

Faculty

Mrs. Eva E. Dungan, Los Angeles, California, former piano instructor at the University, has been in Oklahoma City during the past few months. Mrs. Dungan is the donor of the Ellsworth Dungan Award which is given annually to an outstanding member of Mu Phi Epsilon, honorary music society for women.

Choir directors, organists and ministers will gather on the University campus February 14 and 15 to attend a conference on church music, sponsored by the Oklahoma School of Religion and the O. U. School of Music. The conference will consider a wide variety of topics including hymn playing, program planning, materials, rehearsals and budgets, and music for special events.

Appearing on the program will be Miss Mildred Andrews, organist and assistant professor of music; E. J. Schultz, chairman of the department of vocal music; Chester Francis, director of O. U. choral groups, and Miss Wilda Griffin, associate professor of music. Dean C. Clyde Hoggard of the School of Religion will preside at each session.

Dr. James L. Nicholson, '31med, and Dr. John A. Rollow, '43med, were appointed recently by the Board of Regents to the Ellison Infirmary Staff. Other appointments on the campus included: Mrs. Mary Margaret Cook, '45bs, physiotherapist; Richard Frank Lemon, '45me, graduate assistant in mechanics; William Kenneth Maddox, '41pe, engineering drawing; Richard Lynn Baggett, '38-'41, assistant pharmacy instructor.

Domer V. Dougherty, '42ec, assistant instructor in engineering drawing; Ernest Madison Jameson, Jr., '41-'43, teaching assistant in engineering drawing; Travis Lanier Scott, '39-'42, teaching assistant in engineering drawing; John C. Reiff, '39-'43, assistant instructor in engineering drawing; M. H. L. Keener, '44pe, assistant instructor in engineering drawing and mechanics.

Clerical appointments included: James F. Musser, '40ba, junior psychometrist, University guidance center; Mrs. Matilda Thompson Starns, '41 lib.sci, assistant in visual education, extension division; Marcine Ann Hamilton, '46ba, clerical secretary and teaching assistant in modern languages; Mrs. Betty Barclay, '45bfa, reappointed assistant photographer, photographic service; Mrs. Charlotte Price, '42ed, bookkeeper, comptroller's office, housing department; Mrs. Mollie Ann McGill, '46bus, clerk, book exchange.

H. V. Bozell, formerly a professor of electrical engineering at the University, is now president of the General Telephone Corporation with offices in New York, New York.

Dr. Roy A. Morter, '13med, and William Arthur Morter, '40ba, met in Norman recently for the Homecoming activities on the campus. Dr. Morter is head of the State Hospital at Kalamazoo, Michigan, and Mr. Morter is in the abstract business in Plainview, Texas.

Dr. Milton Hopkins, former University faculty member, and Mrs. Hopkins, Long Island, New York, are the parents of a daughter, Rebecca Hart, born November 9.

Several University graduates are now instructors on the campus. The list includes: Betty Coe Armstrong, '39drama, drama instructor; Sarah Hovis, '39ba, kindergarten instructor; Leon F. Lee, '40ba, '46ma, economics instructor; William W. Whiteman, Jr., '36ba, '37law, '40bus, assistant professor of accounting; Lowell Dunham, '32ba, '35ma, assistant professor of modern languages; William S. Paxson, Jr., '41ma, instructor of modern languages; Donald Wayne Peters, '40ba, modern language instructor; Peggy Lee Morris, '44ba, instructor of modern languages; Warren J. McGonnagle, '42ms, instructor of physics; and Porter Howard Stovall, '43bs, pharmacy instructor.

Dr. A. O. Weese, dean of the graduate college, attended the Midwest Wildlife conference early in December at Columbia, Missouri, and the Conference of Deans of Southern Graduate schools at Memphis, Tennessee.

Dean Joyal Urges Reforms In Oklahoma School System

Oklahoma's school district system is "inefficient and extravagant" and should be reformed immediately to provide equal opportunity for children in all parts of the state, declares Dean A. E. Joyal of the University of Oklahoma College of Education.

Today's system was a development of colonial days and was extended westward with the settlement of the nation, Joyal explained recently. Even though the eastern states were the first to reorganize the system, only now are western states moving in that direction.

"Oklahoma is cursed with the district system of school administration in its extreme form," Joyal stated. "Our state has over 4,400 local units. Nearly 1,000 districts maintain no school but arrange to send children to an adjacent district. About half the 3,500 remaining districts maintain one-teacher schools."

Joyal pointed out that Oklahoma counties average 57 districts, ranging from 112 in Grant county to 10 in Harmon county. Four counties have more than 100 districts.

The O. U. dean said that Oklahoma has too many small high schools—35 of them enrolling fewer than 25 students and 232 having fewer than 50.

The assessed valuation of some of the poor districts is so low that at the maximum rate of 15 mills some districts would collect less than \$100 a year for schools, Joyal explained.

The educator declared that Oklahoma should conduct state and county wide school studies as the first step toward reform. He advised the appointment of a commission and the appropriation of funds by the legislature to carry out research to determine where savings can be made and how better schools can be obtained.

Sooner News Pleases Ritchie

Fort Mead, Trinidad,
December, 1946.

Dear Ted:

Was very pleased to learn that you were in receipt of my check covering my annual alumni dues. Here's hoping that being overseas will not prevent the regular appearance of that SOONER MAGAZINE each month. It's really a part of home, hearing from Oklahoma University.

Have just had a report by short wave that Oklahoma has just walloped the Aggies by the overwhelming score of 73 to 12. Apparently someone wanted to impress the COWBOYS with the fact that we have a football team this year, and rightly so. It's nice to see old familiar names, such as Jim Tyree, back in there again, resuming pre-war activities without so much as a break in stride.

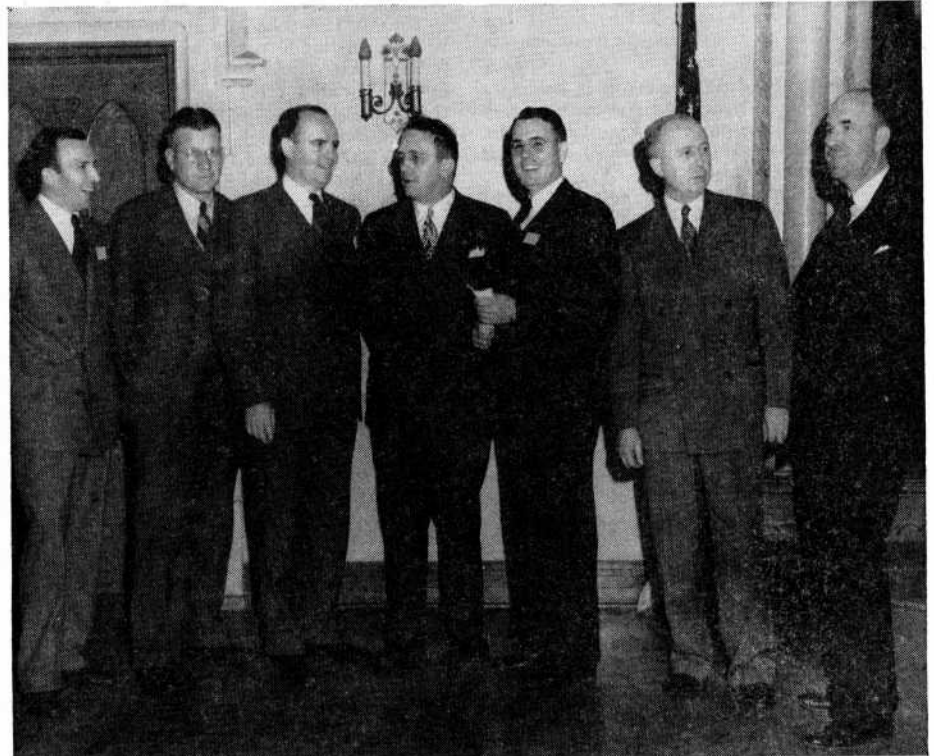
There isn't a great deal to report from this section of the globe now that the fighting is over. However the maintaining of these hospitals, even now, is essential, so undoubtedly a few of us will remain here at least another year. A constant daily reminder that for a lot of our American boys the War is far from being over; and for a lot more the war will never be over.

Am enclosing the announcement of my marriage which appeared in the Daily Oklahoman a short time ago. My wife and I attended meetings of the St. Louis chapter of the Oklahoma alumni while I was attending school in that city, making numerous friends in that group.

That is about everything for now. Thanking you for your kind and courteous attention and hoping to hear from you in the near future,

I remain, sincerely,
An Oklahoma Friend
Lieut. J. R. Ritchie, '42,
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359 Station Hospital
A.P.O. 869, c/o P.M.
Miami, Florida.

Mrs. Georgiana Hammett, '46fa, Norman, has been employed by radio station KOCY, Oklahoma City, as a part-time continuity writer. Mrs. Hammett is studying for a master's degree in radio writing.



LEADERS, AUDIO-VISUAL AIDS CONFERENCE, UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA, DEC. 11, 1946
Left to right are: Thurman White, W. R. Fulton, R. Boyd Gunning, Francis Noel, Garold Holstine, Edgar Dale, Arnold E. Joyal.