Q. Williamson, state attorney general; J. M. Thaxton, assistant safety commissioner and "Boss" Reed.

Receiving certificates were Vernon Ray Anderson, Lawton; Richard P. Adams, Hastings; John J. Divine, Goodwell; Vernon A. Butler, Coalgate; Charles E. Branch, Altus; Ralph E. Fromme, Alva; Bennett M. Guthrie, Tahlequah; Bert M. Grigg, Pryor; W. F. Griggs, Marietta; John A. Haworth, Enid.

Billy H. Howell, Miami; William M. Lancaster, Claremore; John C. Liddell, Marietta; Squire O. Lowry, Copan; Jack McKenzie, Ponca City; James B. Powers, McAlester; Earl C. Stewart, Sallisaw; J. C. Turner, Westville; William W. Young, Norman, and Albert B. Zoller, Oklahoma City.

Faculty

New Men's Counselor Named

Oscar D. Roberts, member of the faculty at Oak Park (Illinois) High School, has been named counselor of men at the University of Oklahoma. He holds a B.S. in education from the University of Illinois and an M.A. in educational guidance from Northwestern University. At Oak Park he is serving as biology teacher, student adviser and also as coach of the basketball and swimming teams. He will assume his duties at O. U. not later than June 10.

Robert H. Rucker Resigns, Will Open Business in Norman

The resignation of Robert H. Rucker, resident landscape architect and assistant professor of plant sciences at the University, was announced last

month by President Cross. Rucker left O.U. March 1 to enter the floral and landscaping business in Norman.

The landscape expert came to the University in June, 1945, from Waco, Texas, where he supervised campus planting for the centennial celebration of Baylor University.

A graduate of Texas A. and M. College, where he received both Bachelor and Master's degrees, Rucker worked with the Texas

highway department and taught a San Antonio High School landscaping class before entering the Army in 1942.

An infantry captain, he lost a leg in the Tunisian campaign in North Africa in 1943, and was discharged from O'Reilly General Hospital in Springfield, Missouri, in November, 1944.

Rucker supervised all grounds and landscape planning at O.U., including the landscaping of Sooner City, since joining the staff, and only recently finished plans for overall parking areas on the campuses.

The elimination of parking along University streets is the outstanding phase of the new parking formula. The plan is to be considered by the Board of Regents.

Rucker is president of the Norman Rotary Club, and has been active in garden club projects. In addition, he is consulting rosarian for this area of the American Rose Society.

Radio Authorities Confer

Everything from hillbilly music to legal phases of broadcasting was discussed by nationally known speakers at the annual radio conference held at the University of Oklahoma February 26 to 28.

"The New Look in Radio" was the theme of the three-day gathering which attracted radio and

'Miss Grace' Put Life into O. U.

By Mrs. Marilyn Davis Ingler, '43BA

Oklahoma's growth as a state and the rise of a young University is reflected in the story of Mrs. James D. Maguire, who as a 16-year-old girl joined the University of Oklahoma faculty in 1896.

Today, at her work in the Sooner library newspaper department, she vividly remembers the days



Mrs. Grace K. Maguire
A Colorful Past.

when she taught students older than herself, led the glee club in "Dixie" at football games and capped her college "career" by marrying the president of the regents' board.

There's also the memory of the song with which she captured the admiration of the legislature and assured an important appropriation for the University, and of the tunes she sang to music-hungry territory residents.

The story of Mrs. Maguire, or Miss Grace King of Emporia, Kansas, starts with an invitation from Dr. David Ross Boyd, president of the four-year-old University of Oklahoma. Dr. Boyd, who had been told of the young graduate of Emporial Teachers' College, invited Miss King to give a concert in Norman, hinting that she might be given a place on the O. U. faculty.

Despite her fears concerning Indians and guntotin' pioners, she journeyed down through long stretches of Prairie to sing "When the Heart is Young" and "Goodbye, Sweet Day" before a

charmed University and Norman audience. Following the concert, the regents offered Miss King the position as head of the School of Music. But before she could accept, the 16-year-old girl had to return to Emporia to ask her mother's permission.

An activity which early endeared the new professor to students was her supplying music each noon hour for those who wanted to dance the newest waltz, the shottische and the risque two-step. Horrified town matrons, hearing of the dances in the chapel, asked Dr. Boyd to stop it. The understanding president instead decreed that it was "wholesome amusement" and that the chapel housed the only piano on the campus.

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The tunes "My Kentucky Babe" and "Li'l Alabama Coon" still recall to Mrs. Maguire the early-day tours made by the O. U. Glee Club. After her organization of the group, Miss King requested that the glee club be allowed to tour the state. Their first appearances, made via train and satge-coach, were at Enid, Kingfisher, Hennessey, Newkirk, Shawnee and Purcell. The tour was so popular that it became a yearly event.

By the second year of "Miss Grace's career," the University's growth required a large appropriation which was to be asked of legislators then in session. It was decided that a banquet and musical program might convince legislators of O. U.'s merits. Careful planning brought about a dinner featuring southern cooking and decorative smilax and roses.

"The legislature attended to a man," Mrs. Maguire happily recalls. "We began with many toasts and then gave them beaten biscuits, baked ham and roast pig. Then our musical program started, and my, but it was grand!"

At the end of the program, the well-known "Miss Grace" sang a few songs.

"The climax came when the House's speaker wanted to know if I could sing 'Just One Girl.' The song at that time was considered as jazz is now, and everyone waited to see if I would do it. Well, I sang the song and received the largest applause I had ever heard. The legislators then sang the chorus and the appropriation was in the bag."

Remarking on the spirit of fellowship which characterized early O. U. days, she said "We were so happy and so poor in those days. Our greatest fun was either misteletoe hunts or school picnics. And always there was singing. We even sang 'I'm Only a Bird in a Gilded Cage' and 'Just as the Sun Goes Down' at football games."

"Miss Grace" married Regent James D. Ma-

"Miss Grace" married Regent James D. Maguire in 1901 and established their home in Lawton. It was after his death that she returned to the University.

At the present time, she's leading a small rebellion against long skirts and the "new look." For according to the spicy "Miss Grace," the new fashions are the same she wore in her day. "And that," she concludes, "was a long time ago."

advertising personnel from all parts of the nation. In charge was Dr. Sherman P. Lawton, professor of radio at the University.

Some of the program subjects included frequency modulation, advertising agencies, continuity writing, promotion, independent stations, public relations and radio law.

Faculty Notes . . .

Lila Welch, professor of home economics at the University, attended the annual Southern Regional Conference for Home Economics Education which was held jointly with the Atlantic region in Washington, D. C., February 16 to 20.

Dr. John Hervey, '23ba, '25law, Norman, who has been named adviser to the section on legal education and admissions to the bar for the American Bar Association, will work with deans of law schools throughout the nation for improvement of legal education. Dr. Hervey formerly was

dean of the University School of Law for four years. Prior to coming to Norman he was dean of the law school at Temple University at Philadelphia for 11 years. He became executive secretary of the Oklahoma Bar Association in February, 1946.

Now at home in Norman are J. William Schmidley whose marriage took place December 30 in Fullerton, California. Mrs. Schmidley is the former Ann Warne, Washington, Pennsylvania. Mr. Schmidley is a graduate assistant in German in the modern language department of the University.

Bruce B. Palmer, veteran state newsman and news director of radio station WKY, Oklahoma City, has been appointed as a special instructor in the University School of Journalism. He is teaching courses in radio journalism and news writing.