

Decorations

Lt. Col. Cleo C. Ingle, '24ba, Tulsa, was awarded the Legion of Merit medal for outstanding administrative service in the Army recently. Colonel Ingle, now on terminal leave, went into service early in 1941.

► Lt. Jefferson R. Watts, '36-'39, a Field Artillery liaison pilot, was presented with the Air Medal at Fort Sill recently.

► Lt. (jg) Jack H. Walters, '43eng, Oklahoma City, who made seven patrols into enemy controlled waters aboard the U.S.S. *Hammerhead*, is now stationed on the west coast. He was awarded the Gold Star in lieu of the second Bronze Star Medal.

► Major Joe B. Steele, Jr., '37-'38, Ringling, has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal for the performance of meritorious service with the Signal Corps in the South Pacific.

► Maj. Thad Hummel, '38ba, Oklahoma City, has been awarded the Bronze Star in Sarreguemines, France. Major Hummel is now attached to the United States graves registration service in Versailles, France.

► Lt. Col. Eugene B. Dodson, '33ba, former *Daily Oklahoman* reporter, has been decorated with the Panamanian Order of Balboa, with rank of Knight Commander, for his services as head of the Office of Censorship in the Canal Zone.

► Maj. Mark S. Cox, '35ba, former *Tahina American* editor, received the Bronze Star for work as defense commander of an advance airstrip in the European theater. Major Cox has been overseas for the last 18 months.

► Maj. William E. Cruce, '38-'41, Oklahoma City, was awarded the Air Medal and the Distinguished Flying Cross while serving 41 mission over Truk, Iwo Jima and Tokyo. He recently returned to the United States.

► Lt. Col. Roy L. Hickox, '35ba, former *Guthrie Daily Leader* managing editor, was recently awarded the Bronze Star for his work as intelligence officer of the Replacement and Training Command in Italy.

► Maj. Fred W. Dunlevy, '35ba, '37law, Oklahoma City, has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal. Major Dunlevy, who has returned to the United States, was a member of the military observer group which compiled and defined enemy intelligence from front-line positions. He served in the India-Burma theater from March, 1944, to September, 1945.

► Lt. Col. Lorraine S. Fogarty, '31bus, Guthrie, recently was awarded the Brazilian War Medal—*Medalha de Guerra*. Presentation ceremonies were held at the Royal Palace of Caserta, Italy. Colonel Fogarty wears the American Defense Ribbon and the Mediterranean Theater Ribbon with one battle participation star.

► Lt. Lillian Foushee, '30fa, Stroud, was awarded the Bronze Star Medal in Manila. Lieutenant Foushee is a former employee of the O.G.&E. company in Shawnee.

► Capt. Mont. B. Stewart, Jr., '39bus, Oklahoma City, was awarded the Purple Heart, Bronze Star and the European Theater ribbon with five battle stars. Now on terminal leave, Captain Stewart expects his discharge to take effect in January.

► Capt. Neel J. Price, '39ba, '40bs, '42med, Oklahoma City, returned to the United States holding medals that included the Legion of Merit, Combat Medical badge, Presidential Unit citation, Bronze Star with Oak Leaf cluster, Purple Heart with Oak Leaf cluster and the European Theater ribbon with three battle stars. Captain Price is on terminal leave and expects his discharge to be final this month.

► Capt. Charles H. Larson, '42ed, Okemah, has been awarded the Bronze Star for service in Germany.

► Lt. (jg) Fred G. Popkes, '43med, Bartlesville, has been awarded the Bronze Star. He served with the Fifth Marine Infantry division on Iwo Jima, Volcano Islands.

► First Lt. Philip M. Rubins, '41phys, Oklahoma

City, has received the Purple Heart for injuries received in May, 1945. He was also awarded the Silver Star for bravery in action. He is stationed at Bruns General Hospital, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

► First Lt. Joseph Earl Adkins, '38-'39, Lawton, was recently awarded the fifth Oak Leaf cluster to the Air Medal in France. Lieutenant Adkins entered the Army Air Forces in 1942 and had been overseas since September, 1944.

► Lt. Frank C. Vrana, '39-'40, Edmond, has been awarded the Silver Star on Luzon where he was previously awarded the Purple Heart for injuries received. Lt. Vrana also formerly attended St. Gregory's Academy, Shawnee.

► Lt. Col. Maurice A. Marrs, '19-'20, Oklahoma City, commanding officer of the Air Transport Command base in Stockholm, Sweden, was awarded the Air Medal.

► Maj. Al D. Sims, '33bus, Oklahoma City, wears the Bronze Star and the Legion of Merit as an award for 500 days of active combat duty, 250 of which were consecutive, without rest or leave.

► Master Sgt. Russel F. Crooch, '38bs, Oklahoma City, has been awarded the Bronze Star for military operations against the enemy at Manila.

► Maj. Harold C. Kirkpatrick, '40bs, Norman, has been awarded the Air Medal. He was stationed with the Air Transport Command, Calcutta, India.

► Maj. Irving Shefts, '20-'25, was awarded the Bronze Star for participation in the Central Burma campaign. His brother, Maj. Milton Shefts, '30bs, '31ba, '32med, was also awarded the Bronze Star and returned recently to the States after three years overseas.

► Capt. C. H. Nelson, '39journ, Oklahoma City, has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal for service on Luzon.

► Maj. Millard S. Purdy, '38journ, Oklahoma City, has received the Bronze Star for service in the South Pacific, where he served for three years. He is a former reporter on the *Oklahoma City Times* and on the *Oklahoma News*.

► S/Sgt. Bob J. Dunham, '42-'43, Ardmore, was awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action at Leyte.

► Lt. (jg) Phillip Melvin Conkle, '40, Oklahoma City, has been awarded the Air Medal for his services as a pilot with Navy Scouting Squadron 31 in the Atlantic area.

► Capt. Robert E. Whitehand, '33ba, former feature contributor to the *Tulsa World* who was killed in action over France March 27, was awarded the Air Medal and the Legion of Merit posthumously. He was a member of the University drama faculty when he entered service.

► Lt. John Allen Moore, '42eng, Oklahoma City, recently received the Bronze Star Medal for military operations in Italy. He has been overseas since February, 1943, serving in North Africa and Italy.

New Charter Club

On the evening of November 7, 1945, several alumni of Major County met in the city of Fairview for the purpose of presenting their formal application for the Major County Alumni Charter Club.

The O. U. members of the Association signing the application for the charter were Mr. J. Phil Burns ('27ba); Mr. Don Butler ('38); Mr. Wayman Cornelsen ('27-'33); Mr. Austin Firebaugh ('24); Mrs. Raolo Fisher ('18Ph.G); Mrs. E. Lorine Hall ('37); Mr. Dawson Houk ('14bs, '14ba, '21llb); Mr. A. O. Manning ('09-'13); Mrs. Anna Shelton ('28ba); Dr. R. O. Ryan ('30ba, '32bs, '37md), Dr. Don H. Smith ('33bs); Mr. Lyle Smith ('43bus) and Mr. Cecil Ward ('36ba).

At the annual meeting of the Executive Board on November 10, the Major County Charter, along with others, was approved. In the near future a special meeting will be called for the Major County alumni. Their charter-presenting and permanent organization, including election of all officers and members of their board of directors, will then be completed.

Medical School

By BEVERLY HOWARD

Dr. W. L. Haywood has been appointed as chief of staff of the South Ward, Negro Division, of the University Hospital.

The Board of Regents of the University of Oklahoma recently approved Dr. Albert Webb Dudley's appointment as Assistant in Medicine on the faculty of the School of Medicine, effective October 1, 1945.

On October 8, 9, 10 the State Board of Dental Examiners met at the School of Medicine to offer dental examinations for state licensure.

Dr. Tom Lowry, Dean of the School of Medicine, attended the annual meeting of the Association of American Medical Colleges, held in Pittsburg October 29 and 31.

Dr. Floyd Keller and Dr. Howard C. Hopps have recently returned from a trip to Boston in which they attended a post-graduate seminar in legal medicine presented by the Department of Legal Medicine of Harvard Medical School. This was in anticipation of the organization of a Medical Examiner's System in the state within the next few years and the establishment of an independent department of legal medicine at the School of Medicine.

Dr. LeMoyn Snyder, Medical Legal Director of the Michigan State Police, was a visitor at the Medical School Friday, October 26th. Dr. Snyder was in Oklahoma City as a guest speaker of the Oklahoma State Bar Association and talked on Medical Criminal Legal Investigation. Dr. Snyder is a member of both the American Medical Association and the American Bar Association. His work in forensic medicine, especially that concerning homicide, has gained for him an international reputation in this field.

The School of Medicine takes particular pleasure in calling attention to the recent monograph, "The Oxidation of Carbohydrates," from the Department of Biochemistry. This is the second of such monographs to be published by this department and represents a most extensive consideration of this important subject. Dr. Everett and his collaborators are to be congratulated on the achievement which has brought such favorable recognition to them and to the School of Medicine.

No More Uniforms

Eighty V-12 medical trainees at the University of Oklahoma medical school have doffed their navy uniforms and donned civilian clothes to continue their studies. The trainees were recently placed on inactive duty in the naval reserve when they went through the separation center at Norman. A total of 179 V-12 students have been graduated and commissioned as medical officers in the navy from the School of Medicine, Comdr. W. M. Rakow, executive officer, has announced.

Salt Breezes

Among discharged veterans who will return to the University campus at the beginning of the second semester will be Roy Smith Angel, journalism student from Purcell in 1939-41. His course of study was interrupted in September, 1941, when he joined the regular Navy.

Since that time Mr. Angel has served 38 months in the Pacific theater of operations and received his discharge October 27 as a yeoman second class. He was on duty aboard the repair ships *Argonne*, *Medusa* and *Minesweeper YMS 436*.



ROY SMITH ANGEL

The "Vets" Assemble

Young men returning from the various theaters of World War II to the O. U. campus last semester, soon found themselves growing interested as a group in the 27-year-old American Legion. Several months ago, National Headquarters of the Legion heard the story of the success of these young men forming their own Legion post on the campus of the University of Oklahoma and began investigating.

The editor of the *American Legion Monthly*, which incidentally enjoys one of the largest circulations among organizational magazines, soon contacted administrative officials of the University and asked for a feature story on the formation of this group's American Legion post designed for World War II veterans on the O. U. campus. Therefore, late in August, 1943, Ted Beard, Executive Secretary-Manager of the Association, called upon the then-acting editor of *Sooner Magazine*, Elaine Larecy, to prepare this feature for the *American Legion Monthly*.

Miss Larecy did, indeed, prepare an outstanding feature. And—incidentally, within forty-eight hours after her feature had reached the New York office of this world-wide publication, a check for the amount of \$200 was in her hands, paying her for her outstanding contribution in writing up this Sooner activity.

In recent days, the manager-editor and the Board of Directors of the *American Legion Monthly* have granted to the Executive Board of the University of Oklahoma the right to reproduce this story in full as it appeared in the September, 1945, issue of the *American Legion Monthly*. Below we quote the story as it appeared in this publication.

SOONER CAMPUS LEGION

By ELAINE LARECY

From hospital beds in New Guinea, from rest camps in the China-Burma-India theater, from the deep recesses of the Aleutians, from bloody battle



Immediate past commander, Jimmy Walker (left), presents to the new commander, Bob Marrs, the T/O for the World War II Legion Post on the O. U. campus.

grounds in North Africa, Sicily, Italy, France, Germany and the islands of the South Pacific, from the stratosphere over Japan, from the recently liberated Philippines—from every fighting front in the world it's a long way to the peaceful campus of the University of Oklahoma in Norman.

But to that campus every day are coming veterans to resume their education where it was interrupted by the war's call. And at O. U. they find an organization in there pitching for them, designed

to help them solve their problems and make their readjustments—the Thomas C. Reynolds Post of The American Legion, first Legion post of World War II veterans to be established on an American college campus.

Run by and for the student veterans of World War II at O. U., the Post is an efficiently-working group of young men who are rapidly making their mark on affairs at the University. Co-operating closely with the University, receiving advice and inspiration from University officials and members of the downtown Norman Pledger-Allen Post, the boys have set up a program which involves four main points—adjustment needs, housing needs, educational needs and financial needs.

The oft-asked question, "Will the returning serviceman be able to readjust to civilian life?" has turned out to be a largely imaginary bugaboo so far as this group is concerned. Eased back into civilian life through the Legion organization and its activities, veterans at O. U. have experienced little difficulty along this line and have become a vital part of campus life.

As Jim Walker, Commander of the Post, says with a grin, "Find a boy a pretty girl to go with, and half his troubles are over!" O. U. girls are pretty—a luscious blend of the magnolia-and-moonlight Old South belle and the outdoor-loving, sun-tanned Western gal—and the fact that the ex-servicemen have to compete for their time and attention with a large group of Navy men in training on the campus only adds to the fun, Walker has decided. To help with the social readjustment of veterans, the Thomas C. Reynolds Post holds frequent dances, picnics and a variety of other get-togethers.

The housing situation in Norman is complicated by the presence of two large naval bases nearby, and apartments and small houses have been at a premium for several years. Married veterans returning to school and desiring to bring their wives with them have run into the tough problem of simply not being able to find living quarters. When this situation got bad enough, the Legion Post began to do some fast talking with University officials.

Partially as a result of this, bids on a \$275,000 bond issue opened late in June for construction of 96 low-rental living units solely for married veterans, to be put up by the University and paid for over a period of years. Designed by a staff of O. U. architects, the housing project is to consist of 15-row houses, each containing six or eight living

*"I dived into a foxhole---
but the fox hadn't moved out yet!"*

DON'T ASK THE MAN WHO WEARS THIS EMBLEM

Can You Identify It?



The gold button shown here is appearing more and more frequently on civilian lapels. Can you instantly recognize it? Have you considered what attitude of yours will be most helpful to the honorably discharged veteran who wears it? One of them wrote the suggestions on this page.

... how he got hurt, or when, or where. He's likely to give you a silly answer like the one above. It's sheer self-defense, and you'd do the same in his place!

Treat the honorable discharge button as the honor badge it is. Don't make the man who served his country well explain it with a joke.

How does he want to be treated? Just keep these fundamental points in mind:

1. NEVER ask what happened to him.
2. Remember that *he* wants to forget.
3. The worst hurts don't always show.
4. Not all veterans are psycho-neurotics.
5. Not all psycho-neurotics are veterans.
6. He likes to believe he still has that arm.

You wouldn't ask the man who wears an Elk button where he lost his antlers. Treat the man who wears an honorable discharge emblem like one of the boys. He was!

Dennis Wiegand

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units. Each unit will make use of every space-saving trick known to modern architecture, will have the last word in furnishings and will be a joy to any young bride. Rents will be well within the reach of the veteran.

This housing project has the whole-hearted approval of Reynolds Post. As a matter of fact University officials freely admit that it might never have come about "if those kids hadn't got up on their hind legs and howled."

The Legion Post has another function seeing that the veterans' medical needs are cared for competently. Facilities for taking care of men who need medical attention consist of the University Infirmary, the veterans' ward in the University Hospital in Oklahoma City 20 miles away, the Navy Hospital south of Norman for ex-sailors, and the big veterans hospital at Muskogee, state headquarters of the Veterans Administration. Officers of Reynolds Post try to see to it that members go to one of these hospitals when they need medical care.

A majority of the Legion members are in the College of Business Administration and the College of Arts and Sciences, Walker says, adding that the University has gone out of its way to help veterans find the proper courses and get their schedules fixed up. These ex-GI's take their education seriously—they're anxious to learn, and work hard. Either they're already married or they want to be soon, and they're working towards a job, a home and a future with security in it.

Another main duty of the Legion Post, as Walker sees it, is to help the boys out when they get into financial difficulties. Sometimes the slowness of government checks to come through puts individuals on the spot. To help this situation the last Oklahoma legislature provided for a fund from which emergency payments are made to veterans who would otherwise be dead-broke for a month or two. The Legion helps men get assistance from this fund.

The whole thing started last year when the first few ex-servicemen came to O. U. felt the need for some sort of organization. At first they didn't think particularly of an American Legion Post—their ideas weren't that definite. But after conferring with Fayette Copeland, O. U.'s counselor of men, and H. V. Thornton, professor of government and mayor of Norman, both World War I veterans, they realized that the sort of thing they had in mind fitted in perfectly with the Legion set-up.

Grateful that their instinctive need had such a logical answer, the boys then talked with Legion officials, applied for a charter, and were granted one last January 29. There were 19 charter members.

After electing Bob Wilson, veteran of the Alaskan campaign, as first Commander, choosing their other officers and getting their organization set up, the boys started looking for a name for their Post. They decided to name it after the first O. U. alumnus known to be killed in this war, Ensign Thomas C. Reynolds, a Valliant, Oklahoma boy who crashed to his death near Pearl Harbor a week after the fateful Japanese attack of December 7, 1941.

When the Post was formally chartered, the boys sent for the parents of Ensign Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Reynolds, who came up from Valliant to be honored and to see their son's memory honored. They had lunch with a group of University officials, were interviewed over the radio, visited with professors who had taught their son and walked slowly over the campus he had once known as his second home. They listened to a speaker tell the story of his life and death, received homage in his name and added this occasion to their precious store of memories.

From the original members, the Thomas C. Reynolds Post had grown by the end of the spring semester to a membership of 63, and is constantly growing larger. The Post is very proud of its one feminine member, a former Army nurse now married to a veteran also at O. U.

Governor Bob Kerr of Oklahoma is one of their staunchest friends. They are very grateful to his office for the help it has given them, mainly through the work of Milt Phillips, former Department Adjutant of Oklahoma for the Legion, who was brought back from his tour of World War II duty in the Mediterranean Theater to serve on the staff of Governor Kerr, also a Legionnaire, as liaison co-ordinator of work with veterans all over the state.

President George Cross of the University, Mr. Copeland, Alumni Secretary Ted M. Beard, a veteran of both World Wars I and II, and others on the campus come in for praise from the Legion boys.

Valuable assistance has also come from state and local Legion groups. State Commander J. B. Koch, Norman, ardent Rainbow Division "fan" of World War I, is constantly on tap with timely suggestions and advice.

The recent establishment of a branch liaison office of the Veterans Administration in Norman has proved a great help to the boys, making it possible to get information and service without going clear to headquarters in Muskogee.

Illinois Follows O. U.'s Example in Establishing Legion Post

More than 1,200 veterans at the University of Illinois, Champagne, disbanded their World War II organization to follow the lead of the University and establish the 13th campus American Legion post in the nation during a visit of Bob Marr, O. U. commander of Thomas C. Reynolds Post No. 303, first university post.

Also present at the presentation of the charter ceremony was Don White, national World War II field representative of the American Legion, and John Steele, ex-governor of Illinois and chairman of the American Legion committee which drafted and presented to Congress the original GI bill of rights. Mr. Steele at present is a favorite candidate for next national commander of the Legion.

The Illinois veterans decided to re-organize into an American Legion post following repeated failures of the other World War II group to cope effectively with numerous problems which face all World War II veterans at the present time.

As at the University, the chief problem at Illinois is the housing problem for which, in spite of legislative emergency appropriations of \$3,000,000 specifically for such housing, no action had been taken and no effective pressure could be brought to bear.

Other actions taken by the Illinois group consisted of following Mr. Marr's suggestions in relation to the establishment of a tutorial system and loan funds for veterans.

Mr. Marr found that the men at the University of Illinois were also pressing for a three-semester college year, a measure only recently advocated by O. U. veterans.

Sooner Team To Be Good . . . In About 20 Years

By JANE WILSON
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Five of Oklahoma's big rough and tough football heroes are daddies! The addition of seven pound, eleven ounce John Ivey West jr., to the Johnny West household of Oklahoma City recently has brought Johnny into the realm of family men.

Carl Schreiner has a future-football-playing son who is all of 21 months old. The youngster was named after his illustrious father, Carl S. Schreiner III. Carl's brother Henry, another hard-hitting linesman, is the father of the only daughter the football team can claim. Lena Kay Schreiner, who has reached the ripe old age of two months.

Clifford Stone lays claim to having the oldest child of the group. Cliff's son, Richard Clifford Stone, is 22 months old, and no doubt is well on his way to playing on the O. U. varsity team.

George Kerbo, the Duncan flash passer, is "daddy" to Robert Lynn Kerbo, a stout little lad of 16 months.

Just think of all the possibilities in store for these kids (with the possible exception of Lena Kay . . . who COULD be sports editor) with the training they're getting now. O. U. is going to have one whale-of-a-gridiron squad in another 20 years when these babies grow up. With Johnny junior and Robert Kerbo tossing passes, Carl Schreiner III running interference, Richard Stone making 60-yard runs and Lena Kay giving the boys publicity . . . who knows? We might even win the Dallas game!



O. R. Keith, '41, recently discharged from the Navy, returned to the campus for the Homecoming Game some weeks ago and paused to munch hot dogs with two University High "Red-Hots", Neoma Leslie and Marceline Bailey.