

ment exercises to be held at 8 p.m. on Monday, May 28, in Holmberg Hall. Baccalaureate services will be held Sunday, May 27.

Mr. Holman, a graduate of Simmons University, Abilene, Texas, and the University of Texas at Austin, was formerly associated with the Texas Oil Company in Cuba, Mexico and Texas, and with the United States Geological Survey in Washington, D. C., Texas and Oklahoma. He is a member of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists, American Petroleum Institute and Chi Phi.

Navy commencement exercises will be held on June 23 in the Union Ballroom, following June Week events patterned after the traditional activities accompanying graduation at Annapolis. Competition among companies of the Navy units is now going on to select the honor company for June Week. The commander of the winning company will select the Color Girl for the dress parade and inspection to be held on Owen Field June 14.

Senior Week Planned

A bond rally in support of the University B-29 drive was scheduled as the opening event of Senior Week for the Class of '45 from May 7 to May 12. Admission to the all-University affair sponsored by the Senior Class was by a senior activity ticket or bond purchase.

Other events during the annual spring festivities of the graduating class were to be a preview at a Norman theater, a banquet followed by a prom, and a class picnic. President of the Class of '45 is Jack Coe, Navy V-12 trainee from Yuþa City, California.

Chairman of the Senior Week planning committee was Mary Lou Stubbeman, Norman.

Drama Teachers Resign

Merwin Elwell, professor of drama, and Jere Woode-Dell, assistant in drama, recently resigned from the University faculty. The two came to the University last fall from New York City where Mr. Elwell was formerly stage manager for Billy Rose's Diamond Horseshoe and Mr. Woode-Dell was his assistant.

Memorial for Ensign

Memorial services were held early in April for Ensign John M. Lawrence, Jr., '41-'44, Oklahoma City, the first University Naval R.O.T.C. graduate to lose his life in action.

The services took place in Woodrow Wilson Center just off the University campus, with Mr. and Mrs. John M. Lawrence, parents of the ensign, attending as guests of honor. In a memorial address, Dean John G. Hervey, of the School of Law, paid tribute to Ensign Lawrence.

Others on the program were Capt. J. F. Donelson, commandant of the Naval unit, Lt. George P. Haley, of the Navy staff, and Ted Beaird, alumni secretary. W. R. Wehrend, director of University Bands, led the audience in singing "Battle Hymn of the Republic" and "America."

Ensign Lawrence, who would have been 21 last January 23, was reported in December to have been killed in action in the South Pacific. A junior law student at the time of his enlistment, he was a member of Kappa Alpha fraternity and Phi Eta Sigma.

Veterans on Staff

Lt. William E. Mellor, '42, on terminal leave from 25 months of service with the Army Air Forces, has returned to the University to resume his position as an assistant in the counselor of men's office.

Lieutenant Mellor entered service after having served for three years as a counselor at the University. During his tour of active duty, he was stationed at San Antonio, Texas, and at Lubbock Army Air Field.

Another veteran now on the University staff is Roy Bondurant, former ensign in the Navy doing personnel work. Mr. Bondurant, former superintendent of schools at Tishomingo, has been appointed director of visual education and short courses in the Extension Division.

Faculty

W. S. CAMPBELL, professor of English and professional writing teacher, has contracted with Random House, a New York publishing firm, to write a book on the Plains Indians and their battle for survival, covering the whole relationship of these Indians to the white men in war, diplomacy and peace.

Random House announced that Mr. Campbell, who writes under the name of Stanley Vestal, has been asked to write the book because "he is one of the most outstanding authorities on American frontier history, and he knows more about the Plains Indians than any living man who is regularly writing. Better than that, he combines with his vast knowledge, sympathy and interest, the ability to write for the general audience."

Mr. Campbell recently received an honorary membership in the International Mark Twain Society, sometimes called the League of Nations of Literature, which was originally formed for the purpose of "knitting the whole world in bonds of cultured peace." Honorary memberships in the society are awarded to those who have distinguished themselves in some field of human endeavor. Mr. Campbell received the honor for his contribution to literature. The list of members includes Booth Tarkington, George Bernard Shaw, Robert Frost, John Masefield, Nicholas Murray Butler and Winston Churchill.

► Additional publicity has recently been given the home of Henry Kamphoefner, professor of architecture, which he designed and built in south Norman. The April issue of *House and Garden* carried pictures of the house, which was described in editorial comment as "a well-organized small home in Oklahoma . . . designed to meet its own particular needs, but having much to recommend it to any home planner whose space requirements are fairly nominal." The *Christian Science Monitor* for March 28 carried a half-page feature by Dick Ratliff, University professional writing student, accompanied by large illustrations, on the Kamphoefner home. Other articles about the house have appeared in the April, 1944, issue of *Pen Points* and the September, 1944, issue of *Arts and Architecture*. Since news of the house has appeared nationally, Mr. Kamphoefner has received letters from people

all over the country asking him to design houses for them.

► Brig. Gen. Robinson E. Duff, who was assistant professor of military science and tactics at the University from 1921 to 1923, is now assistant commander of the Tenth Mountain Division of the Fifth Army in Italy. General Duff, who was promoted to his present rank last December, was a captain when he was at O. U.

► Mrs. Frances Todd Wheeler, former hostess at the Kappa Alpha Theta sorority and the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity houses in Norman, died in an Oklahoma City sanitarium on March 11. She was 76 years old. A native of Michigan, Mrs. Wheeler came to Oklahoma in the early '90s. During the first World War she was hostess of the Y.W.C.A. house at Camp Donithan, Oklahoma, later coming to Norman.

► Dr. Arthur Bernhart, assistant professor of mathematics, and Mrs. Bernhart are the parents of a baby son, Frank Reiff, born March 13 in Oklahoma City.

► Mrs. Samuel W. Reaves, wife of Dr. S. W. Reaves, dean emeritus of the College of Arts and Sciences, died at her home in Norman on April 8. She was 69 years old. The former Miss Ella Bethea of Wilmington, North Carolina, Mrs. Reaves came to Norman with her husband in 1905, when he joined the faculty. Survivors include Dean Reaves and one son, Capt. Henry W. Reaves, '41bus, on foreign duty.

► Maj. Gen. Edwin P. Parker, who was commandant of the University R.O.T.C. unit from 1927 to 1931, is now commanding the 78th Division in Europe. His division was in the thick of the fighting at the Remagen bridgehead.

► E. M. Edmondson, assistant professor of secondary education and director of the University preparatory schools, will complete study for a doctor's degree in social sciences at New York University, New York City, on a year's leave of absence granted by the Board of Regents. He plans to start work there next month.

► Col. Laurence H. Caruthers, former commandant of the University R.O.T.C. unit, is with the Eighth Army in the Southwest Pacific. In a recent letter to a Norman friend he said, "I am continually running across some of my old students at O. U. They are doing a wonderful job. O. U. may well be proud of them. I am."

► Howard G. Jensen, former University landscape gardener, has resigned as landscape gardener at the Norman Naval Air Technical Training Center to open a private landscaping business in Norman.

► Capt. Orville Tuttle, assistant professor of physical education and football line coach on leave of absence for duty with the Marine Corps, was assigned to Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Virginia, for special training. He was previously stationed at the Marine Corps Air Station, El Toro, California.

► Mrs. Sallie Collings, 76-year-old mother of Dr. Ellsworth Collings, dean of the College of Education, died on March 6 in Oklahoma City. Mrs. Collings' home was in Campo, Colorado. Survivors include her husband, T. J. Collings, now in Norman, and two sons.

► Dr. Felix F. Gastineau, '18med, has resigned as acting director of Ellison Infirmary effective June 1 in order to enter private practice in Tulsa with Dr. Walter A. Hunter. Dr. Gastineau joined the University student health staff in 1939, and became acting head of the Infirmary last year following the resignation of Dr. W. A. Fowler. Before coming to O. U., Dr. Gastineau was assistant physician at the Eastern Oklahoma Hospital in Vinita, had a private practice in Pawnee, and in 1918 was instructor in pathology at the University Medical School.



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