

Student Life

COMPLYING with the government's request for more and better victory gardens, the University has leased 20 acres of land two miles west of the campus on Lindsay Street for the raising of fruits and vegetables to help feed the Army and Navy trainees expected on the campus this summer. The Utilities Department is sponsoring the project, with Howard Jensen, landscape gardener, in direct charge. Work so far has been done by men from the Utilities Department, but come summer Miss Ima James, director of women's physical education, expects to have some of her students working the plot.

In a whirl of Spanish dances, roundtable discussions on Latin-American culture and Good Neighbor fellowship, the fourth annual Pan-American Fiesta was held on the campus last month. Visiting Latin-American authors and critics discussed Pan-American problems with University Spanish professors to provide the intellectual side of the affair, while conga rhythms and castanets enlivened things considerably at the Fiesta dance.

University debaters carried home most of the prizes from the Missouri Valley debate contests held recently in Lawrence, Kansas. Dave Wood, Muskogee, Tom Finney, Idabel, Bob Loeffler, Bristow, and Bob Morgan, Ponca City, were the convincing talkers.

Elizabeth Comfort, Norman, is this year's winner of the Frank Alvah Parsons memorial art scholarship. She will receive nine-months free tuition at the Parsons School of Design in New York. Before the war the scholarship provided for study in Paris. . . . David A. Baerreis, '41ba, graduate student formerly of Floral Park, New York, awarded a special fellowship by the University of Chicago for study in biological sciences, was waiting for a draft board decision before he could accept.

Enough quinine for 1,350 doses has been given to the War Department by students in the School of Pharmacy from their practice drug store stocks. All such gifts are shipped immediately to war zones, where serious quinine shortage is a constant threat. . . . R. R. Boyd, engineering sophomore from Oklahoma City, won the Pi Mu Epsilon prize for good work in mathematics, was awarded a mathematics book of his own choosing.

N. Houston Westenbarger, Arts and Sciences senior from Seminole, died March 23 in an Oklahoma City hospital of heart disease following a bad case of pneumonia.

The well-loved Bette Davis vehicle, *Dark Victory*, was a spring presentation of the University Playhouse, with Betty Swiden-sky, Oklahoma City, and Dick Carter, Tulsa, taking the leads. . . . Library circulation

figures disclosed that non-fiction leads fiction on the student reading lists this year. Biographies, histories and poetry are up in popularity over previous years.

On March 25, designated Junior Class Day, the class of '44 attended a program in the University auditorium where the eight most outstanding juniors were introduced, witnessed the raising of a new American flag, which they had presented to the University, and their class flag in Vernon Par- rington Oval, had a dansant that afternoon in the Union. Eight juniors honored were Mary Swinney, Ringling; Nelda Rose Pearson, Norman; Hilda Hess, Durant; Ruth McSpadden, Claremore; Jim Nickel, Clinton; Vergil Shipley, Amber; Jules Thompson, Tulsa, and Bob McCurdy, Pur-cell.

Folks in a corner hang-out recently got a good look at Wayne Morris, former Hol- lywood actor now a Marine captain, as he stopped off in Norman on his way to a Kansas base. . . . Abdurrahman Durukal, native of Sivas, Turkey, who graduates from the College of Engineering this month, plans to return to Turkey to take part in its great change from a backward

nation to one of the world's most progres- sive and modern countries. Durukal, who has become a well-known campus figure during his three years in the University, will graduate as one of the highest ranking engineers.

Frank Nonnamaker, Ponca City fresh- man, won the \$25 prize in the Gordon Fuller Memorial Oratorical Contest held on the campus recently, with his speech, "The Sun Never Sets." . . . A couch whipped up by English Professor Bill Wal- cutt in his off-hours attracted attention as something new in the furniture world. De- void of metal, its springs are made of curled ash. It is distinguished also by its immense size, being quite a bit longer and wider than the ordinary divan. The whole is topped off by extraordinarily large, squashy cushions and pillows. The Walcutt home also boasts an elegant dining room suite and phonograph cabinet as examples of Mr. Walcutt's carpentering skill.

A short course on accident prevention, sponsored by the National Committee for the Conservation of Manpower in War In- dustries in co-operation with the Univer- sity Extension Division, was held on the campus last month, attended chiefly by officers and men from the Naval bases south and north of Norman. . . . Mr. and Mrs. Grant Foreman, prominent Oklahoma his- torians, were honored jointly by the Uni- versity Press and Department of History at a dinner in the Union recently.



DEPLETED RANKS SOON TO BE THINNER

Normal enrolment in the freshman law class of approximately 125 students was reduced last semester to 23 members. Of the 14 who will receive bachelor's de- grees this spring, 13 will leave soon for Army and Navy service. Graduating seniors in the freshman law class are (left to right) first row—James Rogers, John Baumert, Bob Nesbitt, Bill Putnam and Milton Moon; second row—Jim Davidson, Ben Lewis, Paul B. Comstock, Harriett Broadus, Jack Danner and Howard Upton; top row—Jimmie Goodwin, Frank Knapp and David Turner. All the men are in advanced military except Naval Reservists Danner and Upton.