son (Katherine Absher, '44ba), G. M. Roberts, '27ba, '28ma, and Mrs. Roberts (Norma Hill, '25), Ludwig Schmidt, '21eng, '23eng, and Mrs. Schmidt (Edna Conway, '22ba), Frank M. Small, '16ba, and Mrs Small (Winnie White, '13-'17), Clare C. Smith, '39bus, and Lois H. Straight, '35law.

W. R. Allen, '23, G. Calvin Brous, '29ba, and Mrs. Brous, Audrey Corbin, '38ma, F. W. Crawford, '34ph.d, Caroline Davis, '37, Mrs. Charles W. Drew (Sarah L. Whitman, '22-'23), R. L. Drum, '37bus, Warren L. Felton, '21ba, and Mrs. Felton (Elizabeth Keller, '21ba), Winnie Dee Harp, '43ed, John M. Houchin, '34eng, J. E. Jarvis, '27-'32, Paul H. Johnson, James P. Kirk, '35law, Mrs. D. R. McKeithan (Marianne Whitman, '25), L. L. McWilliams, '34eng, Mary Frances Murray, '43journ, F. B. Neptune, '31bs, Gerald L. Nutter, '21-'23, Melvin W. Peters, '42bus, Martin Ryland, '33bus, Dortha N. Spears, '41bus, Z. E. Stucky, '30geol, Vernon Thornton, '31ms, and Mrs. Thornton, C. E. Turner, '32eng, and Mrs. Turner, Warren B. Weeks, '29geol, and Mrs. Weeks, T. E. Weirich, '22geol, and Mrs. Weirich (Lela Smith, '22fa), Murray J. Wells, '30geol, Ted M. Wilson, '30bus.

James L. Callahan, '32eng, E. R. Christopher, '20pharm, and Mrs. Christopher, Mrs. F. W. Crawford (Mildred Crall, '31ba), W. K. Cunningham, '25bs, and Mrs. Cunningham, Mrs. R. L. Drum, Russell W. Davis, Dr. Charles W. Drew, Jess W. Elliott, '33bus, and Mrs. Elliott (June Chase, '33ba), O. E. Everett and Mrs. Everett, (Leona Jones, '22-'26), Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Greaves, M. C. Hackler, '32eng, Robert W. Henry, '21eng, and Mrs. Henry (Mabel G. Herrington, '22), H. K. Hudson, '22ba, '26 law, and Mrs. Hudson, Mrs. J. E. Jarvis (Bonita Burt, '30-'33), Mrs. Dan J. Jennings, Jr. (Julia Jane Small, '38), Mrs. Paul H. Johnson (Babs Norma Lawton, '39fa), J. Paul Jones, '31chem, '33ms, and Mrs. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Kane, Walter B. LaFon, '33eng, and Mrs. La-Fon (Laura Hardmon, '34), C. B. McDonald, Jr., '39ba, '41law, and Mrs. McDonald (Phyllis Fisher, '40ba), Mrs. L. L. McWilliams, Mrs. F. B. Neptune, Mary Dey Nutter.

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Kathryn Shenk Peters, '42bus, J. D. Plunkett, '18law, and Mrs. Plunkett (Edna Martin, '16-'18), Louis N. Plunkett and Mrs. Plunkett, '22-'23, Dorothy Gayle Robb, '36fa, George Sneed, '37law, and Mrs. Sneed (Elizabeth Armstrong, '37ms), Mrs. Z. E. Stucky, Warren Thomas and Mrs. Thomas (Amy Lee Hill, '43bs), Edwin I. Thompson, '29geol, Rosella Trautman, '38ba, Mrs. Samuel A. Walker, Jr., (Betty Bee Fesler, '39ba), Mrs. Ruth Dee Hawn Wells, '33-'35, Mrs. Ray Whitson, Mrs. Robert Womack, Jr. (Virginia Absher, '42ba), William J. Zeman,

## Visit Friends on Campus

In honor of two alumni recently back from overseas service, Maj. Dick Downing, '14-'15, '24-'25, Norman, and Capt. Paul Reed, '16, Sulphur, Secretary Ted Beaird held an informal luncheon January 17 in 120 Union Building.

Major Downing, who has participated in the thick of fighting in North Africa, Sicily and Italy, returned from Italy and was assigned to Fort Monmouth, New Jersey. He is a former

Norman banker.

Captain Reed, Sulphur, served in the Navy during the first war and was alumni representative on the University Athletic Council for a number of years. He entered World War II in the Navy branch of service and was on duty in the Pacific theater when he received his commission in the Army.

Renewing old acquaintances at the luncheon were the two vistors, Mr. Beaird, Tom R. Benedum, president of the Alumni Association, L. P. Peak, superintendent of schools at Sulphur, Ed Meacham, Roscoe Cate, John Jacobs, Bill Cross, Bruce Drake, Dale Arbuckle, Snorter Luster and Walter Kraft, all of the University staff, and R. W. Hutto, Neil Johnson and King Price, all of Norman.

## Faculty

JOHN B. THOMPSON, associate professor of philosophy of religion in the Oklahoma School of Religion and pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Norman, has received an invitation to preach at Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick's Riverside Church in New York City on June 17. Mr. Thompson attended the College of Preachers at Washington, D. C., early this month, delivering an address before the graduate study section. Later this month he will attend an executive committee meeting of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Mr. Thompson is chairman of the religious committee of the Southern Conference.

the Southern Conference. ► Dr. J. Rud Nielsen, research professor of physics, was elected president of the Oklahoma Academy of Science at the 33rd annual meeting held recently in Stillwater. Other faculty members elected officers of the academy were Dr. J. Teague Self, '36ph.d, associate professor of zoology, secretary-treasurer, and Dr. Dixie Young, '21ba, '22ma, associate professor of zoology, vice president of the biological sciences division. Twenty members of the University faculty appeared on the program at the academy conference. Early in December Dr. Nielsen gave a lecture before a meeting of the American Physical Society in Chicago, in which he reported on the work done at the Oklahoma Research Institute. The address was entitled "The Absorption Laws for Gases in the Infrared." After the meeting Dr. Nielsen visited the Armour Research Institute and the Illinois Institute of Technology, and conferred with scientists at the General Motors and Ethyl Corporation research laboratories in Detroit, Michigan.

Savoie Lottinville, '29ba, director of the University Press, was elected a director of the Regional Humanities Conference held recently in Denver, Colorado. The theme of the conference was "The Humanities at Work." Thirty-six colleges and universities were represented.

► Capt. James O. Tuttle, assistant professor of physical education for men who is on leave of absence to serve in the Marine Corps, has been named recreation officer of El Toro Marine Corps Air Station, Santa Ana, California. He is line coach of the El Toro Flying Marines.

► The second edition of the Navy Hospital Corps song, the words of which were written by Dr. Ralph Bienfang, professor of pharmacy, has been published by the Independent Music Publishers of New York City.

Cecil H. Brite, '31law, business manager of the Journalism Press, Incorporated, attended the National Interfraternity Conference held last fall in Chicago as a representative of the University committee on fraternity affairs. Representatives from all schools which have chapters of national social fraternities met to discuss ways of helping fraternities to re-organize after the war. Mr. Brite is national secretary of Acacia fraternity.

The Alumni Office urgently requests the co-operation of all alumni in securing as complete data as possible on University casualties of this war. If you have any information about a Sooner who has died in service, is missing in action or a prisoner of the enemy, please send all the facts you have IMMEDIATELY to War Records Secretary, Alumni Office, University of Oklahoma.

- ▶ Neal T. Dilday has resigned his position as draftsman with the Oklahoma Geological Survey to join the staff of the Superior Oil Company in Oklahoma City.
- ▶ Dr. Carl C. Rister, chairman of the department of history, recently spent several weeks in Washington, D. C., getting material for his forthcoming book on the experiences of Robert E. Lee in a campaign against Indians on the Texas frontier from 1857 to 1861. Dr. Rister had access to the Lee family papers in the Congressional Library.
- ▶ Dr. Maurice Merrill, '22law, professor of law, has been appointed chairman of a committee of the Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws to draft a proposed uniform divorce jurisdiction act. Dr. Merrill, appointed last spring by Governor Kerr as one of the three Oklahoma members of the organization, attended a meeting of the Commissioners in Chicago last fall. Last summer he conducted several hearings as a public panel member under the Eighth Regional War Labor Board.
- ► Capt. James Coe Van de Carr, former commandant of the University Naval training unit, is the Navy port officer at Antwerp, Belgium. He and two other Navy men went into Antwerp last fall soon after it was taken from the Germans and started repair and reconstruction of harbor facilities. Before being assigned to the Belgian port Captain Van de Carr was on convoy duty.
- ▶ Ben R. Tankersley, formerly a chief on duty with the Naval unit at the University, has been commissioned an ensign in the Naval Reserve and transferred to another post. Chief Mose L. Sims succeeded him as director of athletic activities for the Navy unit.
- ► Kenneth C. Kaufman, '16ba, '19ma, chairman of the department of modern languages, underwent a major operation at an Oklahoma City hospital on January 3 and was said to be recovering satisfactorily at last report. Mr. Kaufman entered the hospital on December 14.
- ▶ Boyce Timmons, '37law, assistant registrar, was named the outstanding member of the Norman Junior Chamber of Commerce for the year 1944 by the members of the Chamber. During 1944 Mr. Timmons served as co-chairman of the governmental affairs committee and chairman of the entertainment committee, and was active in the Jaycee broadcasts over WNAD and war bond drives.
- ▶ Merl Creech, '29eng, associate professor of mechanics, has been named an academic member of the American Gear Manufacturers Association.
- ▶ Ida Z. Kirk, assistant professor of drama, underwent an operation at a Wichita, Kansas, hospital in December and was reported to be recovering satisfactorily.
- Henry L. Kamphoefner, professor of architecture, has been commissioned consulting architect on a music pavilion to be built in Mobile, Alabama. Working in association with an Alabama architect, he is doing preliminary designs to determine the proper acoustics. Mr. Kamphoefner designed a similar music pavilion for Sioux City, Iowa, which was termed by the Royal Institute of British Architecture "one of America's distinguished buildings."

▶ An article by Grace E. Ray, '20ba, '23ma, associate professor of journalism, entitled "Red Roundup in the Rockies," has been accepted for publication in the *Highway Traveler*. The article concerns the Focus ranch, near Steamboat Springs, Colorado, where Miss Ray spent last summer as a publicity writer.