

ceived an honorary degree of doctor of music July 29 from Howard Payne College, Brownwood, Texas.

W. H. Carson, University dean of the College of Engineering, is listed in the 1947 edition of *International World Who's Who*, a directory recently published by the American Universities and Medical Research Publisher, Incorporated.

University Med School Expands

The University of Oklahoma School of Medicine and University Hospital, a familiar institution in Oklahoma City, is approximately two-thirds finished with its expansion program.

Work has been progressing well on the new hospital annex and the nurses' training school and quarters, a building project costing a total of \$900,000.

E. W. Imel, building inspector for two architect firms on the job, estimated the construction will be ready for occupancy late this year. At the present time all structural work has been completed, and workmen are beginning masonry and interior work.

The annex will have a unique heating arrangement, to consist of steel coils imbedded in the concrete of each floor. Imel said this system, now becoming common in other cities, has not been used before in Oklahoma City.

The two projects will add greatly to the facilities of the hospital. The annex, which sweeps back at an angle from the east end of the old hospital building, will house a pathological laboratory, a surgery suite, X-ray laboratory, and 26 additional beds for patients.

The Nurses' home originally was designed to house 120 nurses, but mounting costs of materials and labor forced a cutback in size to about 88 capacity. In addition to living quarters, the new nurses' building will provide several classrooms, a nursing arts department, a dietetics laboratory, a library and recreational facilities.

BOOKS

Economic War Made Readable

THE HIDDEN WEAPON by Dr. Royden Dangerfield (professor of government and administrative assistant to the president at O.U.) and David L. Gordon. Harper & Brothers. \$3.50.

Both Messrs. Gordon and Dangerfield are well-informed on the subject of economic warfare. They served the government as chiefs in the blockade division of the Foreign Economic Administration. Their book, *The Hidden Weapon*, is a report on the activities of Great Britain and the United States in their efforts to cut off Germany's outside supplies of essential war materiel. It explains the dealings of these two Allies with European neutral countries for the purpose of hampering German military efforts.

Smuggling and blockade running by enemy forces was a serious Allied problem. Preventing large-scale smuggling was accomplished, but not so where small-bulk items were concerned—that is, such essentials as industrial diamonds, platinum, drugs, quartz crystals and high quality mica. These commodities could be smuggled in cargoes of wheat or hides.

The first step made to stop under-cover German importation was an attempt to get possession of the entire supply of these few vital commodities at their source. Intelligence operatives worked inside smuggling and black market rings in an effort to spot contraband before it reached shipboard.

Gordon and Dangerfield explain many other phases of diplomatic economic warfare intelligently. Their book is informative and easy to read. They tell a complicated story in a relatively small volume. —*Thellys Gill Hess, '47bus.*

Hoberecht—Another Novel!

Earnest Hoberecht, '41ba, has published a new novel in Tokyo and says one of the purposes of his new book is to "set the Japanese straight about Oklahoma."

"This book will cleanse their minds of any erroneous impressions about the Sooner State they may have as a result of reading John Steinbeck's *Grapes of Wrath*," said the prolific young author.

The name of his latest book to be published in the Japanese language is *Shears of Destiny*. In less than two weeks more than 30,000 copies had sold.

This hit follows closely on the heels of numerous other literary successes by Hoberecht, who is an United Press foreign correspondent.

His first book to be published in Japanese was *Tokyo Romance*. Nearly a quarter of a million copies of this novel have been sold thus far. Other books include *Tokyo Diary*, an account of the early days of the Occupation; *Democratic Etiquette*, a book on American manners; *Fifty Famous Americans*, biographies of some leading living citizens of the USA, and others.

"The others are only minor works," says Hoberecht who has never been accused of being modest.

He describes himself as "a lovable egotist."

"*Shears of Destiny* is set in a town that is very much like Watonga," relates Hoberecht, who was born in Watonga, Oklahoma, 29 years ago. His father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Hoberecht, still live there.

"The book has absolutely nothing in it about Japan, but the Japanese like it. It does have a lot of kind words to say about Oklahoma. It actually is pro-Oklahoma," he says. "I have a very philosophical approach to the dust storms."

He revealed that an English language edition of *Tokyo Romance* will be published in New York in July.

O.U. Press Books Acclaimed

Four books published by the University of Oklahoma Press were included among the "best western books of 1946" in a selection recently announced by the *Westerners' Brand Book*, Chicago, Illinois.

The O.U. books are *General Crook, His Autobiography*, edited and annotated by Martin F. Schmitt; *Maverick Town: The Story of Old Tascosa*, by John L. McCarty; *The Texas Republic, A Social and Economic History*, by William Ransom Hogan, and *Robert E. Lee in Texas*, by Carl Coke Rister. Hogan was associate professor of history at O.U., and Rister is research professor of history.

Also on the select list were *Jim Bridger, Mountain Man*, by W. S. Campbell, professor of English at O.U., who writes under the pen name of Stanley Vestal, and *The Last Trek of the Indians*, by Grant Foreman, Muskogee historian and author.

'Jobs for Women Over 35'

The problem of the older woman suddenly faced with the necessity of earning a living for herself is the subject of Julietta K. Arthur's forthcoming book, *Jobs for Women Over 35*, published this month by Prentice-Hall. Mrs. Arthur was Julietta B. Kahn, '20ba.

Mrs. Arthur has made a complete survey of all job and career opportunities open to women over thirty-five. She has laid particular stress, in her book, on possibilities for women who have never worked before. A section is also devoted to a consideration of those fields in which gray hair is an asset rather than a liability.

Fischer Is Harpers Ed-in-Chief

Jack Fischer, '32ba, former editor of the *Oklahoma Daily*, was recently appointed editor-in-chief of Harper & Brothers.

Author of the best seller, *Why They Behave Like Russians*, Mr. Fischer was speaker at the opening session of the Oklahoma Institute of International Relations held on the campus in June.



Cordial smiles and handshakes were in order when Miss Dorothy Truex, (second from left), new counselor of women, was honored at a reception in the Union Lounge. The affair was given by the Union Activities Board. Greeting Miss Truex here is Beverly Spade, senior business student. Others, from left to right, are Mary Amelia "Chita" Roberts, U.A.B. summer president; Margo Bassett (back to camera); Miss Mary Lou Stubbeman, director of union activities and sponsor of U.A.B., and Norma Brown, arts and science junior, reception chairman.