
Clearing the Desk

AFTER THE LONG quiet month of August finally dwindled to a close, the return of students for the fall semester and the opening of the University's 53rd academic year was most welcome. Fall in Norman always brings back nostalgic memories of prewar activities—the blazing football bonfires at the Campus Corner with the Ruf Necks and Jazz Hounds out in force, the Homecoming Day parade with its spectacular floats and Dads Day bringing parents to the campus to visit.

WE HOPE that the University does not take too seriously the recent ruling requiring that American students of Japanese parentage be subject to examination by the F.B.I. before entrance to O. U. If this policy were broadened to include those who have blood connections with other countries of the Axis group, the situation might become rather embarrassing.

ANOTHER OF THE coincidences of war was reported last month by Capt. Harold Rubin, '41journ, who is serving with the Air Force in Italy. Captain Rubin enclosed the evidence, a postcard he found in a bombed-out Italian school, along with a letter. The postcard, mailed from the campus in May of 1934, was addressed to a library in Foggia, Italy, which had been getting copies of *Books Abroad*, an international quarterly magazine devoted to reviews of current books in languages other than English. The card was signed by Todd Downing, then business manager of *Books Abroad*, who has become well known as a novelist and a mystery story writer. Captain Rubin commented, "It just shows the magnitude of our great college. I've been reading the G.I. Bill of Rights, so expect me back one of these years."

CITIZENS ON THE HOME FRONT have only a short time left in which to perform two urgent duties. The first is to mail in applications for war ballots to be sent to voters in the family who are overseas. If this has not already been done, do it immediately. The second is to register for voting in the general election November 7. The registration period opens October 8 and lasts for 20 days.

AFTER MORE THAN two-years absence, we are happy to welcome Ted Baird back to this office, the Student Union and the campus in general. Alumni who have known him personally or who have become acquainted with him through personal letters and his "Riding the Range" column in *Sooner Magazine*, will be glad to know that he will soon hold forth once again in the old familiar office, first floor, Union Building. Drop by and visit.—E.W.

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