Hewes, '28ba, assistant professor of geography, has returned to the campus after spending two weeks in Washington doing secret work for the Office of Strategic Services. An article by Mr. Hewes entitled "Indian Land in the Cherokee Country" appears in a recent issue of *Economic Geography*.

▶ Rupel J. Jones, director of the School of Drama, attended the National Theater Conference held in New York late in November to determine ways in which theaters and dramatic organizations can provide entertainment for service men. While in New York Mr. Jones visited the Stage Door Canteen and met Maxwell Anderson, author of *The Eve of St. Mark*, which the University Playhouse presented earlier this season.

▶ "Fury," a statue of a horse carved from black Belgian marble by Joseph R. Taylor, professor of art, has been accepted for display in the Artists-for-Victory exhibit at the Metropolitan Art Museum in New York City. The statue has previously been exhibited in Oklahoma City, Norman, and the Columbia University art gallery in New York.

▶ M. L. Wardell, '19ba, professor of history, served as chairman of the March of Dimes campaign in Cleveland County.

▶ Ralph Bienfang, professor of pharmacy, was elected vice president of the section on historical pharmacy of the American Pharmaceutical Association at a convention held recently in Denver.

▶ Miss Mary Elizabeth Crawford, of Miami, Florida, and Lt. Woodrow Wentzy, former instructor in photography in the School of Journalism, were married December 9 in Miami. Lieutenant Wentzy was recently commissioned in the Army

Air Forces. He resigned a position as photographer with the Oklahoma Highway Patrol to enter the service in December, 1941.

► Thurman White, '41ms, supervisor of Extension Division short courses and visual education, has been appointed state co-ordinator of war film distribution, a division of the Office of War Information. Mr. White's duties will consist largely of circulating war films to state high schools and other educational groups.

► A. M. de la Torre, '26ba, '29ma, assistant professor of Romance languages, attended an international institute on Ibero-American literature in New Orleans recently which attracted outstanding literary men of Central and South America.

► Col. Reece Howell, formerly on the University R.O.T.C. staff, was reported attached to the personnel section of U. S. headquarters in North Africa.

► Dale Arbuckle, '27law, '36ed, acting athletic director, was recently appointed to the nominating committee of the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

► "Priorities in Public Relations" is the title of a talk to be given by Stewart Haral, '36ma, director of University press relations and associate professor of journalism, at a convention of the National Public Relations Association in St. Louis late in February. Also attending the meeting will be John F. Bender, professor of school administration. The conference is being held in conjunction with the American Association of School Administrators.

► Miss Dorothy Hughes, '42, formerly of Ada, was married in January to Ensign Edwin W. Butler, who was stationed at the Naval Air Station near Norman. Before her marriage Mrs. Butler was employed as receptionist in President Brandt's office and assisted in the publication of the *University Gazette*, weekly bulletin of events. She was formerly on the staff of the *Tulsa World* and has written short stories and feature articles.

► The next edition of the *International Blue Book* will include a biographical sketch of Gustav E. Mueller, chairman of the department of philosophy and nationally known philosophy scholar and writer. The publication was formerly called *Who's Who in the World*.

► After an absence of six months during which he was engaged in war work, Walter W. Kraft, superintendent of utilities, returned to the campus last month. He has been acting as purchasing agent since last July for Reinhart and Johnson, contractors on the Army Flying School at Pampa, Texas.

► "SY Comae Berenices" is the title of an article by Lt. Balfour Whitney, '32ba, '33ma, former instructor in mathematics and astronomy, which appeared in the December 5 issue of *Astronomical Journal*. The article, concerning the variability of the star SY, was written last summer.

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