

# Association Progress

## Noble Foundation Donates \$15,000 Microscope to O.U.

A new \$15,000 electron microscope is aiding University of Oklahoma physical scientists in searching into unknown realms of knowledge.

The instrument, one of three of its kind in the state, was donated to the University of Oklahoma Research Institute by the Robert Noble Foundation of Ardmore. The microscope allows the Institute to carry on research not possible with ordinary optical microscopes.

The microscope is the largest gift ever received by the Research Institute at one time.

## Witt Memorial Founded at O.U.

The Lt. Orville S. Witt Memorial Collection fund has been established by Dr. and Mrs. O. S. Witt, Oklahoma City, for the purchase of books for the School of Architecture library at the University of Oklahoma.

The memorial will honor one of the 455 Sooner alumni who were killed during the war. Orville S. Witt, a promising architectural student, left the University in 1940 to join the Army and went overseas as a B-17 pilot in October, 1942.

He was killed in December, 1942, in an air battle over France after a bombing attack on Romilly-sur-Seine. Witt's plane was attacked by enemy fighters and was last seen near Rouen, France.

Witt had completed four years of the five-year course and planned to return to the University after the war. Henry L. Kamphoefner, architecture professor, said Witt had shown "great promise for a brilliant future in architecture."

The parents presented \$500 to the fund as their first contribution to it. The books will be available for the use of all students in the school.

In accepting the memorial for the University, President George L. Cross commended the Witts for providing an educational project that will aid future young architects in preparation for a career.

Architectural students will engage in a competition for a memorial book plate design this spring. Three cash prizes totaling \$50 will be presented by the donors of the fund. The winning book plate will be used in books purchased for the collection.

## Extension Division Praised

Praise was given the University Extension Division by President Cross on a recent broadcast on the WNAD program, "The President of O. U. Speaks."

In describing the off-campus services offered by the University, President Cross said that the development and functions of the Extension Division embody "another of the University's responsibility to all the citizens of the state."

This was referred to by President Cross as the University's "third responsibility."

"Our first responsibility," he said, "is the training of future citizens through instruction. Our second responsibility is the ascertaining of new knowledge through research and the publication thereof."

In fulfilling its third responsibility, President Cross said that the University works through four primary media: (1) Radio station WNAD, (2) the University of Oklahoma press, (3) the various research organizations, and (4) the Extension Division.

As a result of the activities of these four media, the president declared that "Thousands of adults in every section of the state, through their own initiative, are studying how to become more productive citizens and how to make our communities better places in which to live."

He pointed out that in the department of correspondence study, only one of the Extension Division's 10 departments, there are more than 4,000 active enrolments in some 350 courses which are now being offered. "A number of these courses have been recognized as perhaps the outstanding examples of correspondence teaching in the United States," he said.

The president explained that in addition to the undergraduate and graduate college courses, a number of high school courses are also available.

Concerning the Extension Division's adult education department, he spoke of the adult classes in professional and academic subjects now being offered in communities throughout the state. "This semester," he said, "adult education in-service courses for teachers are being offered in eight different communities."

Other professional courses include a course in federal taxation offered to lawyers of the state, and a series of courses for insurance men.

The remainder of the Extension Division's 10 departments described by President Cross were inter-school speech activities, lecture and entertainment, the Family Life Institute, the photographic service, public information, the evaluation and testing service, short courses and conferences, and visual education.

## O.U. Extension Division Offers Unique Japanese Writing Course

The only course in Japanese writing in the United States is available through the University of Oklahoma Extension Division.

Offered through the correspondence study department, the course is written by Dr. Howard Van Zandt. The majority of the students enrolled are members of the armed forces stationed in Japan. The course is open to servicemen either through the University or the United States Armed Forces Institute.

Van Zandt is a former member of the University faculty, and recently returned from Japan where he inspected the training programs of various Army units.

## Charles Ward, Lewis Thompson Selected As Student Editors

Charles L. Ward and Lewis E. Thompson were selected recently by the Publications board to edit the two campus publications the second semester, 1947.

Ward, Heber Springs, Arkansas, will head the Oklahoma Daily staff. A senior in journalism, Ward has served as issue and managing editor of the Daily.

At the age of 17, he was the youngest editor in Arkansas, editing the Cleburne County Times. He held that position for three years.

Ward was a first sergeant in the Fifth air force during the war. He spent 18 months of his 4½ years' service in the south Pacific.

While attending Arkansas Polytechnic college, Russellville, he edited the Arka-Tech, student newspaper, for one year and was feature editor another year.

Ward is local president of Sigma Delta Chi, national journalistic fraternity, and a member of the American Legion.

Thompson, Shawnee, the new editor of the Covered Wagon, was a Wagon staff member.

He served on the Wagon and Sooner Yearbook staffs two semesters before the war.

He was a captain in the field artillery for four years, with 34 month's South Pacific service included.

Also selected at the Publications board meeting was Grant Keener, as Sooner representative to the board. Keener, a Delta Tau Delta, was president of the freshman class in 1944.



Charles Ward (seated left), senior in journalism, Heber Springs, Arkansas, and Lewis Thompson (right), sophomore in journalism, Shawnee, examine a copy of the Covered Wagon, University humor magazine of which Thompson is now editor. In foreground is a copy of the Oklahoma Daily, student newspaper of which Ward is now editor. Both were appointed in January to their respective positions for the second semester, 1946-47.



This is a complete graduating class . . . and more. The "more" is J. Howard Lindley (center), a '26 alum who is pictured with the four 1928(January) Law School graduates. Distinguished young lawyers of '28 are, left to right: William S. Horton, David R. Milsten, (Lindley), Thomas R. Benedum, and John A. Brett.

## They Have a "Justice"!

Four prominent Oklahoma attorneys met in the office of John A. Brett, new justice on the state Criminal Court of Appeals, on January 13.

So what?

Of course it's not a bit unusual for lawyers to stage confabs, particularly in offices and corridors of the state capitol, but this get-together was especially significant—for it represented the first time in the history of the University of Oklahoma that a graduating class has ever reassembled in full.

The class was that of January, 1928, law. Youthful recipients of LL.B degrees were Sooners William S. Horton, David R. Milsten, Thomas R. Benedum and John A. Brett. It was another alum, J. Howard Lindley, '26, veteran Oklahoma attorney, who enthusiastically presented the credentials of the eager potential solons before the State Supreme Court. His intercession resulted in their being admitted to the bar.

Not until 19 years later, on January 13, 1947, did the same four get together to reminisce University days and celebrate their anniversary as lawyers. They met a few days early perhaps—but why not? And a special guest was Lindley, whose friendly interest they haven't forgotten.

This grad-class reunion, outstanding because of its perfect attendance, honored Brett, whose inauguration as justice on the Criminal Court of Appeals on the 13th provided an appropriate occasion for such a gathering. Prominent in state Democratic party circles, Brett defeated Republican Harry C. Kirkendall, '12law, of Enid, in last November's general election.

None of the celebrants had far to travel. Both Brett and Lindley live in Oklahoma City. Horton is practicing law in McAlester, Milsten in Tulsa, and Benedum in Norman.

## 'The Perrys' Take to New York

New York City,  
January, 1947

"Dear Mr. Beard:

"Happy New Year to you and your Sooner staff—especially to our alumni president, William (Bill) Cox.

"Perhaps I'd better try to refresh your memory and bring you up to date regarding the James D. Perrys.

"My husband, James Perry, was graduated from O. U., '21eng, taught school and was principal at Glenpool for thirteen years. We came to New York in 1934 after Jim received his master's degree from Columbia University. He is now statistician (research) in the Personnel Department, College of the City of New York. He has been in that department since 1934.

"As for myself, I was graduated from O. U.

in 1923 with a Bachelors of Art. I was Vera Kephart then, but switched names in 1925. I taught school in Tulsa and Glenpool several years, and also received a Masters from Columbia in 1932. I took a business course in 1944 and worked several months in the accounting office (medical center), Presbyterian Hospital, here in New York, until I was laid low with a brain tumor. After undergoing surgery, I'm slowly convalescing and hope in time to be fully recovered. J. D.'s sister, Edith Perry Morgan, who attended O. U. in '19, '20, lives in Tuckahoe, New York. She has two fine boys, ages 7 and 11.

"We had a Christmas greeting from Stella Rheinhardt Halit, '25ba. My cousin, Col. Webster Wilder, '33ba, '33law, is located in Washington, D. C., with Army offices in the Pentagon Building.

"We enjoy the Sooner Magazine so much—especially 'Riding the Sooner Range.' The December issue was super. Dr. E. E. Dale '11ba, doesn't seem to change through the years. We enjoyed the issue so much that portrayed him in cowboy dress. I was also delighted with the article on Lynn Riggs, '23. I remember him as a brilliant student in English III under Dr. Marshburn.

"I must draw this to a close. I trust I haven't bored you too much. J. D. sends his personal regards to you.

"Here's wishing you the best of luck and a Happy New Year.

"The Perrys".

## Cairo Intrigues Zimmerman

Cairo, Egypt  
January, 1947

Mr. Ted Beard,  
University of Oklahoma Association,  
Norman, Oklahoma.

"Dear Ted:

"I am enclosing my check in payment for my 1947 dues. Keep up the good work. It is my fond hope that you can soon see your way clear to enlarge the size of the magazine and bring us more news of the old school and its many activities. To those of us out of touch with O. U. except through the medium of the 'Sooner Magazine' it would mean a lot.

"After six months in Cairo I feel like an old resident although I have not made much progress with my Arabic. I arrived here the latter part of June with my wife and two children, one four, the other eight months old, via T.W.A. We left LaGuardia Field one morning at two o'clock, and arrived in Cairo the following evening at eleven o'clock. The plane made stops in Boston, Newfoundland, Shannon, Ireland; Paris, Rome and Athens; but, of course, there was no time for sight-seeing. This rapid travel certainly takes some of the pleasure out of foreign service!

"I am chief geophysicist here with the Standard Oil Company of Egypt. Although there are a great many Oklahomans in Cairo, I know of only two

other 'Sooners,' Carl Blakey, '30, and Mrs. Blakey (Gertrude Marshall, '30ba), both of whom were in school with me in the late twenties. Should there be any other alumni here I would certainly appreciate having their names.

"Life here is quite pleasant and far from boring. We are not inconvenienced nor endangered by the occasional student riots. In fact, we usually get our news from these from American or British short wave stations, as much of such news is usually banned from the local papers by governmental decree. We are in the midst of our winter now with temperatures in the sixties during the day and forties at night. The houses are built with the main purpose of being cool in the long, hot summers, so it is impossible to heat them, and it is usually much warmer outdoors than in! Of course no one complains about this except us Americans who are used to central heating, or at any rate to natural gas! The sun shines every day here, and the gardens are a mass of flowers.

"Cairo itself is a city of contrasts—the modern, the sophisticated clashing with the ageless East with its narrow streets, mosques, bazaars—the glamor, the mystery in contrast with the filth and misery. Definitely I am getting old for I am more aware of the squalor than of the glamor. That is in sharp contrast to my first foreign work in the Dutch East Indies in the 30's.

"We were all proud of the Sooner football team of the past season. We were able to hear the O. U.-Army game via short wave radio, and even the local English language newspaper had a front page picture of President Truman attending the game!

"Best wishes for the continued growth of the University and the Alumni Association.

"Sincerely,"

Sam Zimmerman, '30.  
Standard Oil Co. of Egypt,  
22 Sharia Kash el Nil,  
Cairo.

## Those "District" Sooners

As Sooner Magazine goes to press a flash has just reached us from Washington, D. C. stating in part "the O. U. alums will have a big dinner some time in March. Activities will be built around 'newcomers' to the district." (Old timers will not be overlooked however.) All Sooners of the Washington, D. C. territory should contact the secretary of the O. U. Club for full details. Miss Frances Hunt, secretary, may be reached in care of the United States Department of Agriculture, Republic 4142, branch 4743, Monday through Friday 9:00 a. m. to 5:30 p. m. Miss Hunt's home address is 4201 Kaywood Drive, Mt. Rainier, Maryland.