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The University

A STATEMENT in behalf of the University's budget needs was presented by President Cross at a hearing before House and Senate Appropriations Committees at the State Capitol February 19. The Appropriations Committee members, in contrast with the atmosphere of some past hearings, were friendly and courteous in their questioning of the University President.

President Cross emphasized the need for a larger salary appropriation in order to keep outstanding faculty members and to bring in additional faculty members during the next few years. He pointed out that there is a shortage of qualified university teachers and that competition for those available will make it difficult for the University of Oklahoma to secure the additional faculty members needed to replace those lost during the war.

President Cross also emphasized the importance of improving the University's service to the student as an individual through scientific testing, guidance and counseling. He described the importance of research to the economic development of the State, and outlined proposed improvements in the University's extension program.

In discussing the building needs, President Cross pointed out that before the war the University had only 30 square feet of classroom and laboratory space per student, whereas national standards call for 120 square feet.

Legislation to authorize the erection of dormitories on self-liquidating basis and to permit enlargement of the Union Building on a self-liquidating basis was still pending in the Legislature in late February.

The President

President George L. Cross will speak before several Oklahoma organizations and the O. U. Alumni Club of Wichita, Kansas, during this month.

His agenda is as follows: Lions Club, Pauls Valley, March 6; meeting for organization of Cleveland County Alumni Club, Union Building, March 14; Exchange Club sponsored by Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company, Oklahoma City, March 15; Alumni Club of Wichita, Kansas, March 23; Daughters of the American Revolution, Norman, April 7; Chi Omega alumnae of the Oklahoma A. and M. College and the University of Oklahoma at Oklahoma City, April 7.

During February, President Cross spoke from time to time before various state groups on the building needs of the University and the necessity for raising faculty salaries. He also made several talks in which he urged veterans to consider college study and described how the University has tried to provide for the needs of returning servicemen. One talk was broadcast by transcription over WKY.

President Cross returned to the campus late in January from Washington, D. C., where he talked with officials in various federal agencies about securing materials as soon as possible for the construction of a building for the Oklahoma Research Institute.

No decisive answer concerning the release of materials for the building was obtained. "The decision as to when we might build will depend

on the outcome of the current operations in Europe," President Cross said.

While in Washington, he attended President Roosevelt's fourth-term inauguration.

Shortly after his return from Washington, President Cross and Mrs. Cross had as guests at a buffet dinner and the Sooner-Aggie basketball game the members of the Oklahoma State Legislature and Governor and Mrs. Robert S. Kerr.

The Regents

The Board of Regents in February voted to admit hospital corpsmen and patients at the Naval hospital near Norman to the University, waiving all fees except library and specific course fees.

The following resignations were accepted by the Board:

Jean Evelyn Drake, '44fa, stenographer in the Correspondence Study department.

Marguerite Brown, half-time secretary in the Bureau of Business Research.

Mrs. Eleanor B. Miller, secretary in the Office of the Counselor of Men.

Mrs. Marion Blew Earl, secretary in the department of animal biology.

Mrs. Mary Curl, secretary in the Office of the Comptroller.

Mrs. Ruth Roys, '36ed, secretary in the Office of the Counselor of Women.

Mrs. Dorothy White, secretary in the department of plant sciences.

Mrs. Phyllis Erwin, hostess at the Delta Tau Delta house, which has been closed.

Jessie Mae Long, '42ed, switchboard operator.

W. W. Chinnis, janitor in the Utilities department.

The following appointments were announced:

Roy Bondurant, director of visual education and short courses in the Extension Division, effective February 1, replacing W. B. Ragan.

Dr. W. B. Ragan, '22ba, '28ma, returned to College of Education as full-time staff member. He has been dividing his time between the Extension Division and the College of Education.

C. C. Callarman, acting assistant professor of secretarial science for the summer session.

Charles E. Foree, departmental assistant in the School of Drama, effective January 15.

Gladys Bellamy, '32ba, '38ma, special instructor in English, effective January 22.

Mrs. Myra B. Brown, '40ed, secretary in the Office of the Comptroller.

Mrs. Marjorie S. Bauman, '42journ, secretary in the Placement Service.

Mrs. Jean J. Langle, '42-'43, secretary of the School of Journalism.

Mrs. Loyce Watson, secretary in the Veterans' Record Office.

Mary Ann Raleigh, '43ba, secretary in the department of modern languages.

Essie Wanda Warden, machine operator and accounting clerk in the Office of the Comptroller.

Mrs. Dorothy Evert Green, secretary in the department of animal biology.

Mrs. Frances Bontrager, secretary in the office of the Counselor of Women, replacing Marguerite Smith.

Marguerite Smith, '43soc.wk, secretary to the Counselor of Women, replacing Mrs. Ruth Roys.

Mrs. Wynema Caswell, '39ba, hostess at Lawson House.

Mrs. Julia Walder, secretary in the department of plant sciences.

An extension of his sabbatical leave to April 1 was granted to C. J. Bollinger, associate professor of geography.

The following changes on the School of Medicine faculty were announced by the Regents:

Dr. Lorenzo M. Farnham, '39med, appointed instructor in surgery.

Dr. Hubert D. Doudna, resigned as professor of anaesthesiology and appointed professor of clinical anaesthesiology.

Dr. Albert D. Foster, Jr., formerly an assistant in the Rockefeller Institute of Medical Research in New York, appointed professor of anaesthesiology succeeding Dr. Doudna.

Dr. Otey Johnson, appointed assistant director of out-patient and admitting department in the University Hospital.

Henry W. Hooper, '26zool, '32m.ed, appointed instructor in histology and embryology.

Building Situation Bad

Checking on President George L. Cross's request to the State Legislature for \$3,450,000 for immediate building and equipment needs, the *Oklahoma City Times* sent staff writer Horace Thompson to the O. U. campus in January.

Mr. Thompson prowled through University buildings, gathered statistics as he went and concluded that the President's request was justified. He turned out a series of articles on conditions as they appeared to him which was published by the *Times* in late January under the following headlines: University's Classes Are Housed in "Barns"; Sooner Campus Has Only One Ample Building; Building Need Hits Oil Study at University; O. U. Technical Schools Lack Adequate Room; Guinea Pigs Thrive, But Scholars Shun



MAN BEHIND SCENES
John (Doc) Dunn, director of WNAD (640 kilocycles), has increased the station's listening audience many fold in the short time since last fall.

Ancient Buildings at OU; Technological Expert, Contortionist Needed to Operate OU Instrument; Fine Arts Department at the State University Is Housed in Auditorium.

Here are some quotes from some of Mr. Thompson's comments about the facilities now being used by various departments, schools and colleges:

Physics: San Francisco's Chinatown contains no more confusing labyrinth of underground passages than the cramped quarters now used by the University's physics department in the basement of the Administration Building. Some of the finest physics research work turned out during the present war has come from these laboratories, and Dr. J. Rud Nielsen, the director, has won world-wide admiration of scientists, and the highest respect even of the United States Bureau of Standards. But he and the advanced students he teaches are forced to stoop to a low crouch beneath the building's heating conduits while dodging around janitor supplies in moving from laboratory to laboratory where the work is being done.

Home Economics: Old Science Hall is held together by 25 long, steel tie rods. The wooden fire trap interior is poorly concealed by the outer brick veneer. On the top floor of the structure, two barn like rooms have been polished until they shine, and are used to teach homemaking to Oklahoma's daughters. When these girls start looking for husbands, they will have to marry insane farmers—or adapt their learning to saner surroundings. No other sort of husband would erect his living room at one end of a 160-acre tract, and the nursery at the other. Yet, the girls at O. U. are compelled to set the table in a living room located a quarter-mile away from the child-care nursery classroom.

Speech: Back in the bloomer days of Soonerland a wooden structure was erected off to one side of old Carnegie Hall for use as the gymnasium at the University of Oklahoma. Its frame shell still haunts the campus, and looks more like a leftover construction shanty than a keystone class building of a great university. It houses the School of Speech, a part of the liberal arts school. Its two floors are crammed with an undergraduate enrolment—and its ancient rotting underpinnings and walls furnish food, shelter and permanent residence for millions of termites.

Engineering: Oklahoma's outstanding place in the field of petroleum engineering education faces collapse unless sufficient physical facilities are provided to keep its advanced program up to date. One of the factors verifying that conclusion of the University of Oklahoma Board of Regents is the hesitancy of oil companies to donate to the University more than \$100,000 worth of laboratory equipment and finely adjusted instruments because there is no room left to install them. Industrial leaders don't want the same sort of thing to happen to their gifts that has been forced on the University art department collection of fine paintings and works of art. These represent a value of \$500,000—but they are stacked in a little dark room at the top of the old University Library building because there's no place to display them.

Geology: The University is the only state-supported institution in Oklahoma offering major work in geology. The School of Geology was the first to receive national and international recognition. Yet that school and the Oklahoma Geological Survey, allied with it, now occupy space in seven different buildings on the campus, utilizing the nooks and crannies of old structures that cannot be used for anything else. There are no laboratories in the school for study of clays, coals, abrasives or other mineral resources of the state.

Chemistry: The University's chemistry department is in similar condition. Laboratory desks originally provided for the small enrolment of long ago have been divided and divided again, until as many as eight students must use the same desk.



FAMILIAR VOICE TO LISTENERS
Chief announcer and head of WNAD's newsroom is Maurice Ogden, Seminole, a coming Oklahoma writer and poet, who edits and broadcasts newscasts sprinkled throughout the day's program.

Fine Arts: If any real musicians ever again come out of the University of Oklahoma, it will be despite the University's handicaps in musical education facilities and not because of the facilities which exist there now. The University has never had a fine arts building. Old Holmberg Hall was erected as an auditorium... Holmberg Hall now offers courses in organ music. The organ studio is located on the auditorium stage, which is the only place on the campus for drama students to practice. Music students get their practice in 25 cubicles which are carved out of the various odd-shaped rooms off the auditorium corridors. Some of these have been divided as many as four times, measure about 4 by 8 feet with barely enough room to contain a piano or other musical instrument and a student. None is sound-proof, but all are so arranged that the practicing of one student is a definite handicap to at least six others trying to practice at the same time.

University Press: Similar jammed conditions exist at the University Press whose book publications on educational subjects have attracted nationwide attention.

Library: The new University Library was built with a capacity for 350,000 volumes, now contains 500,000. Reading room seating space in the Library was designed for 300 students, while normal enrolment requires space for more than 1,000.

Administration: The Administration Building is used for classroom purposes to such an extent that administration offices have had to be scattered over the campus in rooms unsuitable for classroom purposes... In every school, and every building, the same story of overcrowding and makeshift conditions exists.

WNAD Listeners Increase

If figures prove anything, the listening audience of the state's educational station WNAD (640 kilocycles) has increased considerably in the last six months.

In September of 1944, 215 mimeographed schedules were being distributed weekly to WNAD listeners. Last month approximately 4,800 printed schedules listing the month's programs went into the mails.

"We send schedules to one out of three towns in Oklahoma," John W. Dunn, station director, reported. The new printed monthly schedules, which have several advantages over the old mimeographed style, including increased attrac-

tiveness, legibility and length of usefulness, may be obtained by addressing a postcard to the station in Norman.

Fourteen "live" music programs are broadcast each week by WNAD, a greater number than at any time since the station was established. These are presented in co-operation with faculty and students in the College of Fine Arts.

Students who are heard on these programs include Phyllis Force, Lucille Long, Jack Davis and Eileen Boyer, all of Norman; Jean Adams, Duncan; Evelyn Reeburgh, Sheffield, Alabama; Margaret Phyfer, Lawton, and Hazel Jane Hackett, Alva.

Faculty members who participate in the "live" music broadcasts are Mildred Andrews, organist; Joseph Benton, tenor; Dean Lewis Salter of the College of Fine Arts, and Lytle Powell, pianist.

In addition, WNAD throughout the day presents a variety of recorded music, the most popular of which is probably the evening concert of symphonic music.

Six daily newscasts from the leased wires of the Associated Press are spaced throughout the day. Newscasts are handled by Maurice Ogden, Seminole, chief announcer and news editor.

Training Programs Changed

The three armed forces training programs on the University campus last month were in a state of flux. The Navy R.O.T.C. unit may soon be expanded, the V-12 unit is gradually being curtailed and the Army training will be concluded in March.

Effects on the University Navy unit of the House-approved bill tripling the size of the Naval R.O.T.C. were still indefinite in mid-February.

"There are four facts which appear clear," Capt. J. F. Donelson, commanding officer said. These are:

1. The legislation probably will become law.
2. The bill provides for 24,000 trainees for the duration of the war, and for 14,000 trainees during peace time, as compared with the present limit of 7,200.
3. It is a tentative plan of the Navy Department and the details are not yet worked out.
4. The bill calls for 23 additional institutions of not less than 1,000 students to be concerned in the Naval R.O.T.C. program, making a total of 50 colleges which would have Naval R.O.T.C. units.

The bill has to be passed by the Senate and approved by the president before it becomes law.

Vice Adm. Randall R. Jacobs, chief of Naval personnel, said that the total of 52,157 students in the V-12 program, as of November 1, 1944, will be reduced gradually, but 16,976 of them are to be transferred to the Navy R.O.T.C. when and if the bill is enacted.

The selection will be made from the 131 V-12 schools and qualified students will be sent to the 50 N.R.O.T.C. colleges. Added members for the corps are expected to come voluntarily from the colleges.

Maximum quotas for the University's V-12 unit for the next Navy semester which begins in March have been set at 530 and 469, respectively, John B. Cheadle, administrative assistant to the president, announced.

This is a decrease of approximately 70, which is about the number in one class, from the present quota. All those who have not finished their training under the program will be allowed to continue it, but there will be no new trainees. "This means a natural dying out of the program," Dr. Cheadle commented.

Confirmation was received late in January from Eighth Service Command headquarters in Dallas that the Army Reserve Training program will be discontinued at the end of the current term in March. The 250 trainees in the O. U. unit will complete the prescribed three 12-week terms in early March.

The specialized training program was designed for pre-induction training for 17-year-olds, but is being abandoned, Dr. Cheadle said.

Students Forgotten, Brandt Says

In the academic scramble today for more funds and self-advancement, college presidents and faculty members forget, or do not have time to remember, that the main purpose of a university is to teach students to think.

That is the opinion voiced by Joseph A. Brandt, '21ba, former president of the University of Oklahoma now director of the University of Chicago Press, in the January 13 issue of *The Saturday Review of Literature*.

In the article headed "Poison in the Academic Ivy," Mr. Brandt states that the college president of today must be able, first of all, to manage a business enterprise, be an expert at public relations, both on the campus with faculty members and off the campus with patrons who may donate funds to his institution, and speak at a moment's notice on a public issue without offending anyone's feelings.

The former O. U. president also decried the ritual and protocol which binds the "smallness and the compactness of the faculty world."

"As on Army posts, the calling card and white gloves are part of the campus social picture," he wrote. "The road to promotion and higher pay is a slow one and follows an almost inexorable pattern of trial as instructor, probation as assistant professor, and tenure or lifetime appointment as associate or full professor. There will be departmental heads or chairmen and deans whose approbation will be necessary for preferment. In many institutions, the consent of the dean or departmental chairman will be necessary before the faculty member in the department or division may speak with the president."

Mr. Brandt pointed out that the greatest educational innovators—Nicholas Murray Butler, Woodrow Wilson and Robert Maynard Hutchins—dedicated themselves to the simple proposition that universities exist primarily for the student rather than for the faculty.

"The most important question facing any board of trustees seeking a new president should be, not how well he will husband the physical resources of the institution (that being the responsibility of the financial vice president), but how clearly he sees the need for educational reform and a restoration of democratic ideals, and how courageously he is willing to battle for them."

Many Freshmen Are Veterans

Over half of the nearly 100 veterans of World War II studying at the University of Oklahoma are enrolled in their first college work, Fayette Copeland, counselor of men, has announced.

For this reason, English and mathematics classes have more veterans than classes in other subjects. Foreign languages are also popular with ex-servicemen.

Advanced students who have had some college work are taking professional courses, for the most part. Business, engineering and law curricula claim more veterans than other branches, although nearly every department has at least one veteran, Mr. Copeland said.

Three former soldiers are devoting their entire time to professional writing classes offered, while the rest are scattered among education, philosophy, art, drama, radio, physical education and other departments.

A veteran may enrol in the University at any time and refresher courses in selected subjects are held until the next semester of classwork starts.

Veterans Handbook Issued

A handbook to help returning veterans enter the University without delay or confusion has

been issued and is available to anyone who would like a copy.

The handbook tells the veteran what officials he should see, how to find a place to live, how he is admitted and enrolled, what the approximate cost of attending the University is and what courses of study are offered.

Listed as administrative officers for veterans are President Cross, Fayette Copeland, counselor of men; Virginia Reinecke, counselor of women, Guy Y. Williams, liaison officer, and Roy Gittinger, dean of admission.

To Plan Inauguration

A committee of five members was elected at a meeting of the University Senate in late January for the purpose of making plans for the inauguration of President George L. Cross.

Members of the committee are S. W. Reaves, Leslie Hewes, W. B. Ragan, C. F. Giard and C. E. Springer. The committee may add to its membership as need arises.

Rice Returns

Leslie H. Rice, assistant professor of journalism who recently returned to the University after receiving a discharge from the Army Air Force,

has been appointed to serve half-time as assistant to Fayette Copeland, counselor of men, in counseling returning war veterans during the remainder of the semester.

Mr. Rice entered the Army in April, 1944, and served with the Air Technical Service Command in the Special Services department at Shepard Field and San Antonio, Texas.

Art and Music

An exhibition of 14 paintings in gouache by Louis Ribak, whose work is represented in the permanent collection of the Metropolitan and Whitney Museums in New York, was on display in the Art Building in February.

Included were paintings of workers engaged in everyday activities, landscapes and townscapes. Mr. Ribak was recently discharged from the Army and now is living in Taos, New Mexico.

► Following the Ribak collection later in February was an exhibit of art work—oils, charcoals and watercolors—by Leonard Good, professor of art, and Charles Tant, superintendent of Journalism Press, Inc.

Attendance at the Sunday afternoon opening of this exhibit was reported to be the largest in years. Both Mr. Good and Mr. Tant have spent considerable time in Taos with the art colony



O. U. PLACEMENT SERVICE CENTRALIZED

One of the few universities in the nation to operate a centralized placement office for students and alumni, the University of Oklahoma now has a Placement Service handling part-time employment for students, alumni employment and teacher placement. Although the Placement Service has offices in 128 Union Building, headquarters of the Alumni Office, the service is wholly a University affair and has no connection with the Alumni Association. Here Velma Nordin, freshman student from Oklahoma City, files for employment with the Placement Service with the assistance of Mrs. Robert C. Twyman, (right), director, and Mrs. Bill Bauman (Marjorie Smiley, '42journ), assistant to Mrs. Twyman.

there. A painting by the latter was recently on display in the Harwood Galleries at Taos.

► One of the foremost interpreters of American piano music, John Kirkpatrick, was on the campus early in February for recitals, a concert and conferences with music students.

A member of the faculty of Mount Holyoke College in Massachusetts, Mr. Kirkpatrick is deemed by many critics as one of the great pianists of the day.

Library Graduates in Demand

Requests for graduates in library science exceed hundreds of times over the number of persons enrolled in the University School of Library Science, J. L. Rader, director, said. At present there are 13 persons taking library science.

Many public libraries in large and small cities, as well as institutional libraries, are seeking trained librarians and since the University school is one of the finest and best equipped in the country, letters pour into Rader's office daily asking for graduates.

Chess Club Organized

The University of Oklahoma Chess Club was organized in mid-February at Franklin House and has been approved by the University Committee on Student Organizations. Dr. Kester Svendsen, of the Department of English, is faculty sponsor.

Membership is limited to students with a 1.5 grade average for the preceding semester, but all students above the rank of first semester freshmen are invited to attend the meetings. A round-robin tournament has been started and plans have been made for group study of openings, traps and master games.

Organizer of the group was Berton J. Scull, geology major from Lawton.

More Commissions Granted

Seventeen graduates of the Naval R.O.T.C. unit received commissions at a luncheon, held in lieu of the traditional commencement program, on February 24 in the Union Ballroom.

The modified commencement was also the occasion for granting of degrees to 19 Navy men and several civilian students who completed college work late in February at the close of the Navy term, and for awarding of certificates of completion to V-12 trainees who have finished training at O. U.

The affair was planned without speeches or academic costumes. President Cross conferred degrees and Capt. J. F. Donelson, commandant of the Navy unit, commissioned the Navy graduates.

Speech Contests Cancelled

The Oklahoma High School Public Speaking League tournament held each spring at the University of Oklahoma has been cancelled this year, Dr. M. L. Wardell, acting director of the Extension Division, has announced.

The cancellation was necessary because of the recent Office of Defense Transportation order banning conventions and meetings involving more than 50 persons unless absolutely vital to the war effort. However, Dr. Wardell pointed out, individual districts in the state are being urged to hold their debate and public speaking contests as usual.

Lopez Honors O. U.

University of Oklahoma servicemen were honored by Vincent Lopez and his orchestra on their Luncheon with Lopez program of February 17 broadcast over the Mutual Network.

In a letter received at the University notifying officials of the dedication, Bandleader Lopez wrote, "At this time Gerry Larson, Karen Lee, Bruce Hayes, the boys in the band and 'yours truly' will be on hand to entertain especially for you. Hasta la vista."

Oklahoma Books

RECENTLY released by Farrar and Rinehart, *The Missouri*, by Stanley Vestal, was described as "a notable addition to the many fine books in the Rivers of America Series" by a reviewer in the *New York Herald Tribune Weekly Book Review* section of January 28. The book is the 26th volume in the series.

The review written by Stewart Holbrook, author of *Holy Old Mackinaw* and *Iron Brew*, appeared on the front page of the section along with a large reproduction of an illustration from Mr. Vestal's book.

"It is a tremendous panorama of history that the Big Muddy has witnessed," Mr. Holbrook wrote, "and Mr. Vestal, a man by inclination and long residence eminently fitted to chronicle its story, has done it proud."

"Because of the great mileage of the river, the book has been broken into sections, each with a sectional map at its head, and the river's story told, in general, sectionally instead of chronologically. This unusual method works out very well in the present case, for the author is careful to avoid repetition, and one follows the long river from St. Louis to its far reaches in western Montana, with many pauses to contemplate great or amusing incidents in its history, and numerous side trips into its tributaries."

In commenting on the material which the author chose to include, Mr. Holbrook wrote, "Mr. Vestal, all praise to him, does not romanticize the cowhand nor the Indian, but he has filled this book with thumping good stories about both groups, making for a narrative as swift and bumptious as the river."

Mr. Vestal is Walter S. Campbell, who lives in Norman and teaches courses in professional writing on the University of Oklahoma faculty.

► The spring issue of *Books Abroad*, international literary quarterly edited on the University campus by Roy T. House, was scheduled for

release in February. Dr. House is professor of modern languages on the University faculty.

Included in this issue is an article about the American poet and writer, Gertrude Stein, entitled "Gertrude Was Always Giggling," by Arnold Ronnebeck, German sculptor and art lecturer. Accompanying the article is an illustration by Ronnebeck showing Miss Stein and Alice B. Toklas. Ronnebeck, Stein and the painter Picasso were friends in their younger days in Paris and were members of the Bohemian group which lived in the Latin quarter there.

Also included is an article by Jose Osorio de Oliveira, a Portuguese writer, who discusses the question of whether Portugal should align herself with Spain or Brazil. Mr. Osorio advocates the sympathetic alliance of Portugal with Brazil, Dr. House said.

► Maj. Henry D. Rinsland, '20ba, '24ma, University professor of measurements on leave for duty in Washington, D. C., with the War Department, has had published with Dr. A. I. Gates of Columbia University, a series of spellers for the elementary school grades. The Macmillan Company published the books.

► Savoie Lottinville, director of the University Press, and L. J. Carrel, sales manager, attended the annual meeting of the Association of University Presses which convened late in January in New York City.

► *THE TEN GRANDMOTHERS* by Alice Marriott. University of Oklahoma Press, 1945. \$3.00.

This is a distinguished piece of writing, one of the finest books the University of Oklahoma Press has published—and that is saying something. Every reader who cares a whoop about Indians—and especially the indigenous tribes of Oklahoma—will read and buy this book. It was written by a thorough scholar, who has done a solid piece of research among the Kiowas.

The history of the Kiowas has been done before, and done well. In fact, the Kiowas kept their own history on painted buffalo robes. But here we have the history given as experienced by living eyewitnesses, truly and fully, as they saw and felt it. The author has managed to get into the minds of her informants, and has recorded their intimate thoughts and emotions in a manner that would do credit to a biographer or novelist, yet she has been carefully authentic throughout. Here we not merely read history—we live it.

The story starts with 1847 and comes down to yesterday. It presents the Indians as people—not romantically, not as figures in a melodramatic panorama—but as human beings. Those parts of the book which deal with the life and thoughts of women are, naturally enough, especially good; but the whole is as convincing as the Wichita Mountains. The adventures of Eagle Plume, the man, and Spear Woman, the Indian woman, make up the book.

The author writes, "Each sketch may be taken as an eyewitness account of the event related. And where the feelings of a person are described, it is only because he himself said that he felt that way that the feeling is put down. I have tried to tell these stories as much as possible as they were told to me." And what stories they are—of war, of hunting, of ceremonies, birth, marriage, death, and religion. With Nye's *Carbine and Lance* (also a University of Oklahoma Press book) and *The Ten Grandmothers*, O. U. has done herself and the Kiowas proud. The book is illustrated with drawings taken from old Kiowa calendars painted on hides.—STANLEY VESTAL.



SECOND GENERATION

Two generations of American Legion officers look over the new charter of the Thomas C. Reynolds post established last fall at the University of Oklahoma. Seated are (left) J. B. Koch, Norman, department commander of the Legion for Oklahoma, and Milt Phillips, state director of veterans affairs on Governor Kerr's staff. Looking on are (left) Bob Wilson, commander of the Thomas C. Reynolds post, and Floyd Hathcoat, Nowata, adjutant.