

Thrusts and Parries

In a speech before a Chicago audience, Joseph A. Brandt, former president of the University who is now director of the University of Chicago Press, analyzed Oklahoma's social and economic problems and termed the state's future "a grave question mark."

The chief reason given by Mr. Brandt for the uncertain future of Oklahoma was that the state has been dominated by eastern financial interests, draining it of its natural resources, mainly oil.

"Oklahoma is a classic example of what America's unconscious imperialism has done to one of the potentially greatest of our commonwealths. . . . New York, Philadelphia, Washington, Chicago, directed the exploitation of Oklahoma, collected the money, and left the bereft Oklahomans to solace themselves in their own misery and 3.2 percent beer and bootleg whiskey," Mr. Brandt said.

Other important question marks in Oklahoma's future, Mr. Brandt said, are its poor soil, its inadequate educational system, discriminatory freight rates, and the migration of young people to other states.

News of Mr. Brandt's Chicago speech eventually reached Oklahoma newspaper offices which promptly opened fire in editorial bombasts upon the former state educator.

In a *Daily Oklahoman* editorial, "The Kiss of Betrayal," Mr. Brandt's thesis was denied. Said the *Oklahoman*: "Not all of the Brandt assertions are true. Some of them are demonstrably false. His description of Oklahoma as an eroded waste is sharply negated in every wheatfield in the state. . . . Even when Brandt manages to present undeniable facts, it is evident from the tone of his remarks that those facts were not assembled because they are true or because their presentation might be helpful to Oklahoma. They are presented and published because Dr. Brandt is angry about something."

The *Oklahoman* also published a letter by Dr. C. W. Tomlinson, Ardmore geologist and graduate of the University of Chicago, refuting some of Mr. Brandt's remarks on the inadequacy of education in Oklahoma, unfair freight rates, poor soil and exploitation by eastern financial interests.

R. P. Matthews, farm editor of the *Tulsa Daily World*, denied Mr. Brandt's assertion that Oklahoma's soil is worn out by pointing out the success of this year's crops and the high grade of the state's cattle and poultry. "Water and soil erosion are not creatures of Oklahoma alone. We hold no patents on such manifestations of nature," Mr. Matthews wrote.

In an eloquent description of the state's beauties and productivity, Mr. Matthews spoke of the Osage country "where the finest grass that God ever constructed grows knee deep on hundreds of cattle."

Faculty

A NEW SONG joined the growing musical collection of U. S. services with the issuance last month of "The Hospital Corps Song," written by Ralph Bienfang, professor of pharmacy. Music for the composition was written by Frank Beezhold, violinist and composer at the Whitman Conservatory of Music, Walla Walla, Washington. Inspiration for the song was an official Navy photograph of John W. Galbreath, pharmacist's mate third class, which shows him gazing into the sky from the deck of the carrier Saratoga, waiting for the planes to return from a raid on Rabaul. This same picture is reproduced on the cover of the sheet music. Publication of the first edition of one thousand copies of the song was made possible by the Oklahoma Pharmaceutical Association. Words of the song are as follows:

Resolute and fearless
Ignoring flash and din
They go about their tasks
Providing medicine.

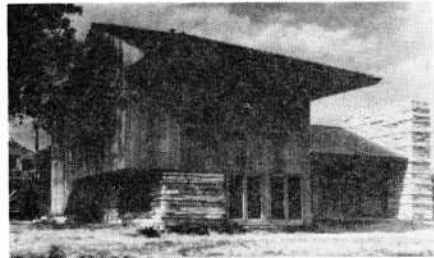
Mid screaming bombs and shrapnel,
While heavens crash and reel,
The hospital corps stands ready
With the weapons that will heal.

Proudly they aid the meds
Help nurses and dispense
And rescue wounded men
On battledeck or hence.

Mid screaming bombs etc.

► The Rocky Mountain School of Languages, founded in 1938 by Jose Maria Hernandez, University professor of Spanish, has been incorporated into Colorado College at Colorado Springs. Dr. Hernandez, who is granted leave from O. U. to spend summer months at the school, will continue to serve as director. Languages now offered include Spanish, French, German, Italian, Latin and Portuguese. Russian and Chinese may be added to the curriculum.

► The home of Henry L. Kamphoefner, professor of architecture, was one of



FEATURED BY MAGAZINES

The modern home of Professor Henry Kamphoefner received recognition from national magazines.

seven modern houses in all parts of the country featured in the May issue of *Pencil Points*, the magazine of architects. The magazine devoted two pages to photographs and drawings, accompanied by explanatory comments, of the Kamphoefner home. "It is encouraging to publish an example of contemporary residential architecture from a state so infrequently represented in the architectural press," the magazine stated. In June, a request came from *House and Garden* for photographs of the house to be used in an early issue.

► Miss Lois Peyton, secretary of the University admissions office, and Kenneth C. Kaufman, '16ba, '19ma, professor of modern languages, were married May 26 in Norman. Mrs. Kaufman attended Decatur Baptist College and Baylor College in Texas, and received a B.A. degree from Central State College, Edmond. She joined the University staff in 1936. Mr. Kaufman, chairman of the department of modern languages, is book page editor of the *Daily Oklahoman* and an authority on Oklahoma writers and literature.

► Herschel G. Elarth, associate professor of architecture now on leave of absence, has been promoted to first lieutenant. He has been stationed with the Army Engineers in England for more than a year.

► Mary DeBardeleben, former member of the Oklahoma School of Religion faculty, is living in Atlanta, Georgia, where she has charge of the woman's department of a Methodist Negro Seminary where girls are trained in religious education.

► Leslie Hewes, associate professor of geography, has been elected president of the campus chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, succeeding John C. Brixey, associate professor of mathematics.

► Frank P. Vance, Jr., '38eng, assistant professor of chemical engineering, was commissioned an ensign in Naval Ordnance and assigned to New York City for indoctrination. Ensign Vance joined the University faculty in 1942 and before that time was associated with the U. S. Bureau of Mines in Bartlesville.

► Helen B. Burton, director of the School of Home Economics, was one of four people selected by the American Home Economics Association to make a study of research in food and nutrition in the United States. Lila M. Welch, professor of home economics, was one of four people selected by the Association to make a study of research in home economics education. Both studies will be confined to the southern states.