

Guests attending were A. E. Bradshaw, Tulsa, chairman of the War Finance Committee; Paul R. Taylor, El Reno, director of the School at War Committee, and S. C. Bray, executive manager of the War Finance Committee.

Ann Feild, student from Oklahoma City, and chairman of the University War Council, was introduced and commended for her work on the campus in promoting the sale of war stamps. M. L. Wardell, '19ba, acting director of the Extension Division, was master of ceremonies.

President Brandt accepted the flag in behalf of the student body. The program was broadcast from the University radio station WNAD (640 kilocycles).

Plastics Produced at O. U.

A plastic molding compound has been manufactured by Robert A. Hardin, associate professor of industrial education, which utilizes wood waste from Oklahoma sawmills.

The plastic, which has an average tensile strength of 8,100 pounds per square inch, is made by cooking sawdust or shaving material in a steam digester with acids.

Mr. Hardin has discovered that all materials used in common plastics are available in Oklahoma, among them coal, water, wood, lime, petroleum, natural gas and cotton.

Fraternity Alumni Organize

Oklahoma City alumni of college fraternities have organized the Oklahoma City Interfraternity Alumni Council to help fraternities surmount wartime problems of slim membership and financial difficulties. The main object of the Council is to see that the debts on chapter houses at Norman and Stillwater are paid on time, or to arrange for postponement of payments.

Participating in the first meeting of the organization were representatives of the following fraternities: Acacia, Alpha Tau Omega, Beta Theta Pi, Delta Chi, Delta Tau Delta, Delta Upsilon, Kappa Alpha, Kappa Sigma, Lambda Chi Alpha, Phi Delta Theta, Phi Gamma Delta, Phi Kappa Sigma, Pi Kappa Alpha, Pi Lambda Phi, Phi Kappa Alpha, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Sigma Alpha Mu and Sigma Chi.

Officers elected were Grover D. Strother, '20ba, president; E. R. Newby, '07bm, '08ba, vice president, and T. Ray Phillips, '35ba, secretary-treasurer. The group will hold quarterly meetings.

Coal Mining Revived

Coke is being made from Oklahoma coal in a commercial plant for the first time in 35 years, Robert H. Dott, director of the Oklahoma Geological Survey, has announced. Coal from Haskell and Pitts-

burg County mines supplies the 78 by-product coke ovens of a steel company at Daingerfield, Texas.

From 1896 until 1907 Oklahoma mines were busy providing coal for coking in Oklahoma plants, which sold their products for domestic fuel use. The industry declined until 1941, when the U. S. Bureau of Mines ran some tests, showing that coke of sufficient strength for blast furnace use could be made from proper blending of Oklahoma coals.

When the Texas ovens are in full operation, a trainload of coal will be required daily, Mr. Dott said.

Joins Union Staff

Sally Sue Hensley, '43phys.ed, Tulsa, has been appointed assistant activities director of the Oklahoma Memorial Student Union, to direct recreational facilities for civilian students and Army and Navy trainees.

Miss Hensley will work with Virginia Reinecke, counselor of women and director of Union activities, the Union Activities Board, the Union Board of Managers, and student committees.

Before joining the Union staff, Miss Hensley was director of social activities at the Tulsa U.S.O. center. While a student in the University, she was affiliated with the Women's Athletic Association, the Associated Women Students' Council, the Christian Youth Fellowship, the Choral Club and Orchesis dance society. She was an assistant in physical education for women during her junior and senior years.

Aids Oklahoma Youth

Dr. Alice Sowers, director of the Oklahoma Family Life Institute, has been instrumental in establishing Teen-Town organizations in a number of Oklahoma towns as a means of preventing juvenile delinquency by providing attractive places of recreation for young people.

Sponsored by civic clubs, school and church groups and city officials, Teen-Towns have been set up in Vinita, Hobart, Duncan, Lawton, Clinton and Bartlesville. The typical Teen-Town has a recreation center with games, magazines, books, a radio and a juke box for the use of the town's young people.

Poems Published

Poems by Kenneth Kaufman, '16ba, '19ma, chairman of the department of modern languages at the University, and Muna Lee de Munoz Marin, '14, Washington, D. C., are included in *Poetas Norteamericanos*, an anthology of North American poetry published recently in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Alfredo Berumen, '31ba, '31ma, was on the staff of translators who translated the poems into Spanish.

Faculty

CAPT. ALFRED B. SEARS, associate professor of history on military leave of absence, has been assigned to Hamilton Field, California, to help write the history of the Fourth Air Force. He was assigned specifically to gather and write the history of the functional operations of the Pacific coast defense. This project is part of the history now being written about all branches of the armed forces.

► Fritz Frauchiger, associate professor of modern languages on leave, has been assigned to the Board of Geographical Names in Washington, D. C. The Board, organized in 1890, has the final word in choosing official names to appear on maps and in deciding the correct pronunciation of foreign proper names.

► Col. George B. Privett, instructor with the University R.O.T.C. unit from 1931 to 1937, is director of training at an Officers Candidate School in Australia, which trains men to serve as officers in twelve different branches of the Army. All enlisted men under General MacArthur's command are eligible to apply for training in the school. Colonel Privett, a graduate of West Point and the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, established the Field Artillery Officer Candidate School at Fort Sill.

► Edith Mahier, professor of art, has joined the editorial board of *Books Abroad*, international literary quarterly published at the University, as staff artist. The magazine, edited by Roy T. House, professor of modern languages, has had no regular staff artist since the death of Patricio Gimeno several years ago.

► Isidore Budick, assistant professor of Jewish history and Semitics in the Oklahoma School of Religion, is teaching a course in Arabic, the first time it has ever been offered at a southwestern university.

► A question submitted by Kester Svendsen, assistant professor of English, in 1941, was recently used on *Information, Please*, the dean of radio quiz shows. The question, after being edited by the program officials, asked what poet was killed in a tavern brawl and what poet died in a duel with his brother-in-law. The answer, given correctly by the board of experts, is Christopher Marlowe and Pushkin, respectively.

► Dudley Williams, assistant professor of physics, and Mrs. Williams are the parents of a baby daughter Harriet, born in November.

► Mrs. Bruce Hankins, former Norman elementary school teacher, has been appointed University employment secretary, succeeding Mrs. E. N. Comfort.