

The University

SUFFICIENT EXPENDITURES to adequately equip and staff the University for the postwar era were recommended last month by President George L. Cross in a detailed report to the Board of Regents on O. U.'s future development.

These expenditures are necessary, President Cross pointed out, if Oklahoma desires a University which will fulfill its responsibilities to the young people and general public of the state, contribute actively to the development of the state and meet the educational demands of Oklahoma's war veterans.

The main item in the list of recommended expenditures is \$7,760,000 for student housing and University buildings, including \$3,750,000 for dormitories needed to house the postwar rush of students and \$4,010,000 for a substantial building program.

Under terms of the budget-balancing amendment to the state constitution, and present court opinions, it appears that the University itself cannot issue dormitory bonds, President Cross reported.

It therefore becomes necessary for the University, he continued, either to request a "loan" from the state, to be repaid from dormitory income, or to request a legislative enactment authorizing creation of a non-profit corporation by faculty members and alumni to borrow money and erect dormitories, with the University regents authorized to pledge the dormitory receipts for payment of the loan.

President Cross recommended the substantial building program for O. U. for the following reasons:

(1) The state has appropriated funds for only two major buildings on the campus in the last 15 years and many needs have accumulated during that period.

(2) The University of Oklahoma, because the state did not participate extensively in the PWA Federal Aid Program in the '30s, is far behind most of the midwestern and southwestern state universities in developing its physical plant.

(3) Greatly increased postwar enrolment and changing trends in educational demands will call for certain specific kinds of plant facilities not now available.

(4) Most of the present buildings were erected between 1904 and 1920, and a large proportion are now too small and too antiquated to serve the purposes for which they were originally intended.

(5) The period of declining employment immediately after the war is the best time for a large building program.

(6) The prospect of an enrolment of 7,000 in the fall of 1945 and 10,000 in the fall of 1946 (a conservative estimate compared with the predictions of many institutions) makes additional laboratories and classrooms essential if the returning war veterans are to be given the educational service they expect.

The \$4,010,000 building program recommended includes a General Classroom Building, an Engineering Unit and equipment, Geology-Mineral Industries-Geological Survey Building, Graduate School of Education, Chemistry Addition and equipment, Library Addition and equipment, Music Building, Plant Sciences Building, Plant Sciences Greenhouse, Animal Biology Vivarium and Shop, Power Plant and equipment, Press Building and equipment, an Extension Center and equipment, Auditorium and Theater, and a

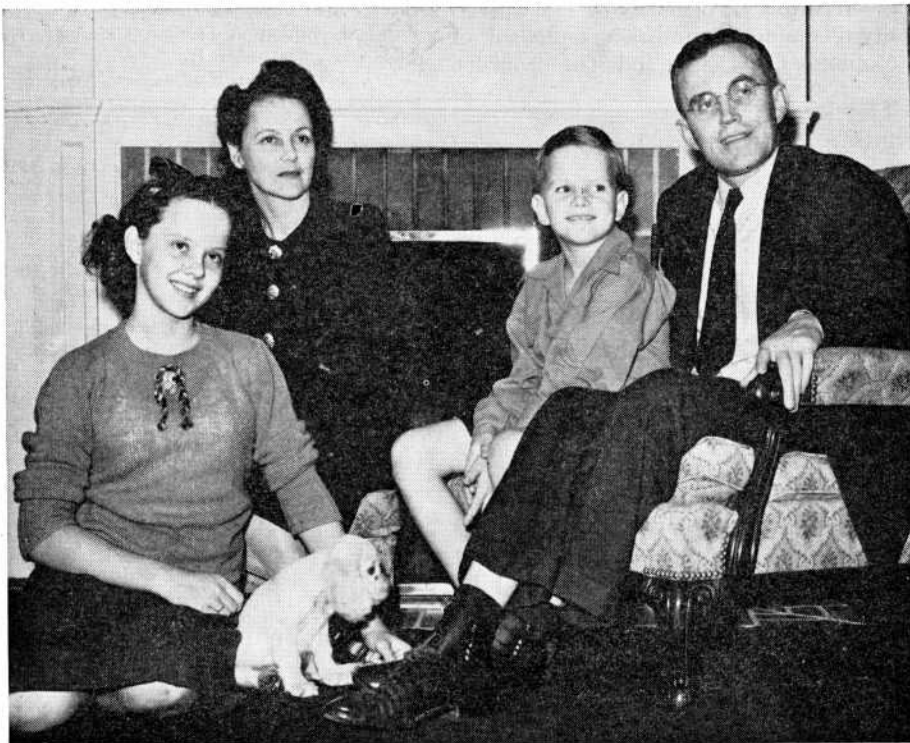
Museum Building for Art and Natural Sciences.

In regard to the University's total salary and wages budget for the 1945-47 biennium, President Cross recommended an appropriation of \$4,201,248, which is an increase of \$2,305,187 over the prewar biennium of 1939-41.

This recommended figure was determined after setting up certain minimum standards in comparison to the salary scales in other institutions and minimum standards for teaching loads.

Other factors considered include the possible need for members to teach on an 11-month service basis instead of a 9-month service basis in order to meet the postwar demand for summer instruction, and assuming further that the University's peak fall enrolment of resident, full-time students reaches 7,000 in the fall of 1945 and 10,000 in the fall of 1946.

It is impossible to avoid the conclusion that if the state of Oklahoma wants the



FIRST FAMILY AT HOME

Gathered around the fireplace in the University's White House are Mary Lynn, Mrs. Cross, Bill and President Cross. The statuesque puppy is real live dog. The Crosses do not plan any large entertainments for the White House this fall but will entertain the faculty and other guests at small soirees.

University to give good quality instruction to a greatly increased number of students, it is going to cost a very substantial amount of money, the president reported.

Other items in the list of suggested expenditures to fit the University for its postwar job include \$40,000 increase per year for administration to handle guidance and counseling functions for war veterans and other students; \$25,000 more each year for research for general faculty use and scholarships for research assistants; \$45,000 more each year for off-campus extension work in order to give state citizens a larger share of the benefits of the University's educational program; \$10,000 more each year for books and periodicals, and \$100,000 each year for equipment for laboratory and classroom use, office furniture and equipment.

"A report of this kind, which seeks to point the way for the future development of the University of Oklahoma, necessarily emphasizes inadequacies in certain phases of the institution's program," President Cross stated in conclusion.

"The picture may appear to be thrown off balance by lack of emphasis on the University's strong points. However, the president would be shirking his responsibilities if he failed to point out clearly that the University of Oklahoma can never provide the leadership and the stimulus for economic development of the state that our citizens desire, unless a staff, equipment and physical plant comparable to other successful state universities can be provided."

Assisting President Cross in preparing the report were members of the University Planning Commission composed of committees of faculty and staff members.

The Regents

Victor E. Monnett, '12ba, director of the School of Geology and a member of the University faculty since 1916, was appointed dean of the Graduate College for a two-year period by the Board of Regents at the September meeting.

Dr. Monnett succeeds President George L. Cross who resigned as acting dean of the Graduate College following his appointment as permanent president of the University.

Since the by-laws and constitution of the University of Oklahoma Research Institute provide that the dean of the Graduate College shall also serve as director of the institute, Dr. Monnett will also fill that position, another formerly held by President Cross.

Dr. Cross expects to recommend to the regents soon that the offices be separated.

A native of Missouri, Dr. Monnett received his B.A. degree from the University and later studied a year at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. He received his doctor's degree from Cornell University, Ithaca, New York.

He joined the University faculty in 1916 and later established and was ap-



GRADUATE DEAN

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pointed director of the School of Geology. During vacation periods, Dr. Monnett has been engaged from time to time as a geologist with the United States Geological Survey and has done consulting geology in various states.

Resignations were accepted by the regents from the following:

Herman Larson, associate professor of voice. Accepted position at Denison University, Granville, Ohio, September 1.

Mrs. Lois Peyton Kaufman, secretary of admissions, September 1.

Mrs. Virginia Ann Weddle, secretary, department of physics.

Mrs. John H. Smith (Billie McCroskey, '43ba), secretary of WNAD.

Dewey Hoover, foreman of construction and repairs, utilities department, August 16.

Leaves of absence were granted to the following:

J. P. Blickensderfer, professor of English, received appointment at Library of Congress.

O. F. Evans, professor of geology, given leave of absence for first semester to continue his research.

C. A. Merritt, professor of geology. Given leave from September 1 to November 1, when he will return to campus, teaching from November 1 to March 1. He will be granted another leave from March 1 to end of semester.

A. J. Williams, professor of geology, given leave of absence for second semester.

William T. Tiffin, '42eng, associate professor of mechanical engineering, September 1, 1944, to September 1, 1945. Accepted appointment with experimental station at University of Florida.

John Casey, professor of journalism, given leave for first semester.

A. C. Shead, '19bs, '23ms, associate professor of chemistry, given leave of absence for year to serve as chemist with Oklahoma Geological Survey.

Ivin G. Richardson, '17ba, assistant professor of economics, given year's leave of absence to do advanced study.

Resignations were accepted by the regents from the following School of Medicine faculty members:

Dr. Noble F. Wynn, '42med, instructor in pharmacology.

Ruby Allen Wortham, instructor in histology and embryology.

The following appointments were made by the board:

John Paul Pritchard, professor of English.
Robert Woodham Daniel, assistant professor of English.

Betty Douglas Evans, '44ma, special instructor in English.

Mrs. Belle Wilkonson Goodman, '26chem, '31ms, special instructor in chemistry.

Merwin Elwell, '35fa, professor of drama.

Mrs. Betty Ellis Haskell, '44m.ed, instructor in drama.

Jere Woode-Dell, assistant in drama.

Joseph Horace Benton, '20ba, '21fa, '41ma, professor of voice and acting head of department of voice.

Robert E. Fullerton, assistant professor of mathematics.

Mrs. Mabel Kidd, assistant in physics.

James W. Fitzgibbons, assistant architect for campus planning.

John Dunn, acting director of radio station WNAD.

Hallie Margaret Miller, script and continuity editor, WNAD.

J. T. Boyer, Jr., chief engineer, WNAD.

Nat H. Erwin, production manager, WNAD.

Mrs. Ruth Dilworth Fell, '28ba, '41ma, secretary of admissions and advanced standing.

Mrs. Mary C. Curl, secretary, comptroller's office.

Mary Jo Craig, secretary, department of physics.

Mrs. Maudie Hames, assistant in bookbinding.

Mrs. Ina Annett Ewing, '26fa, special instructor in art, first semester.

John Fox, mechanic for chemical, petroleum and electrical engineering departments.

Edward Elmer Keso, visiting associate professor of geography.

V. E. Monnett, '12ba, dean of Graduate College for period of two years.

Helen Edwards, special instructor in English.

Enrolment Increases

Although no figures had been released on the University's fall enrolment by late September, it was estimated that approximately 2,800 civilian students were enrolled in the new semester.

This is an increase of more than 1,000 civilian students over the enrolment of last fall.

This fall's enrolment shows a greater percentage of co-eds and freshman students as compared with last year's attendance. Also swelling enrolment figures are war veterans attending the University under the Veterans Administration.

In addition to civilian students, there are approximately 800 Army and Navy trainees attending classes on the campus.

Veterans Return to O. U.

Fifty-nine veterans of this war were enrolled in the University by late September and seven more men were awaiting certificates of eligibility necessary for entrance into O. U.

Twenty-eight of those enrolled are attending under provisions of Public Law 16 which provides for a Rehabilitation Program. Thirty-one are enrolled under

Public Law 346, commonly known as the G.I. Bill.

Under a recent ruling of the Veterans Administration in regard to payments to institutions of collegiate grade for education or training of veterans under the G.I. Bill, the University will receive a tuition fee for each veteran equivalent to the fee assessed non-resident students. The non-resident fee at the University is \$50 per semester.

This ruling is as follows:

In the case of state and municipal colleges or universities, the charge for tuition, laboratory, library, health, infirmary and other similar fees are determined for all veteran trainees as the charges customarily made to non-resident students which were in effect prior to June 22, 1944, except that the charge for the tuition fee of a full-time veteran trainee shall not be less than \$10 per month (\$30 per quarter or \$40 per semester), provided that the charges are not in conflict with existing laws or other legal requirements.

This ruling does not apply to veterans enrolled under the Rehabilitation Program.

To be eligible under the G.I. Bill, a serviceman must have been in service for at least 90 days, exclusive of training as a cadet or midshipman or under the Army and Navy training programs, and must not have been over 25 years old at the time of his entrance into the service.

For those who qualify under the G.I. Bill, the Veterans Administration will provide the cost of fees and books plus \$50 a month for unmarried men and \$75 per month for married. Veterans do not have to be disabled to come under this program.

Veterans covered by the Rehabilitation Program are paid \$80 a month in addition to having their fees and books taken care of. The Veterans Administration has written contracts with the University to cover those expenses.

Fayette Copeland, counselor of men who has charge of the veterans program at the University, was busy during September, helping servicemen secure certificates of eligibility, find rooms and enrol in the University. Certificates of eligibility come from the Veterans Administration headquarters and indicate the veteran's length of service and how much educational training he is eligible for.

October 21 Is Dads Day

Lt. Col. Jess Larson, '26, Chickasha, who has seen action with the 45th Division in Sicily and Italy, is scheduled to be the main speaker at the University Dads Association annual meeting October 21.

Colonel Larson was wounded in the fighting at Salerno and has received two awards of the Order of the Purple Heart. Before entering service, he was an Oklahoma City attorney and secretary of the School Land Commission.

Fathers of all University students and alumni are invited to the campus for the annual celebration of Dads Day. At this

time new officers of the organization will be elected and awards will be presented to the man and woman selected as outstanding students.

Dads will attend the football game between Kansas State University and O.U. during the afternoon. Frank A. Sewell, Oklahoma City banker, is president of the Dads Association.

Fraternity Houses Converted

Fourteen fraternity houses have been leased by the University and will be used to house University students during the 1944-45 school year.

Eight of the houses are to be used to house women students and six will accommodate men students. The houses will be operated by the University for civilian students in addition to Hester and Robertson, residential halls for women, and Franklin House for freshman men.

The houses for women are Alpha Tau Omega, Phi Kappa Sigma, Phi Kappa Psi, Sigma Alpha Mu, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Beta Theta Pi, Delta Upsilon and Delta Tau Delta.

Houses which are to be used for men are Acacia, Kappa Alpha, Pi Kappa Alpha, Sigma Chi, Phi Gamma Delta and Kappa Sigma, which will operate its own house under University supervision at the request of the University.

Use of the fraternities as dormitories was necessary to alleviate a serious room shortage. The shortage of rooms for students has resulted from the large number of private rooming houses which have been converted for use by Navy families. In 1941, there were 500 approved houses

on the University list and now there are 44.

According to an opinion issued by Randall Cobb, state attorney general, in reply to a request for legal information from President Cross, the operation of the fraternities by the University on a cost basis would probably not cause the fraternity houses to lose their tax exemption.

Mr. Cobb pointed out that a court test might be necessary to settle the question definitely, but added that he believed non-profit operation by the University would not affect the tax status.

Dodge to Be Installed

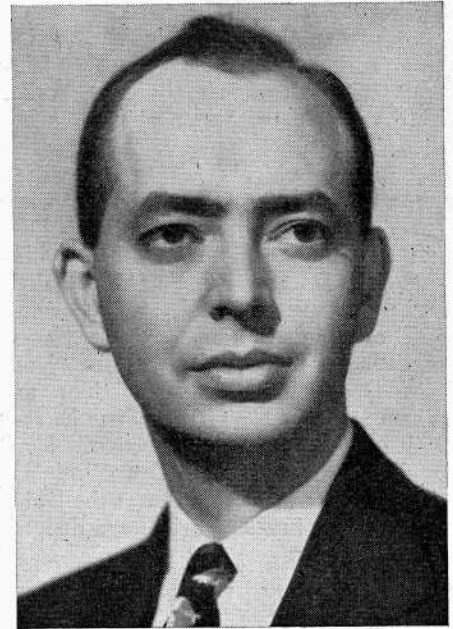
Inauguration ceremonies for Homer L. Dodge, former dean of the Graduate College at the University, as president of Norwich University, Northfield, Vermont, will be held October 9.

Dr. Dodge was chosen president of that university from a list of 40 applicants and assumed his new duties August 1. He had been on leave of absence from the University faculty since 1942 to serve as director of the Office of Scientific Personnel of the National Research Council in Washington, D. C.

Two Join Fine Arts Faculty

The appointment of Joseph H. Benton, '20ba, '21fa, '41ma, well known operatic tenor, to the position of professor of voice and acting head of the department of voice in the University was announced late in August by President Cross.

At the same time President Cross announced that Merwin Elwell, '35fa, who has received considerable recognition in the theatrical world, had been appointed professor of drama at the University.



ARTIST ALUMNI RETURN TO CAMPUS

New members of the College of Fine Arts faculty are (left) Joe Benton, '20ba, '21fa, '41ma, operatic tenor who will head the department of voice, and Merwin Elwell, '35fa, associate professor of drama who came to O. U. from New York City where he has been designing sets for Billy Rose.

Mr. Benton succeeds Herman Larson, associate professor of music, who resigned to accept a position at Denison University, Granville, Ohio. Mr. Larson, a graduate of Augustana College in South Dakota, joined the University faculty in 1937 and during his tenure worked with student choral groups in addition to teaching.

Once before, from 1919 to 1923, Mr. Benton was associated with the University as voice teacher and director of the Men's Glee Club. He left the campus to study voice in France and Italy where he first became popular as an operatic tenor, singing under the name of Giuseppe Bentonelli.

During his years abroad he gave performances in many European musical centers and in 1934 he was selected by the National Italian Singing Society as one of the four most popular tenors in Italy. Shortly thereafter Mr. Benton returned to the U. S. and joined the Chicago Civic Opera Company.

He made his debut at the Metropolitan Opera House in 1936 in the opera *Manon*. As tenor with the Metropolitan Opera Quartet from 1935 through 1940 and as soloist, he made a coast-to-coast concert tour in this country and in Canada. In his solo appearances, Merl Freeland, '32ba, Norman, was his accompanist. Mr. Freeland is now a sergeant at Camp Polk, Louisiana.

Mr. Elwell, a native of Fairview, was also previously connected with the O. U. faculty. In 1939 he served as assistant instructor in drama and was later appointed visiting instructor.

His work in summer theaters has been extensive and varied. He has been associated with summer theaters at Gloucester School of the Theater, Gloucester, Massachusetts, the Ridgeway Theater in White Plains, New York, the Scarsdale Summer Theater in Scarsdale, New York, and the Southwest Summer Theater in Waco, Texas.

More recently Mr. Elwell has been stage manager and designer for Billy Rose in New York City, doing sets for Rose's Diamond Horseshoe night club. He holds a master's degree from Yale University and has done further study at the Feagin School of Drama in New York City.

Assisting Mr. Elwell will be Jere Woode-Dell, who accompanied him to the campus from New York where he assisted him in theater production. Mr. Woode-Dell, a native of West Virginia, will serve as technical director at the University, giving instruction in stage design and set building.

To Head Nevada Library

The University lost another long-time faculty member last month with the resignation of James J. Hill, '15ba, '15ma, associate professor of library science and assistant librarian of the O. U. Library.

Mr. Hill has accepted a position as head

Series on State Problems

Beginning in the November issue, *Sooner Magazine* will publish a series of short articles on problems that would confront delegates to the Oklahoma State Constitutional Convention which may be called for 1947.

According to a provision in the state constitution a constitutional convention may be scheduled every 20 years after statehood for the purpose of making needed changes in the constitution.

Author of the series will be H. Vern Thornton, University government professor and mayor of Norman, who is an authority on state and municipal government and a member of the State Postwar Planning Commission. He will discuss such topics as financial management, local government and the short ballot.

of the library at the University of Nevada, Reno. He will be associated there with another University alumnus and former O. U. faculty member, John O. Moseley, '16ma, who recently began duties as president of that university.

A member of Sigma Nu fraternity and Sigma Delta Chi journalism fraternity, Mr. Hill received a B.S. in Library Science in Illinois in 1929. Shortly after his graduation there, he returned to the University to join the Library staff with which he has been associated for the last 15 years.

Accompanying him to Nevada will be Mrs. Hill (Katherine Barr, '16ba). The couple have two sons, Lt. John Hill, '43, stationed at Casper, Wyoming, and Staff Sgt. George Hill, '42, last reported in the European fighting with the Ninth Air Service Command.

'On Leave' List Grows

More than one hundred University faculty members have left the campus since Pearl Harbor to serve with the armed forces, in private war industries or in federal positions.

The exodus of faculty members from the campus has been so gradual that alumni away from Norman probably do not realize how much of its personnel the University has contributed. The following impressive list of faculty and staff members on leave does not include members of the Medical School faculty.

Those on leave to serve in the Army are as follows: Carl T. Almquist, associate professor of electrical engineering; Ted M. Beaird, '21ba, executive secretary of the Alumni Association and manager of the Union Building; Harold K. Bone, '38eng, instructor in engineering drawing; C. Guy Brown, '23ba, assistant professor of commercial education; Ansel P. Challenner, '25eng, '33m.eng, instructor in electrical engineering; Roger D. Cor-saw, assistant professor of art.

Augustin L. Cosgrove, assistant professor of business communication; Lloyd W. Daly, associate professor of classical languages; Herschel Elarth, associate professor of architecture; Murry J. Flippo, '43ed, secretary of the School of Geology; Edward A. Frederickson, assistant professor of geology; Dud Gietzentanner, '39bus, accountant in the Comptroller's Office; John A. Griswold, associate professor of finance; R. Boyd Gunning, '37law, assistant director of the Extension Division.

Lloyd E. Harris, '22pharm, '24ms, professor of chemistry; James Henderson, '39letters, '41ma, secretary of the University College; Barre Hill, professor of voice; C. Joe Holland, '37ba, assistant in journalism and press relations; Frank C. Hughes, '37fa, '38fa, '39m.ed, instructor in music; Francis R. Hunter, assistant professor of animal biology; Virgil O. Johnson, '35ma, '40ph.d, technician in the department of animal biology; Clark Long, bindery man in the University Press.

John F. Malone, '37ba, supervisor of the Lecture and Entertainment Bureau in the Extension Division; William J. Mellor, '37-'39, assistant to the counselor of men; Arthur T. Meyer, assistant professor of music; D. O. Nichols, Jr., instructor in mechanical engineering; Spencer H. Norton, '28ba, professor of music; Bettylee Nothstein, '42hc, assistant recorder in the Registry Office; John O'Neil, '36fa, '39m.fa, instructor in art; E. Richard Page, professor of electrical engineering; H. C. Peterson, associate professor of history.

Truman Pouncey, '42, assistant professor of journalism; Leslie H. Rice, assistant professor of journalism; Henry D. Rinsland, '21ba, '24ma, professor of school measurements; Henry S. Robinson, instructor in classical languages; Stuart L. Schoff, assistant geologist with the Oklahoma Geological Survey; Alfred B. Sears, associate professor of history; Ronald B. Shuman, associate professor of business management; Quentin M. Spradling, '32bus, '40m.ba, assistant auditor in the Comptroller's Office.

Lloyd B. Swearingen, '20chem, '21ms, professor of chemistry; Stanmore B. Townes, '23ba, '25ma, associate professor of mathematics; Gerald Tuma, '39eng, '41m.eng, special instructor in electrical engineering; Robert Whitehand, '33ba, assistant professor of drama; Balfour S. Whitney, '32ba, '33ma, instructor in mathematics, and Thomas Z. Wright, '29bus, '34law, associate professor of business law.

On leave in the Navy are the following: John Anderson, dispensing clerk in the department of chemistry; Jack Baer, '42ed, assistant professor of physical education; Karl Belden, Utilities Department; Oliver Benson, '32ba, associate professor of government; R. Thornberg Brock, '40letters, '41lib. sci, library assistant; Charles H. Brown, '33ba, '34ma, instructor in journalism; Frank Crider, '30ba, assistant professor of physical education; E. Thayer Curry, assistant professor of speech; Royden Dangerfield, professor of government.

Paul Eldridge, '19ba, associate professor of English; Joseph P. Harris, limnologist in the department of animal biology; L. E. (Jap) Haskell, '22geol, professor of physical education; Frank C. Morris, '26eng, '30eng, assistant professor of engineering drawing; C. N. Paxton, associate professor of mechanical engineering; Joseph C. Pray, assistant professor of government; Carl Ritzman, associate professor of speech.

William M. Sattler, associate professor of speech; Herbert H. Scott, '26ba, '26ma, director, Extension Division; V. Lauren Shelton, instructor in accounting; Harold Tacker, '40fa, University photographer; R. Wendell Tomberlin, '38fa, instructor in art; J. Orville Tuttle, assistant professor of physical education for men, and Frank P. Vance, '38eng, assistant professor of chemical engineering.

Thurman White, '41ms, director of visual education in the Extension Division, is on leave for service with the Marine Corps.

On leave to serve in civilian capacities with the federal government are the following: Allen Belden, assistant professor of geography, Bureau of Geographic Names; Samuel P. Chew, assistant professor of English, research analyst; Dorothy Cram, '32ba, assistant professor of social work, War Relocation Service; Antonio M. de la Torre, '26ba, '29ma, associate professor of Romance languages, Office of Strategic Services; Howard O. Eaton, professor of philosophy, Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce.

Charles S. Elson, associate professor of drama, Bureau of Naval Personnel; Fritz Frauchiger, associate professor of modern languages, Board of Geographic Names; Howard W. Larsh, associate professor of plant sciences, Bureau of Plant Industry; Theodore Smith, professor of marketing, Federal Reserve Board; Findley Weaver, professor of marketing, Office of Price Administration, and

Virgil G. Wilhite, '21ba, '30ma, professor of economics, economic research analyst.

Associated with private industry and organizations connected with the war are the following: Herbert G. Allphin, assistant professor of physical education, American Red Cross; L. A. Comp, '27 eng, '35m.eng, associate professor of mechanics, Douglas Aircraft; John N. Cooper, assistant professor of physics, war research; Wilfred J. Dixon, assistant professor of mathematics, war research; Orie J. Eigsti, associate professor of plant sciences, Oklahoma Research Institute; Gilbert Harold, professor of finance, U. S. Savings and Loan League; R. W. Harris, associate professor of geology and geography, petroleum research.

Elmer L. Lucas, '34ph.d, associate professor of geology, Kerlyn Oil Company; Virginia Morris, '32phys.ed, instructor in physical education for women, American Red Cross; Lois B. Nelson, instructor in physical education for women, United Service Organizations; Lawrence M. Rohrbaugh, assistant professor of plant sciences, Research Institute; Stella Sanders, '21ba, '26ma, assistant professor of Romance languages, director of war services of the Y. W. C. A. in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; Pauline Thrower, '28ba, instructor in social work, American Red Cross, and F. Dudley Williams, assistant professor of physics, war research.

Other University personnel on leave of absence are as follows: C. J. Bollinger, associate professor of geography, field study and research; Kathryn Buchanan, '16ba, '25ma, University Training School, study; Charles H. Bumstead, associate professor of psychology, to teach at Knox College, Galesburg, Illinois; Lawrence H. Cherry, assistant professor of mechanical engineering, radiation laboratory, University of California; Katherine Fleming, '24nurse, superintendent of Ellison Infirmary, to do graduate study.

Maxine Richardson, '39bs, instructor in physical education for women, graduate work; Charles R. Sandifer, professor of mechanics, illness; Dr. Eleonora Schmidt, resident physician for women, illness; Glenn M. Stearns, '36eng, associate professor of petroleum engineering, engineer in charge of the West Edmond Engineering Association, and William W. Wright, '38fa, '40m.fa, assistant professor of violin, professional violinist in Oklahoma City.

English Professors Leave

Four members of the English department, who rank among O. U.'s best scholars, have left the campus for new positions.

Included were two who resigned, Charles C. Walcutt, associate professor of English who left to accept a full professorship on the faculty of Michigan State Normal College at Ypsilanti, and William O. Baxter who held the same rank and is now divisional assistant for the Near East in the Department of State, Washington, D. C.

Martin S. Shockley, also an associate professor of English, was dismissed by the Board of Regents and is now on the English faculty of Carleton College, Northfield, Minnesota.

Joseph P. Blickensderfer, professor of English on leave of absence, has gone to the Library of Congress in Washington, D. C., as editor of a quarterly booklet of American publications designed to improve international cultural relations.

Three new men have been appointed to the English department faculty by the regents.

Included are Thomas Pyles, former faculty member of the University of Maryland and until recently editor of the journal *The English Literary History* at Johns Hopkins University; Robert Woodham

Daniel, former English instructor at Harvard University, and John Paul Pritchard, formerly of Washington and Jefferson College, Washington, Pennsylvania.

Dr. Pyles, who came to O. U. as a professor of English, is a graduate of the University of Maryland and was awarded a Ph.D. at Johns Hopkins. He is a native of Frederick, Maryland.

Dr. Daniel, who will hold the rank of assistant professor, was graduated from the University of the South at Sewanee, Tennessee, and completed work for a Ph.D. at Yale University in 1939. From that time until recently he served as an instructor at Harvard University. His special field is American literature.

Dr. Pritchard, whose special field is literary criticism, also came to the University as a full professor. Last year his book *Return to the Fountains*, which treats of the relation of modern literature to the classics, was published by the Duke University Press.

Shockley Dismissal Confirmed

Confirmation was made in September by President Cross that Martin S. Shockley, former associate professor of English, was dropped from the institution's payroll on May 5, 1944, by unanimous action of the Board of Regents.

The dismissal was voted by the regents without recommendation of such action from him, Dr. Cross said. He was then acting president of the University.

Although no official announcement of the dismissal was made at the time of Dr. Shockley's departure from the University, it eventually became known among faculty members that the English professor had been dismissed by the regents for reasons later labeled as "budgetary."

Dr. Shockley left the University to accept a position in Washington, D. C., and this fall joined the faculty of Carleton College in Northfield, Minnesota, where he is now teaching.

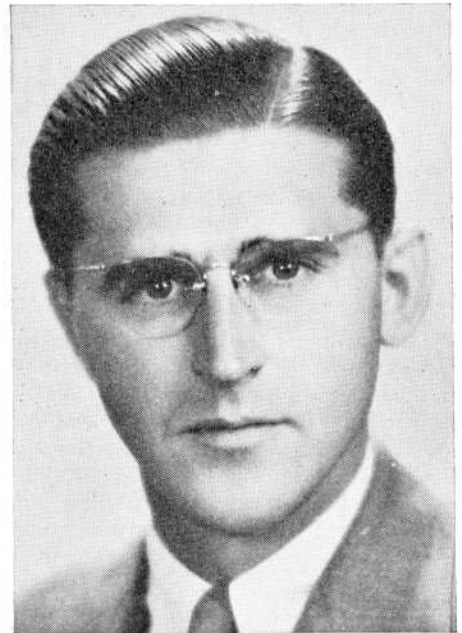
It is generally known that at Doctor Shockley's request, the American Association of University Professors has opened an investigation into the dismissal and may send an investigating committee to the campus for a hearing sometime during the school year.

Stella Sanders to Rio

Stella Sanders, assistant professor of Romance languages on leave of absence, was scheduled to leave last month for Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, where she will be director of war services with the foreign division of the Young Women's Christian Association.

In carrying out her duties, Miss Sanders will plan mixers, parties, arrange sight-seeing trips and assist servicemen in securing hotel accommodations for their families. Her headquarters will be in the Y.W.C.A. in Rio.

Miss Sanders has been associated with the department of Romance languages at



ON MICHIGAN FACULTY
Charles C. Walcutt, former associate English professor at O. U., now teaches at Ypsilanti State Normal College in Michigan.



GOES TO WASHINGTON
J. P. Blickensderfer, professor of English on leave, has a new position in the Library of Congress.

the University since 1924 and in 1936 was promoted to her present rank.

Miss Sanders is well qualified for the new position, having worked on various recreation committees at the University and having promoted the Faculty Club folk and square dancing groups. She promises to start a "Fonda" club when she returns, for those who are interested in learning the South American dances.