

personnel, under the direction of Ensign W. W. Scheerer, has charge of V-12 and Naval R.O.T.C. physical training.

Texas Honors Copeland

Kendall of the Picayune, a historical biography by Fayette Copeland, '19ba, counselor of men at the University, has won the fifth annual award of the Texas Institute of Letters as the best book of the year concerning Texas.

The book, a publication of the University Press, tells the life story of George Wilkins Kendall, founder of the *New Orleans Picayune*, first war correspondent, historian of the Mexican War and early Texas settler.

Much of the book concerns Texas, as Mr. Kendall reported the Texan war for independence against Mexico, and years later became one of the leading citizens of Texas. Kendall County, where he had large holdings, was named for him.

The award was made at a dinner meeting of the Institute held in Dallas late in October. Ernest E. Leisy, head of the English department of Southern Methodist University, presented a silver plaque to Mr. Copeland.

Two Win Dads' Awards

Awards of the University Dads Association to two outstanding O. U. students were presented by Gov. Robert S. Kerr, '16, between halves of the Sooner Homecoming Day football game November 6.

Winner of the award presented annually to a man student was Herbert L. Keener, petroleum engineering major from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. His father, an American citizen, is an executive of an American firm in Brazil.

Mr. Keener has a grade average of 2.2. He is a member of Delta Tau Delta fraternity, the American Institute of Mechanical Engineers and other engineering organizations and a staff member of the *Sooner Shamrock*, publication of the College of Engineering.

Winner of the award presented to an outstanding woman student was Lylith Medbery, pre-med student from Clinton. Miss Medbery's major is animal biology and she has a grade average of 2.39.

Her list of activities includes Pi Beta Phi sorority, Mortar Board, the Women's Athletic Association and other campus organizations.

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► "We Profess Literature," an article by Martin S. Shockley, associate professor of English, appeared in the October issue of *The Journal of Higher Education*. Subtitled *The Shortcomings of the Liberal Arts College Revealed in the Teaching of Literature*, the article discusses the place of the humanities in the scheme of present-day higher education, and suggests ways of re-establishing objectives and re-evaluating methods in the teaching of literature.

Faculty

CAPT. H. C. PETERSON, associate professor of history on leave for military service, has been stationed in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, as assistant military attache at the U. S. consulate. Captain Peterson, who joined the University faculty in 1936, went into service last year. Before going to South America he was on duty in Miami Beach, Florida.

► William H. Butterfield, '35ma, associate professor of business communication, has been elected president of the American Business Writing Association for the 1943-44 term. Mr. Butterfield has written a number of books on business communication, among them *The Business Letter in Modern Form and Practical Problems in Business Correspondence*. He is the youngest man ever to hold the office of president of the Writing Association.

► Sara Kathryn Arledge, a nationally known artist formerly of Los Angeles and Pasadena, California, has been appointed assistant professor of art. Miss Arledge has had exhibits at the Philadelphia Academy show, the Show of American Painters, the Los Angeles County Museum and the New York City Artists for Victory show. She was recently invited to enter her works in the Chicago Art Institute Annual Show of American Painters for 1943. She attended the University of California at Los Angeles, Pasadena Junior College, California Institute of Technology and Barnes Foundation at Merion, Pennsylvania.

► Charles H. Brammell, former commandant of the R.O.T.C. and ASTP units at the University, has been promoted to full colonel at Camp Fannin, Texas. Upon leaving the campus in July, Colonel Brammell was stationed at the Prisoner of War Camp at Fort Reno, Oklahoma, and was later transferred to Camp Fannin.

► Gustav Mueller, chairman of the department of philosophy, has been invited to become a member of the American Institute of Philosophical Studies. Dr. Mueller, who holds three degrees from the University of Bern, Switzerland, joined the faculty of the philosophy department in 1930 and became chairman following the death of Dr. Charles M. Perry last year.

► A recent issue of *Nation's Business* carried a story by Grace E. Ray, '20ba, '23ma, associate professor of journalism, on the work done at the Oklahoma City Air Depot, the biggest Air Force Repair station in the United States. Another article by Miss Ray, "Ranches in the Rockies," recently appeared in *Motor News*.

► Charles E. Decker, professor of paleontology, was author of an illustrated article in a recent bulletin of the American

Association of Petroleum Geologists on three species of graptolites, small invertebrate fossils, which he discovered southwest of Ardmore.

► *Experiment with Project Curriculum*, an education textbook by Ellsworth Collings, dean of the College of Education, has been translated into Russian and is being widely used by Russian educators. The book, published by the Macmillan Company, was translated into Russian at the expense of the Soviet government.

► George L. Cross, acting dean of the Graduate College and professor of botany and bacteriology, talked on "Problems of the Graduate College in Universities" at a conference of graduate deans held in Atlanta, Georgia, last month. After the conference Dr. Cross visited graduate schools of public health at the University of North Carolina, Vanderbilt University, Johns Hopkins University and George Peabody College.

► Stewart Harral, '36ma, director of University press relations, was ordained a deacon in the Methodist Church at the Western Oklahoma Methodist Conference held in Oklahoma City this fall. Mr. Harral was ordained a minister several years ago after completing a course of correspondence study from Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas.

► Lt. Margaret Stephenson, former counselor of women now a member of the Coast Guard, has charge of the SPAR recruiting program throughout the country. Lieutenant Stephenson has offices in Washington, D. C.

► Ralph H. Records, '22ba, '23ma, associate professor of history, had an article in the October issue of *Cattleman*, a southwestern publication, recounting the adventures of Dr. Records' father as a cowhand back in the 1880's.

► Ernest J. Schultz, chairman of the department of music education, has been appointed to the college curriculum committee of the Music Educators National Conference to serve until 1945.

► William R. Wehrend, director of University bands, was appointed to the music curricula committee of the Conference. He will take part in planning postwar curricula pertaining to bands.

► Virginia Reinecke, counselor of women, made a talk and led discussion on "Changes in College and University Life Brought On by the War," at a leadership conference at the University of Texas in Austin.

► Hubert Bale, '24geol, Oklahoma City consulting geologist, is teaching a special class in oil and gas valuation and appraisals at the University.