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O. U. EXPANDED BY ACQUISITION OF AIR STATION

Acquisition of the \$7,000,000 Norman Naval Air Station will double the present evaluation of the University of Oklahoma and provide needed housing next September for what promises to be the largest enrolment in history.

Used for primary flight training for three and one-half years, the Naval Air Station includes 1,650 acres, 98 buildings, and shop and other equipment. The air base was turned to the state of Oklahoma on a revocable permit.

President George L. Cross said the buildings would be a boon to housing veterans and providing additional classroom space. The Federal Public Housing authority will be asked to convert the 23 barracks into apartments and dormitories for veterans.

Property value set by the Navy's bureau of yards and docks was:

Land and appurtenances, \$2,468,426.96.

Buildings and structures, \$4,133,974.91.

Shop equipment and furniture, \$494,063.18.

Included in the buildings are two hangars, four squadron administration buildings, barracks, recreation building, drill hall, swimming pool, mess building and many smaller structures. The University used four barracks as temporary housing for married veterans during the spring semester and is converting five other barracks.

The landing area is criss-crossed by long runways and is flanked by wide aprons, parking areas and hangars. This part of the station will be used for an expansion of aeronautical engineering and aviation activities.

The base is less than two miles from the University campus.

New Radio Short Course To Be Offered

A new short course in radio entitled "The Radio Station in America" is to be offered at the University from June 24 to July 3. Dr. Sherman P. Lawton, co-ordinator of radio instruction, will be in charge of the institute and colloquium.

Although enrollment will necessarily be limited, the course is open to both those who are and who are not enrolled in the regular session of summer school at the University. The enrollment fee of \$12.50 will include special instruction, transportation and out-of-town meals on field trips. A guest faculty is expected which includes 15 part-time professional people in radio.

Lecture or Entertainment?

Which will it be—magician, lecturer or musician? The University of Oklahoma lecture-entertainment bureau has been reopened and again will arrange for faculty speakers, student entertainers and musical groups to answer requests from Oklahoma communities. George E. Walton, who recently returned to the extension division staff after war service, is director of the bureau.

O.U. Grad Becomes T.U. Registrar

George V. Metzel, '34ba, '34ma, has been appointed registrar at Tulsa University and will assume his new duties June 15. Mr. Metzel has been serving as assistant professor of English there, as well as assistant to the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, since last fall.

He succeeds Dr. John E. Fellows, who has served as registrar at T. U. for 16 years and is now leaving to become the new dean of admissions and records at the University of Oklahoma, replacing Dr. Roy Gittinger, '02ba, who recently resigned this post.

After graduating from the University of Oklahoma, Mr. Metzel studied at Cornell University for a year, majoring in literature. His wife, the former Mary Allgood, '35ba, is also a graduate of O. U.

In 1934. Mr. Metzel became principal of Hollis High School, where he also taught English. Three years later, he joined the staff of East Central State Teachers College in Ada where he remained until going to Tulsa University. While at East Central, Mr. Metzel was associate professor of English and worked in their extension division and speakers bureau.

He is a member of the Oklahoma Education Association, the National Education Association, the Oklahoma Council of English Teachers and Phi Delta Kappa, national education fraternity.

The Cover

Earnest Hoberecht, '41journal, United Press foreign correspondent, talks with former Japanese war lord Hideki Tojo during a recess at the International Military Tribunal for the Far East in Tokyo. Looking on is Lt. Col. P. S. Kentworthy, who is responsible for guarding Tojo and the other defendants on trial as war criminals. Tojo told Mr. Hoberecht his new civilian clothes looked better than the uniform Mr. Hoberecht was wearing at the time of their first meeting. At that time, Mr. Hoberecht was wearing his correspondent's uniform—and Tojo was in a U. S. Army hospital recovering from a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

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