

Tompkins Receives Fellowship

Dr. George L. Cross, University president, on February 3 announced the award of a \$3,500 fellowship to complete a Russian historical study by Dr. Stuart R. Tompkins, professor of history.

It was the second similar grant to be won by Dr. Tompkins, from funds awarded the University by the Rockefeller Foundation.

The professor began a leave of absence to speed his research for the first volume of a *History of the Russian Intelligentsia*. He will return to class work next September.

Russian revolutionary movements have their foundation in the writing and thinking of 18th and 19th century literary and philosophical circles, Dr. Tompkins says.

Dr. Tompkins' work, which he initiated about two years ago, will trace the main trends of Russian thought to its culmination in Lenin, the father of the present-day Communism. Important among these ideas are, first, that the true function of literature is to help promote desirable political or social ends and, second, that Russian and Western European cultures are irreconcilable.

The present volume will cover the period from Peter the Great's reign until 1850. A later one will continue the study through Lenin.

Many of the references for Dr. Tompkins' investigations will come from the University of Oklahoma library and from his own collection, purchased in 1937 when he worked in the archives in Moscow, Leningrad and Potsdam. He expects also to spend about two months in the Library of Congress and the New York Public Library.

Under a previous University grant the professor wrote "Alaska: Promyshlennik and Sourdough," which was published in 1945 by the University of Oklahoma Press. He also is author of "Russia Through the Ages" and a long list of articles on Russia and Alaska.

The professor's interest in Russia originated with his service in World War I. While with Canadian forces in Europe, he began studying the Russian language, then spent seven months with troops in Siberia.

Born in Canada, he holds a B. A. from the University of Toronto, an M. A. from the University of Alberta, and a Ph.D. from the University of Chicago. He joined the University faculty in 1932 as associate professor of history. He also has taught school in Canada, and from 1924 to 1928 was superintendent of schools in Yukon territory.

Dr. Tompkins is a member of the American Historical Association, the American Military Institute, the Institute of Pacific Relations, the Foreign Policy Association and the Society of American Historians.

Briefs

- ▶ O. W. Davison, assistant director of the department of adult education, is attending the St. Louis meeting of School Administrators' Annual Conference from February 26 to March 3.
- ▶ Roscoe Cate, '26ba, financial vice-president of the University, conferred in Chicago, January 13-15 about stadium bonds for the proposed stadium.
- ▶ Carl B. Cass, professor of drama, will attend the Dramatic Arts Conference in Bloomington, Indiana, to be held June 12-19. He has been asked to give a lecture-demonstration every morning for five mornings and to serve on a panel of critic each afternoon.
- ▶ Frank Ives, director of nonacademic personnel and graduate placement, left January 27 for



John R. Rackley, '31ba, '35ma, dean of the Teachers College of Connecticut, has recently been appointed dean of the College of Education at the University. His appointment becomes effective on or before July 1, 1949. He succeeds Dr. A. E. Joyal, who resigned to become president of California State College, Fresno.

Chicago and Cleveland. In Chicago, he attended a meeting of the Executive Board of College and University Personnel Association, and, in Cleveland, he was the guest of the Standard Oil Company. He returned to the University February 2.

- ▶ Dorothy Friend, director of forensics, left February 7 for Columbia, Missouri, to supervise two University students in debate with the University of Missouri. She returned February 9.
- ▶ Katherine Culbert, professor physical education for women, left February 21 to attend the convention of the Southern District of the American Association of Health, Physical Education and Recreation in Asheville, North Carolina. She returned February 27.
- ▶ Roberta D. Ortenburger, special assistant professor of zoology, is leaving April 6, 1949 for Chapel Hill, North Carolina to attend the Groves 12th Annual Conference on Conservation of Marriage and Family. She will give a report on "Areas of Interest Shown by Students in a Marriage Course." She will return April 10.
- ▶ Professor E. J. Ortman, Department of Education, will attend the regional conference of the American Association of School Administrators in St. Louis February 26 to March 2, 1949.
- ▶ R. L. Huntington, '17ba, chairman, School of Chemical Engineering, attended a lecture series on oil and gas reservoir engineering at the University of Texas, Austin, from February 7 to 11. This lecture series was given by Dr. Muskate of the Gulf Oil Corporation at the University of Texas.
- ▶ Dr. Louis Alvin Turley, '18, professor emeritus in pathology in the School of Medicine, has been honored by the University Board of Regents, being awarded the title of dean emeritus of the school. Dr. Turley joined the staff in 1908 as head of the pathology department. In 1916 he was appointed assistant dean of the Norman division of the Medical School.
- ▶ Dr. A. I. Ortenburger, professor of zoological sciences, has been named head of Phi Sigma, honorary biological society, for the next four years.

Faculty

Ortenburger, who has been national secretary for 20 years, was awarded the chancellor's post at the semi-annual meeting held December 28-31 in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

- ▶ Gustav Mueller, professor of philosophy at the University, has been notified by the National Swiss radio that his play, "Auf Wiederschn" has been selected as one of 17 to be used in a series of broadcasts from Switzerland. The play is a love story with a railroad station background.
- ▶ Another native Oklahoman has been appointed to the staff of the University of Oklahoma College of Education. Darrell E. Garrison, '31, who was born in Hugo, was recently named professor of elementary education and director of the reading clinic. Now on the staff of the North Texas State Teachers College, Denton, he will start his duties here next summer. Dr. John R. Rackley, '31ba, '35ma, dean of Connecticut Teachers College, was named education dean last December. Rackley is a native of Lambert, Oklahoma.
- ▶ William S. Morgan, program director of University of Oklahoma radio station WNAD, has been named a committee chairman of the Central States Speech Association. He will head the radio production group. The organization, which will hold its annual meeting April 29 to 30 in Omaha, Nebraska, is affiliated with the National Association of Speech Teachers. Its membership includes college and high school speech teachers in the middle west.
- ▶ Activities of the University of Oklahoma's High School Science Service are being heard far beyond the Sooner State's borders. G. M. Jadhav, Baroda, India, recently asked James G. Harlow, '31ba, '33ms, science service director, to send information on the program to vice-chancellors of Indian universities. This spring Harlow will direct the state's first high school science fair at O.U.
- ▶ Dr. James O. Hood, '29bs, '31med, director of the student health service, is a former mayor of the city of Norman. During the recent war, he headed a regimental medical detachment of the 45th Division.
- ▶ Dr. A. O. Weese, David Ross Boyd professor at the University, has served as chairman of the Academy Conference of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.
- ▶ Dr. Robert E. Bell, chairman of the University Department of Anthropology, has directed archaeological research parties in eastern Oklahoma.
- ▶ Dr. F. F. Gaither, '21ba, '26ms, associate professor of education, will attend the National Vocational Guidance Association meeting to be held in Chicago from April 17 to 22.
- ▶ A number of University of Oklahoma staff members attended the National Educational Conference in connection with the American Association of School Administrators which was held in St. Louis, Mo. February 24 to March 2. Professor H. E. Wrinkle, '22ba, '31m.ed, Chairman of the Interim Committee College of Education, Dr. W. B. Ragan, '22ba, '28ma, professor of education, Dr. Elsworth Collings, professor of education, Garold D. Holstine, associate professor of education all participated in the general programs of the American Association of School Administrators. Professor Wrinkle also attended the regional conference of the National School Boards Association, held in conjunction with the school administrators meetings in St. Louis. Mr. Wrinkle served as a member of the resolutions committee for the School Board Association. Dr. Ragan represented the University of Oklahoma at the meeting of the A.A.C.T.E., a new national organization for coordinating and accrediting teachers education programs.