

Dr. Pyles Given New Post

Dr. Thomas Pyles, professor of English, has been appointed associate dean of the Graduate College, effective September 1, it was announced by President Cross following the April meeting of the Board of Regents.

Dr. Pyles, who will continue to teach six hours per semester, joined the University staff in September, 1944. He holds the B.A. and M.A. degrees from the University of Maryland, and the Ph.D. from Johns Hopkins University.

His articles have appeared in *Modern Language Notes*, *Journal of English History*, *The English Journal* and other publications. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Modern Languages Association and has served as an officer in the South Central Modern Languages Association.

Felgar Will Disputed

Three petitions contesting the will of Mrs. Etta J. Felgar, widow of Dr. J. H. Felgar, former University engineering dean, have been filed in Cleveland County Court. Mrs. Felgar's will left the bulk of an estate estimated at \$30,000 to the Norman First Presbyterian Church.

Petitions were entered by Mrs. Della Rohrbough, Omaha, Nebraska, an aunt of Dr. Felgar; Fred Judd, Ottawa, Kansas, and Norris Judd, Melvern, Kansas, cousins of Mrs. Felgar.

Cleveland County Judge Sylvester Grim has ruled that the Felgar will was invalid, since the late Mrs. Felgar was incompetent at the time it was drawn up.

Following his decision, Judge Grim ordered that \$3,000 from the estate be paid out, including \$1,000 to Dr. M. L. Wardell, executor of the estate and professor of history at O.U.; \$1,000 to John Luttrell, '38ba, '41law, attorney for Mrs. Felgar, and \$500 each to Person Woodall, '27law, attorney for the Presbyterian Church, and Paul UpdeGraff, '30law, attorney for the other beneficiaries.

Under inheritance laws, one-half the total property of the late Dean Felgar would go to an aunt, the other half, plus all Mrs. Felgar's property, would go to heirs Fred Judd and Norris Judd.

Mrs. Rohrbough claims, as the sole surviving heir of Dr. Felgar, all interest in his estate after his wife's death. The Judds, charging the will was made at a time when Mrs. Felgar was not competent, each claim one-half of the estate.

The Judd brothers contend that when Mrs. Felgar made her will, she knew neither the value of her estate nor who her heirs were. The will, signed with an "X", was not executed and attested legally, they claim. They also charged that Mrs. Felgar did not sign the will or authorize anyone else to do so.

The petitions filed stated that Mrs. Felgar was seriously ill in 1946 and remained ill until her death on March 29, 1947. She was stricken at a ceremony honoring her husband on his fortieth anniversary as a member of the University faculty. He died two months later, following a short illness.

The Judds claimed that from the time of her husband's death Mrs. Felgar was not able to understand or transact the simplest business arrangements. She was urged to make the will in favor of the church by "many people who called on her daily," they charged.

The estate is estimated as consisting of approximately \$15,000 in real estate and another \$15,000 in personal, intangible and tangible property. The will was admitted to probate April 28, 1947.

Faculty Briefs

R. Boyd Gunning, '37ba, '37law, director of the Extension Division and executive secretary of the University of Oklahoma Foundation, attended the National University Extension Association convention in Chicago in late April. Gunning, who is visual education chairman of the Association, had charge of two sessions of the convention program. The trip included a study of fund-raising methods at the University of Wisconsin, University of Minnesota and Ohio State University.

Leonard Good, '27bfa, professor of art, received first prize for his painting, "Clay Banks," from the Kansas State Teachers College, Emporia. The painting, to be hung in one of the public rooms of the Student Memorial Building at the college, was selected from the prairie water color painters exhibition. It is a landscape of an eroded gully, located southwest of Norman.

Seven faculty members recently were chosen from among 60 candidates to serve on the faculty senate as advisers to President Cross. The balloting, which was secret and carried out by mail, was done by the faculty. Those elected are Dr. Fayette Copeland, '19ba, director of the School of Journalism; Dr. Cortez A. M. Ewing, professor of government; Clyde L. Farrar, professor of electrical engineering; Dr. W. Page Keeton, dean of the School of Law; J. Ray Matlock, '25eng, associate professor of engineering; Dr. Lawrence H. Snyder, dean of the Graduate College, and Dr. M. L. Wardell, '19ba, professor of history.

Dr. Ross Pugmire, professor of school administration, has been named to direct school finance research for the 1949 Oklahoma legislative program. The research will be for study by the legislative council's committee on education.

John Reed, associate professor of law at O.U., has been granted a \$3,900 research fellowship at the Columbia University School of Law. Mr. Reed will do research in the field of procedure during the year 1948-49. He has been a member of the O.U. faculty since the fall of 1946.

President George L. Cross was elected chairman of the board of trustees for the University of Oklahoma Foundation at a meeting held recently in Norman.

The annual Patricio Gimeno Memorial award for excellence in Hispanic studies has been received by Milton R. Hahn, graduate assistant in modern languages at O.U. The \$50 award is presented each year to the outstanding upperclassman whose major is Spanish, by Harold Gimeno, Oklahoma City, in memory of his father, the late Patricio Gimeno, former professor of Spanish. Mr. Hahn is president of Las Dos Americas, Spanish Club, and Kappa Gamma Epsilon, national language fraternity.

Walter Campbell, professor of English, is one of the author-owners of '48 *Magazine of the Year*. The magazine is controlled and owned by those who write, paint or photograph professionally.

Dr. Charles E. Decker, research geology professor, has been awarded a grant-in-aid for continuation of his research of Ordovician graptolites in Alabama, Tennessee and Virginia. The grant was made by the American Association of Petroleum Geologists.

Mildred Andrews, '37fa, University organ professor, will commute to Chicago, Illinois, for five weeks beginning the last week in June, to take organ lessons once a week from the world-famous organist Marcel Dupre, professor of organ at the Royal Conservatory in Paris, France, who will be at the University of Chicago. Miss Andrews was one of 35 organists in the United States and Canada chosen to study organ with Dupre, with whom she studied two years ago in Chicago. Since she already was scheduled to teach organ at O.U. during the summer session, she will commute to Chicago by train once a week.

Among the 400 contributors to the new *Britannica Junior*, the reference work for boys and girls published by the *Encyclopaedia Britannica*, is Morris L. Wardell, '19ba, chairman of the department of history at the University of Oklahoma. Dr. Wardell is author of an article on Oklahoma.

Bruce A. Goff, chairman of the department of architecture was featured in a biographical sketch and a nine-page display of his architectural works in the March issue of *Architectural Forum*.

It'll be a cool summer for Dr. George J. Goodman. The University of Oklahoma botanist will teach in Wyoming's Medicine Bow mountains, where the University of Wyoming will hold its summer science camp from June 15 to July 31. The camp's elevation is 10,000 feet.

Books Abroad, international literary magazine published quarterly by the University Press, has expanded its coverage to the Arabic-speaking countries. Dr. Roy T. House, editor, said Edward M. Cohen, living in the Arabian Nights city of Baghdad, is a new correspondent for the magazine.

How class instruction is offered in stringed instruments at the University of Oklahoma was shown at the Music Educators National Conference held April 15 to 23 at Detroit, Michigan. Gilbert R. Waller, associate professor of music at O.U., gave lectures and daily demonstrations during the meeting.

Power Plant Bids Received

Bids on the main campus power plant, which will cost an estimated \$1,800,000, including building and equipment, have been accepted by the Board of Regents. The plant, which is expected to be in operation by the fall of 1949, will be located at the corner of Jenkins and Felgar Streets.

The following low bids were accepted:

\$393,625 base bid on three steam generators by Springfield Boiler Company, Springfield, Illinois.

\$41,000 base bid on two steam condensers by Westinghouse Electric Corporation, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

\$71,809 base bid on one electrical switch gear or panel by the General Electric Company, Schenectady, New York.

\$33,495 base bid on one cooling tower by Flour Corporation, Los Angeles, California.

\$21,690 base bid on three boiler feed-water pumps by Ingersoll-Rand Company, New York City.

Bids were rejected on turbo-generators, but were received again later.

Work is expected to begin soon on building, piping and electrical wiring of the plant. Contracts will be let on those three items within the next 90 days, officials estimated. Coston-Frankfurt, Oklahoma City, are architects and engineers for the project.

Escalator clauses on some items may result in increased costs because of labor and materials.

The present University power plant, which was erected in 1913, is operating under excessive loads. Two turbines, for example, operate under 25 per cent overloads at peak periods, Walter Kraft, director of the physical plant, said. Two additions have been made to the old plant, but it still cannot carry peak loads without overloading, Kraft pointed out.

New buildings being erected on the main campus will increase the load. The new plant is expected to bring illumination standards on the campus up to par, he added.

Kraft said that the old plant probably will be used as a standby or to house engineering laboratories.

PHI BETA KAPPA ELECTS

Phi Beta Kappa, honorary fraternity, elected 37 new members and one honorary member at the University recently. Four alumni members were selected on the basis of distinction in science or letters attained since graduation.

Dr. J. Rud Neilson, research professor of physics in the University, was elected an honorary member. Alumni members elected were Gladys Carmen Bellamy, '32ba, '38ma, '46Ph.D, special instructor in English; Harold Linwood Bowen, '09ba, Evans-ton, Illinois, Episcopal bishop coadjutor of the Colorado diocese; C. Ross Hume, '98ba, '00ma, Anadarko attorney; and Wyatt Marrs, '17ba, professor of sociology in the University.