

Faculty

A. M. DE LA TORRE, '26ba, '29ma, associate professor of Romance languages, was granted a leave of absence in May to join the staff of the Office of Strategic Service in Washington, D. C., as social analyst for Peru, Chile and Ecuador. Mr. de la Torre, a native of Peru, has been Spanish professor at the University since 1925. In his new position, he will analyze conditions in Peru, Chile and Ecuador for the use of the Office of Strategic Services.

► Paul V. Keen returned to the University in May to resume his duties as assistant director of intramural athletics and physical education professor after a year spent taking graduate work at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. Mr. Keen received his master's degree there at the end of the spring semester. While working toward his degree he served as associate resident adviser in charge of athletics of Michigan University's 12 residential halls.

► Maurice H. Merrill, '19ba, '22law, professor of law, has been appointed state director of the public information program set up by the Junior Bar Conference of the American Bar Association as an educational agency through which lawyers may act as interpreters of current events and advisers on public problems.

► The first specimen ever to be found in Oklahoma of the *Epipactis gigantea*, or the Douglas orchid, was recently discovered by Milton Hopkins, botany professor, on the Arbuckle Mountain ranch of Dean Ellsworth Collings of the College of Education. An article by Mr. Hopkins describing the discovery will appear in *Rhodora*, a New England botanical journal.

► M. L. Wardell, '19ba, professor of history and acting director of the Extension Division, attended an executive committee meeting of Phi Eta Sigma honorary fraternity for freshmen men in Chicago and was re-elected national historian. He is sponsor of the University chapter.

► Miss June Cleveland, '42journ, Norman, and Warren J. McGonnagle, '42ms, Newcastle, Nebraska, were married June 5 at Enid. Mrs. McGonnagle is acting employment secretary for women and acting secretary of the Y. W. C. A. at the University. Mr. McGonnagle, who holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, is an instructor in physics. The couple are living in Norman.

► Mrs. Helene M. Priester, '39he, former University home economics teacher, has been appointed to the staff of the Social Planning Council in St. Louis, Missouri.



SOONER NEWLYWEDS

Journalism Professor Stewart Harral, '36ma, and Mrs. Harral (Opal Free-land, '34fa, '40ed) cut the wedding cake served at the reception following their wedding June 6 in Norman.

Mrs. Priester has been state supervisor for federal nursery schools under the W. P. A. since leaving the University faculty.

► Mrs. Ed Walton (Ruth Farrar, '38journ, '41ma), resigned her position in the Correspondence Study Department of the University Extension Division to join her husband, Private Walton, '39law, at Fort Myers, Florida, where he is stationed with the Army Air Force. Mrs. Walton was formerly secretary of the School of Journalism.

► M. O. Wilson, chairman of the department of psychology, is the author of four articles in the *Encyclopedia of Child Guidance*, soon to be published.

► Ronald B. Shuman, associate professor of business management on leave for Army duty, has been promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel in the War department.

► Helen B. Burton, director of the School of Home Economics, attended the American Home Economics Association War Institute held at the University of Maryland in Baltimore.

► W. A. Willibrand, associate professor of modern languages, is the author of two recently published articles. One describing a settlement in Westphalia in 1935, appearing in the *German-American Review*. The other, about a noted Missouri

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pioneer woman, was in the *Jefferson City News and Tribune* in Jefferson City, Missouri.

► Miss Opal Freeland, '34fa, '40ed, and Stewart Harral, '36ma, both of Norman, were married June 6 in the McFarlin Memorial Methodist Church at Norman. Members of the wedding party included Betty Buntin, '34bus, Norman, maid of honor; Dorothy Gish, '41ed, Frederick, and Mary Harral, Durant, bridesmaids; Dan Batchelor, Durant, candlelighter; Clark E. Snell, '18ba, Oklahoma City, soloist; Helen Roane, '40fa, Norman, organist; Joe W. McBride, '28bus, Anadarko, best man; Roscoe Cate, '26ba, and John McFarland, '28, '32, both of Norman, ushers, and Dr. A. Norman Evans, pastor of McFarlin Church, clergyman. Before her marriage Mrs. Harral, a member of Alpha Chi Omega sorority, was a Norman school teacher. Mr. Harral is associate professor of journalism and director of University press relations. The couple established a home in Norman.

► John F. Bender, professor of school administration in the College of Education, was elected vice president of the Oklahoma Educational Association at a meeting held in Oklahoma City in May.

► Miss Margaret Brandenburg, '34ba, Norman, and David A. Baerreis, '43ma, New York, were married May 21 at Norman. Mrs. Baerreis is a member of Alpha Chi Omega sorority. Mr. Baerreis is museum assistant in the University Department of Anthropology. The couple are at home in Norman.

► Recently transferred from the R. O. T. C. staff to Camp Maxey, Texas, were Technical Sgt. Joseph Bode, Staff Sgt. Lucius Powell and Sgt. Leonard Cornett. Maj. Norman Williams, '39eng, was transferred temporarily to the R. O. T. C. staff at Texas A. and M. College.

► W. B. Ragan, '22ba, '28ms, assistant professor of elementary education, is the author of an article entitled "The Elementary School of the Future," appearing in a recent issue of the *Educational Administration and Supervision* magazine.

► Reprints of "The Place of Philosophy in Universities," an article by the late Charles M. Perry, head of the Department of Philosophy who died last year, were recently distributed to members of the western division of the American Philosophical Association as a memorial to him. The article appeared in the December, 1942, issue of the *Journal of Higher Education*.

► Mrs. Harold Gibson (Mary Marie Bullard, '41-'43) has been employed as assistant in public relations at the University. ► Maj. W. S. Bizzell, son of President

Emeritus W. B. Bizzell and Mrs. Bizzell, has been appointed adjutant of central headquarters at the Fort Sill Field Artillery School.

► Dr. William H. Atkins has resigned his position with the Student Health Service to establish a Norman clinic in association with Dr. Curtis Berry. Dr. Atkins, who holds a medical degree from the University of Tennessee, was also associate professor of hygiene and public health.

► Mrs. Mary Hays Marable, assistant professor of library science, was elected president of the Oklahoma Library Association at a meeting in Oklahoma City.

► Johannes Malthaner, '31ma, associate professor of modern languages, this summer is in Seattle, Washington, working on the Russian Lend-Lease program. Mr. Malthaner will return to the University faculty at the beginning of the fall semester.

► Kenneth Kaufman, chairman of the Department of Modern Languages, recently was named a member of the Sunday book reviewing staff of the *Chicago Tribune*.

► John C. Brixey, '24ba, '25ma, associate professor of mathematics, was elected president of the University chapter of Phi Beta Kappa scholastic fraternity in May. Other officers chosen were Leslie Hewes, '28ba, vice president, and Grace E. Ray, '20ba, '23ma, associate professor of journalism, secretary-treasurer.

► Lt. Orville Tuttle, football line coach on leave for service with the Marine Corps, has been transferred from Quantico, Virginia, to San Diego, California, for advanced combat training.

► Jane Suggett, '43ba, Enid, has been employed as secretary to Emil Kraettli, University secretary.

► Herbert G. Allphin, instructor in physical education and swimming coach, has been granted a leave of absence to join the military welfare service of the American Red Cross. He was sent to Washington, D. C., for training.

► Glenn M. Stearns, '36eng, associate professor of petroleum engineering, read a paper on the efficiency of underground pumps at a convention of the American Petroleum Institute held in Tulsa.

► "The Effect of Change of Wave Size on the Shape of Ripple Marks," an article by Oren F. Evans, associate professor of geology, appeared in the April 1 issue of the *Journal of Sedimentary Petrology*.

► Announcement has been made of the engagement of Miss Nannie P. Mitchell, senior of the College of Arts and Sciences, to Lt. John Koppelman, formerly on the staff of the University R. O. T. C. unit.

Lieutenant Koppelman has been stationed at Camp Maxey, Texas.

► Laurance S. Reid, '37m.eng, has resigned as associate professor of chemical engineering to take a position with the Southern Natural Gas Company in Birmingham, Alabama. Mr. Reid joined the University faculty in 1940.

► Gustav Mueller, chairman of the Department of Philosophy, is author of two articles recently accepted for publication. They are "On Being and Becoming," in the *Journal of the Philosophy of Science*, and "Christian Thinking," in the *Journal of the History of Ideas*.

► Dr. F. T. Gastineau, '18med, physician in the Student Health Service and associate professor of hygiene and public health, was granted three-months leave of absence to study psychiatry at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota.

► Truman Pouncey, assistant professor of journalism on leave for Army duty, was stationed at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, for training with the Army Ground Forces photographic department. Mr. Pouncey, former Texas newspaperman, was in charge of photography in the School of Journalism.

► J. Teague Self, '36ph.d, assistant professor of animal biology, is working as a field biologist with the Tennessee Valley Authority at Wilson Dam, Tennessee. He is specializing in mosquito and malaria control.

► Pauline Thrower, '28ba, instructor in social work on leave for war work with the Red Cross, has been appointed secretary of the Red Cross home service committee of Cleveland County, with offices in Norman.

► Mrs. Frances E. Pendleton, assistant professor of home economics, has been granted a year's leave of absence to join her husband, Capt. Richard T. Pendleton, '26law, who is stationed in Kansas City, Missouri, as judge advocate with the Air Force.

► Mrs. Elizabeth Laura Cross, Buffalo, New York, and Willard Gaeddert, instructor in physics, were married recently. Mrs. Gaeddert is a graduate of the University of Buffalo, New York. Mr. Gaeddert is a graduate of Bethel College at Newton, Kansas, and the University of Buffalo. The couple are at home in Norman.

► Paul Eldridge, '19ba, assistant professor of English on leave for service with the Navy, is stationed in North Africa. Writing to friends on the campus, he described Africa as "a country of wildest glamor," and his work in the Navy as composed of such homely details that "I am prepared after the war to make somebody a good wife and mother."