

# Sooner Sports

By HAROLD KEITH

## Spring Football

Offense was the theme as Coach Jim Tatum's Sooners finished their spring drills for 1946. All four practice games were high score, the Reds winning 25-14, 26-20 and 33-7 and the Whites taking the finale 27-21. Both T and single wing-back formations were used.

Ends and tackles remain the squad's greatest needs. The backfield situation is more satisfactory with Jack Mitchell of Ponca City, Dave Wallace of Oklahoma City, Johnny Allsup of Matador, Texas, Bill Remy of Norman, Joe "Junior" Golding of Eufaula, Don Fauble of Shawnee, Leroy Neher of Altus, Charles Sarratt of Belton, South Carolina and Laddie Harp of Fairview all looking good among the men who did not play last fall. However the squad obviously needs more strength at all positions.

Centers Max Fischer of Norman, Pete Tillman of Mangum, John Rapacz of Kalamazoo, Michigan, Guards Paul "Buddy" Burriss of Muskogee, Tom Harrell of Dalhart, Texas, Ben Stout of Oklahoma City, Tackles Plato Andros of Oklahoma City and Norman McNabb of Norman and Ends Joe Harrell of Dalhart and Gene Heape of Nowata were linesmen the sideliners noticed.

A four-weeks summer practice will be held from June 15 to July 15 for high schoolers, lately-discharged servicemen and all men not in the spring drill. Tatum hopes to have End Jim Tyree of Oklahoma City and Back Eddie Davos of Muskogee in the summer drills; provided they are released from the Army in time. The Sooner slate for 1946:

Sept. 28—Army at West Point.  
Oct. 5—Texas Aggies at Norman.  
Oct. 12—Texas at Dallas.  
Oct. 19—Kansas State at Norman.  
Oct. 26—Iowa State at Ames.  
Nov. 2—Texas Christian at Fort Worth.  
Nov. 9—Kansas at Lawrence.  
Nov. 16—Missouri at Norman (Homecoming).  
Nov. 23—Nebraska at Norman.  
Nov. 30—Oklahoma Aggies at Stillwater.

## Baseball

Coach Jack Baer's Sooners swept their Texas trip for the first time in modern times and at this writing have won 12 of 13 games. They beat Texas Christian 13-6 and 11-3 at Fort Worth, beat Texas 9-6 and 8-5 at Austin, beat Baylor 6-1 at Waco, beat Texas Christian 4-3 and 9-6 at Norman, beat Southwestern Tech 13-3 at Weatherford and 9-5 at Norman, divided with Iowa State 1-6 and 5-0 at Norman, beat Kansas State 10-2 and 4-2 at Manhattan.

Jack Watkins, ex-marine from Tribbey, who blanked the strong Iowa State team after the Sooners suffered their only setback to the Cyclones, has been Oklahoma's most effective pitcher and is hitting .454. Behind him comes Jack Venable, the fullback-fireballer from Little Rock, Arkansas. Johnny Chyz of Shawnee and Bill Sims of Little Rock catch, Jack Cairns of Clinton plays first, Don Smith of Apache second, Clarence Deal of Oklahoma City third, Elwood Riley of Sayre short-stop and in the outfield are Dale Mitchell of Cloud Chief, Delbert Holt of Shawnee and Graydon Sheen of Apache.

Mitchell was hitting a phenomenal .542 as the team began its northern trip and led in runs batted in, hits, runs and triples. Chyz was second among the regulars with .378, Riley had .333.

Oklahoma's pitchers are no pushovers as hitters this season.

In 11 games so far this spring, Coach Jack Baer's Sooner twirlers have belted the ball for an overall average of .378, robust clouting.

Fred Schneider and Graham Justice are hitting

.666 each while Jack Watkins has a .454 average. The totals are 14 hits in 37 trips this season.

Dale Mitchell, big center-fielder, leads the regulars in hitting with a phenomenal .542, having collected 19 hits in 35 times at bat in 11 games. Although he has averaged drawing two passes in each game, Mitchell leads the Sooners in runs, hits, triples and runs batted in. Oklahoma's regulars are hitting as follows to date:

	Ab	R	H	2b	3b	Hr	Sb	Sh	Rhi	Pct.
Mitchell, cf	35	16	19	1	2	1	5	0	13	.542
Sheen, rf	15	2	6	2	0	1	2	0	7	.400
Chyz, c	31	5	12	3	0	1	4	0	12	.387
Deal, 3b	48	11	16	5	1	0	1	1	8	.333
Riley, ss	42	12	13	2	1	0	2	0	4	.309
Holt, lf	38	9	10	5	0	0	6	0	7	.263
Smith, 2b	38	10	7	2	0	0	5	1	3	.184
Cairns, 1b	39	7	7	0	1	0	2	0	9	.179

All six Sooner pitchers have been effective this year with Roy Angel, reserve right-hander from Purcell, topping the table in earned run average although he has worked only briefly. Baer's pair of Jacks, Jack Watkins and Jack Venable, have worked twice as many innings as anybody else. The pitching figures to date:

	Ip	Er	So	W	Hp	Wp	Av.
Roy Angel	4 2/3	0	3	0	3	0	0.00
Lloyd Nelson	5 1/3	1	2	6	0	0	1.62
Graham Justice	9 2/3	2	2	8	1	1	1.89
Jack Watkins	31	8	27	18	1	1	2.25
Fred Schneider	14 1/3	4	8	11	3	1	2.43
Jack Venable	32	11	31	31	3	7	3.06

## Tennis and Golf

Oklahoma's tennis and golf teams are accompanying the Sooner baseball squad on the current six-game invasion of the Big Six conference.

Coach Bruce Drake's golf team, Oklahoma's first in four years, will consist of Richard Norville of Oklahoma City, John Jacobs, Jr., of Norman (son of the Sooner track coach), Charles Coe of Ardmore and Andy Anderson of Oklahoma City. Coe had the lowest 18 holes—a 69—in intra-squad medal play at the University course here.

Coach Walter Mead's Sooner tennis team was beaten 4-2 and 5-1 recently by Oklahoma City University. Tanell Dakil of Childress, Texas, Bill Swartz of Coffeyville, Kansas, Eugene West of Ada and Marvin Douglas of Tulsa will probably comprise the Sooner racquet swingers for future games.

## Outdoor Track

When Jon Sharp, Sooner hurdling ace, stepped in a depression and sprained his ankle, Miler Lonny Chapman developed both a bone felon and a sprained arch. Discus-pitcher Al Vogle came up with a groin infection, and javelin-peggers George Kerbo and Tom Prince sustained sore arms, the Sooner track team was hopelessly crippled for all outdoor meets.

They limped past Nebraska in a dual meet at Norman 72-59 with George Eidson upsetting Dean Kratz by five yards in the 440, lost to Kansas at Lawrence 59 1/2-71 1/2 and lost to the Oklahoma Aggies at Stillwater 51-80 with Andros taking the shot at 44-11 1/2, Eidson the 440 in 50.6, Kerbo the javelin at 161-1 and the relay team winning by 10 yards.

Last meet is the Big Six Outdoor at Lincoln, Nebraska, May 18.

## O. U. Dean Renamed

Dr. Arnold E. Joyal, dean of the College of Education at the University, has been renamed on the editorial board of the *Review of Educational Research*, official publication of the American Educational Research Association. Three other Oklahomans—Dr. Henry D. Rinsland, '20ba, '24ma, University of Oklahoma; Roland Beck, '26ma, '32ph.d., Central State College, now in Washington, and J. Andrew Holley, '20, Oklahoma A. and M. College—are members of the Association.

## J. E. Fellows, T. U. Registrar, Is Named Dean

Dr. J. E. Fellows, registrar at the University of Tulsa, has been named dean of admission and records here effective July 15, President Cross announced.

Dr. Fellows' appointment was made following a request by Dr. Roy Gittinger, veteran University administrator and professor, to be relieved of administrative responsibilities July 1. Dr. Gittinger will devote full time to teaching duties in the history department.

Authority to appoint Dr. Fellows was given by the University Board of Regents at the April meeting.

In addition to directing the work of the admissions office and the registry office, Dr. Fellows will have the rank of professor of secondary education, which is the same faculty rank he held at Tulsa.

Dr. Fellows holds the B.A., M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the state University of Iowa. During his 16 years at Tulsa, he has served as director of the summer school, professor of education, registrar and director of admissions and as secretary to the faculty.

Dr. Fellows is a member of the Oklahoma Association of Collegiate Registrars, National Education Association, Phi Delta Kappa, Kappa Delta Pi, Psi Chi and the Oklahoma teacher certification advisory committee. He is a member of the Tulsa Kiwanis club and the First Presbyterian Church.

Dr. Gittinger, dean of admissions and professor of English history, has held administrative positions under every University president from David Ross to George L. Cross.

In addition to his teaching duties, Dr. Gittinger has served as principal of the preparatory school, registrar, dean of undergraduates, acting dean of the Graduate School, dean of administration and since 1941, dean of admissions.

In point of service, Dr. Gittinger is the senior professor on the campus. He has been professor of English history since 1905.

He is author of *The Formation of the State of Oklahoma and The University of Oklahoma, A History of the First Fifty Years, 1892-1942*. He also has contributed to several editions of *Encyclopedia Britannica*.

In 1945 he was one of four Oklahomans chosen for the Oklahoma Hall of Fame.

He is a Phi Beta Kappa and a member of the Oklahoma Educational Association, Mississippi Valley Historical Association, and American Historical Association.

## Communications Award Given

A bronze plaque commemorating his outstanding achievements in the field of communications and his record as a public servant, was awarded Paul Walker, '12law, by the Oklahoma members of the Association for Education by Radio.

The award was made during the Annual Radio Conference on station problems which was held in Oklahoma with the University of Oklahoma as host. The conference was attended by station executives, writers, advertising agency representatives and educators from 19 states.

Mr. Walker was speaker at a banquet in Oklahoma City at the time the award was made.

He has been a member of the Federal Communications Commission since 1934. Previously he had served as Oklahoma corporation commissioner, counsel for the corporation commission, faculty member at the University of Oklahoma and a public school administrator at Shawnee.

Commissioner Walker has been active in University of Oklahoma alumni affairs since his graduation. His son, Paul Walker, Jr., is now a student at the University.

## Memorials to Two O. U. War Dead Set Up

Memorials in the form of cash prizes commemorating the life and work of two former O. U. students, one also a former faculty member, have been announced by University officials.

The Kayser Memorial Award will be made annually by Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Kayser, Chickasha, in honor of their son, John Winston Kayser, journalism graduate who was killed in action in France.

The award carries a cash prize of \$250 and will be presented to the outstanding senior man in O. U. journalism. A committee composed of the University president, the president of the Oklahoma Press Association, newspapermen serving on the Board of Regents and the director of the School of Journalism will make the award.

Scholarship, achievements in journalism and Christian leadership will determine the selection. The winner, according to stipulations of the award, will use the money to make investigative studies in journalism through travel.

The second memorial was created by Harlan Mendenhall, detective story writer and former O. U. student, in memory of Robert Whitehand, journalism graduate, former drama school faculty member and himself a successful playwright, also killed during the war.

Three cash prizes will be offered by Mr. Mendenhall at the short course in professional writing to be held June 24 to 27 at the University, and are slated to become an annual feature of the short courses.

In announcing the award, W. S. Campbell, short course director, said the prizes will be offered for the best original unpublished detective or mystery story submitted at the short course.

Mr. Whitehand, promising young Oklahoma playwright and short story writer, was killed in 1945 in an air raid over Germany. Before turning to creative writing, Mr. Whitehand did newspaper work at Tulsa after receiving his B.A. degree in journalism in 1933 at the University. He returned to obtain his M.A. degree in speech and dramatic art in 1936.

Mr. Whitehand twice won the Oklahoma prize offered by the University School of Drama for two plays, "Precious Land" and "Pegasus on Foot." He later produced a play based on the life of Sam Houston entitled "Return to Exile."

While doing graduate work at the University of Iowa, Mr. Whitehand edited "American Prefaces" and had two short stories reprinted in Edward J. O'Brien's "Best Short Stories of 1936" and in Harry Hansen's "O. Henry Memorial Award Prize Stories in 1938." Mr. O'Brien's 1936 volume was dedicated to Mr. Whitehand as the most promising short story writer of the year.

He was on the University faculty in the School of Drama in 1942 when he entered the Army Air Forces, in which he trained as a navigator and became historian of the Eighth Air Force in England.

Mr. Mendenhall, who received his B.A. degree in journalism in 1937 at the University, has sold more than 450 stories in the detective magazine field and others which have appeared in writer's magazines. After leaving the University he worked as reporter-photographer on the *Daily Oklahoman* and as script writer for the National Broadcasting Company. He now devotes full time to magazine writing.

While in the Army Mr. Mendenhall wrote scripts for training films and later was cameraman for the A.A.F. motion picture service.

The Robert Whitehand awards will consist of \$100 for first; \$50 for second and \$25 for third prize. Only persons who have not sold detective or mystery stories will be eligible to enter stories.

Manuscripts are to be sent to Mr. Campbell.

John Winston Kayser was born at Chickasha in 1916 and was educated in the public schools there. He was active in the Boy Scouts and was president of his class during the six years he attended Chickasha Junior and Senior High Schools. His



WELDON FERRIS

### District Judge Appointed

Weldon Ferris, '29ba, '31law, is the new judge of the third judicial district of Oklahoma. Judge Ferris was appointed by Governor Robert S. Kerr on February 1 to replace Judge John B. Wilson of Frederick. Judge Wilson resigned to enter private law practice with his son in Frederick.

The third judicial district comprises Jackson, Tillman, Kiowa and Washita Counties.

Judge Ferris practiced law in Altus and then in Oklahoma City, returning to Altus in 1935 as county attorney of Jackson County. He was elected county attorney five times. He resigned during his fifth term to become judge on the State Industrial Commission of Oklahoma. He served in this capacity from January 1943 until his appointment as district judge.

He is an active state and civic worker, a former Red Cross county campaign chairman and was one of the first U.S.O. county chairmen in the state. He also takes an active interest in agricultural groups and has worked extensively with 4-H and other organizations.

He was married in 1931 to Ruth C. Smith, '30ba. They have an eight-year-old daughter, Emily Ann.

high school activities also included membership in the glee club and the debate team.

He entered the University in 1934 and completed the community journalism curriculum in the School of Journalism in 1938. While at the University, he served in editorial and business capacities on the *Oklahoma Daily*, student newspaper, was active in student affairs, and was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity and Sigma Delta Chi, men's journalistic fraternity.

At various times while in high school and college, he had worked on his father's newspaper, the *Chickasha Star*, and took a staff position after his graduation from college.

In the summer of 1938 he went with a group of Oklahomans and Texans to Point Barrow, Alaska, to erect a monument at the scene of the airplane crash where Will Rogers and Wiley Post lost their lives.

Mr. Kayser returned to the staff of the *Chickasha Star* and worked there until he entered the Army as a reserve officer on July 1, 1940. After service at various camps in the United States, he went overseas in August, 1944, and three weeks after going into action was killed November 14, 1944, near Metz while serving with the 95th Division of Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's Third Army. He was a Field Artillery captain.

Mr. Kayser married Miss Carol Askey of Amaril-

lo, Texas, May 8, 1943, and he was the father of a daughter, Carole Ann. He had planned after the war to return to Chickasha to edit the *Star*, and live on a ranch near Tabler where he could also raise cattle.

### Education Queen of '24 in O.C.

Mr. E. H. Bracken and Salome (Smith) Bracken, '25ed, are now living in Oklahoma City. Mrs. Bracken was Educational Queen, '24 (Homecoming). They have one daughter, Marjorie, who is 14 years of age.

### Music Grad Is Supervisor

Dolly (Smith) Connally, '26fa, is supervisor of the public schools in Norman. She is director of Norman Vesper Choir, an inter-denominational organization of 100 membership. Mrs. Connally has two sons, Harold and Dewey. Harold is now serving with the Navy and is stationed in San Diego. Dewey plans to enter the University at the beginning of the fall semester.

### Fleming Honored by Posthumously Awarded Citation

For gallantry in action with the 102nd Division in the Philippine Islands on the night of May 6, 1942, First Lt. Clyde E. Fleming, Air Corps, was awarded the Silver Star posthumously.

His mother, Mrs. C. C. Fleming, Norman, was presented the medal by Col. James J. Waters, R.O.T.C. commandant and professor of military science and tactics, in a formal and colorful ceremony in the Armory of the University of Oklahoma late in April.

Lieutenant Fleming, a graduate of the University in 1926, was killed when a prison ship was sunk off the Philippines September 7, 1944, after his having been taken prisoner by the Japanese in May of 1942.

Lieutenant Fleming personally conducted two trucks loaded with rations into the areas being shelled and supervised distribution into units on the front lines.

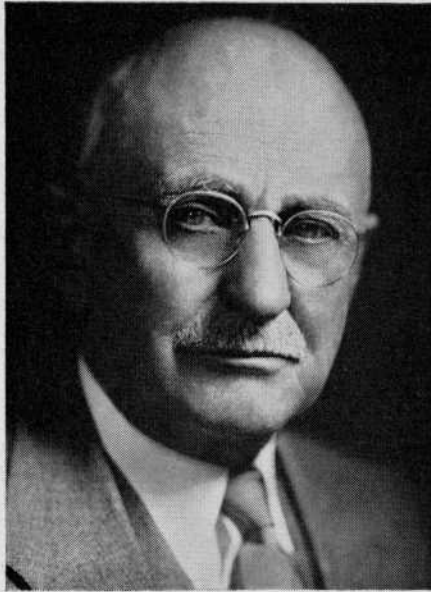
The Air Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster was awarded First Lt. James M. Mahaffey, Norman. He is also a graduate of the University.

The citation read "for meritorious achievement while participating in sustained operational flight missions in the Southwest Pacific area. The courage and devotion to duty displayed during these flights are worthy of commendation."



The Late LT. CLYDE E. FLEMING





The Late DR. COLE

## First Alumni President Dies

Dr. Lawrence Wooster Cole, '99ba, former head of the psychology department of the University of Colorado, Boulder, and a regent of the institution for six years prior to January, 1945, died recently in Boulder following an illness of five months with a heart ailment.

Dr. Cole was the first president of the University of Oklahoma Alumni Association 47 years ago. Serving with Dr. Cole in the formation of the Association were C. Ross Hume, '98, secretary, and Roscoe S. Helvie, '99, treasurer.

Born in Toledo, Ohio, May 15, 1870, Dr. Cole obtained his B.A. degree from the University in 1899. In 1904 he received his M.A. from Harvard University, and in 1910 obtained his Ph.D. degree there.

In 1901 Dr. Cole became an instructor of psychology at the University and was named full professor in 1904. From 1901 to 1907 he was a member of the board of education in Norman.

In 1908 he went to Wellesley College as instructor in experimental psychology staying there until 1910 when he was appointed professor of psychology and education at the University of Colorado. Between 1911 and 1920 he was also director of what was then called the School of Social Service.

Dr. Cole is the author of a textbook, *Factors of Human Psychology*, which is used in several institutions including McGill University in Toronto, Canada. He has also written numerous reports of experimental investigations in comparative and human psychology.

His work has been recognized by several scientific societies. Among these are the American Association for the Advancement of Science in which he is a fellow; the American Psychology Association, Sigma Xi and Phi Beta Kappa. He is a member of Sigma Nu social fraternity and was listed in the 1936-37 issue of *Who's Who in America*.

In World War I Dr. Cole served as a captain in the Sanitary Corps. He was stationed at Camp Greenleaf, Georgia, and later at a recuperation hospital in Denver that was the predecessor to the Fitzsimmons Hospital.

Dr. Cole was not content with only teaching. He has conducted research work and has studied the psychological experiments of foreign scientists. He translated Duprat's *Psychologie Sociale*, and reviewed a number of reports of scientific investigations for the periodical *Biological Abstracts*.

In doing the latter, he became so interested in the work of the Pasteur Institute in France and other

scientific centers that in 1929 he and his family went to England and France for three months of study and travel.

Dr. Cole is survived by Mrs. Cole, the former Fannie Bell Cooksey, and three daughters. The daughters are Mrs. James S. Slotkin, the former Elizabeth Cole, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Charles A. Sand, the former Margaret Cole, Boulder, and Mrs. Thomas Webber, the former Mary Cole, New York City. One grandchild and one sister also survive.

## Tom Yarbrough Initiated Into Phi Beta Kappa

GEORGE SOURIS, N.R.O.T.C.  
O. U. Journalism Junior

One of the few correspondents to cover every phase of World War II was Tom Yarbrough, former O. U. journalism student. Now a member of the St. Louis bureau of the Associated Press, he was initiated into Phi Beta Kappa, national honorary scholastic fraternity as an alumni member, on April 23 at the University.



GEORGE SOURIS

A student at the University in 1932, Mr. Yarbrough majored in journalism and minored in English.

His first newspaper position was as a reporter on the *Oklahoma City Times*. Three years later, in 1935, he became a member of the Associated Press staff in Oklahoma City. The following year he was transferred to the St. Louis A.P. bureau. From there he moved on to the Kansas City bureau, in 1938, where he was promoted to night supervisor.

By 1939, Mr. Yarbrough was on the New York A.P. staff, and in September of that year worked with the London bureau where he reported his blitz for two years.

While en route to the Cairo (Egypt) bureau, Mr. Yarbrough was in Pearl Harbor bay at the time of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. His vivid account of the raid, "It Sounded Like The Real Thing, It Was Real!" has been incorporated in the A.P. publication, *Reporting To Remember*, which includes a collection of unforgettable stories of World War II by A.P. correspondents.

After being stationed in Australia, Mr. Yarbrough was transferred to Guadalcanal in 1942 where he covered, among other assignments, the Coral and Bismark Sea battles. The next year he reported the Solomons naval battle and in 1944 he moved on to the London bureau.

D-Day found Mr. Yarbrough covering the Normandy invasion from the British destroyer *Cottesmore*. In covering the European invasion, he wrote a story in December, 1944, describing the slaughter of American soldiers by the Germans. From March, 1945, to the close of hostilities in Europe, Mr. Yarbrough was assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division.

Mr. Yarbrough was one of four correspondents honored in the March, 1945 issue of the *AP World*, official national A.P. magazine. This publication stated he covered every important phase of World War II, "a distinction held by few others."

During World War II, Mr. Yarbrough has written approximately 1,500 articles, of which 500 were by-lined. These stories appeared in approximately 1,500 daily newspapers. His writings are important because they constitute current history written by a man who was an eye-witness while that history was being made.

In collaboration with Oliver Gramling, Mr. Yarbrough wrote the book, *Free Men Are Fighting* in 1942.

## Brooks Says Success Is Life Journey

Success is not a destination but a journey, Dr. Stratton D. Brooks, former president of the University, said in his address to the annual Phi Beta Kappa banquet held late in April on the O. U. campus. The essential point of success is "to remember everything separately and do it to the best of your ability."

"You have to have thinking before any work can be done, a plan for everything that is made," Dr. Brooks reiterated. For example, five years ago a mathematical formula was developed which, although neglected for years, ultimately enabled the invention of the spectroscope and the discovery of helium.

"There are three things that you get out of school instruction," he stated; "facts, development of habits and judgment. The latter is the ability to select facts and realign them to reach a sound conclusion."

"I found the study of Greek very valuable," Dr. Brooks quipped. "If I hadn't had it, I wouldn't have been able to work crossword puzzles." More seriously he added, "The chief value of the study of Greek is that it develops the thinking power of the student."

## Teachers Get Credit

Latest forward step in the University of Oklahoma adult education program is the granting of residence credit for work teachers complete at the graduate study center in Oklahoma City. All but 16 hours of credit for a master's degree in education at the University may be earned at the center or through a combination program of center study, correspondence and extension classes or transferred credit from another college.

## Summer Event Planned

Nationally known speakers will appear on the program at the fifth annual Association for Childhood Education workshop to be held at the University June 10 to 22. Held annually since 1941, the workshop attracts teachers from Kansas, Texas, Oklahoma and other states of the southwest.

## O. U. Historian Revises Article on Ranch Brands

Dr. E. E. Dale, '11ba, research professor of history at the University, revised the article on cattle branding for the forthcoming 1946 printing of the *Encyclopaedia Britannica*.

The University historian, once a cowboy in southwestern Oklahoma, points out that such famous brands as "Rocking Chair," "Two Circles," "XIT" and "Spur" were known over a much larger area than were the coats of arms of the great feudal lords of medieval Europe.

## 30 Colleges Use It!

*Western America* a textbook by Dr. Carl C. Rister, research professor of history at the University of Oklahoma, is being used by 30 universities and colleges in the United States and Canada. Dealing with the exploration, settlement and development of the region beyond the Mississippi, *Western America* was published in 1941.

## Market Future?

Lloyd W. Maxwell, '12ba, is now an economist and statistician for Louis H. Whitehead Company, New York City. An article by Mr. Maxwell entitled "Is a Stock Market Collapse Coming?" was recently printed in the *Commercial and Financial Chronicle* in which he contended that there is no cause for such unless it is caused by conditions outside Wall Street.