



The North Oval bench provides a congregation point for several studious teachers. They are, from left to right, Ralph Christian, Letha Campbell, John Lewis, Mrs. Merritt Grimes, W. C. Davenport and Mrs. John Lewis with back to camera.

Teachers Have Always Returned to the University

For Summer Work But Not on The Present Scale. Perhaps

A Code Makes The Difference

The teachers of Oklahoma, eager to take advantage of the new, liberalized Oklahoma School Code and for other various reasons, have swelled the summer enrolment for the school of education to a record 1,014. This represents a better than 25 percent increase over last year's total of 756.

All the schools and colleges have shown an increase this summer but none have had such a marked or indicative rise in enrolment as the education school. A breakdown of the school of education's enrolment for the year 1948 summer session and the present one shows a definite trend in the number of teachers returning to school on the graduate level. The breakdown is:

When the roving reporter and photographer for the *SOONER MAGAZINE* went out to find some of the teachers and interview them, they found them to be in even greater evidence than the figures would indicate. They were literally everywhere, in the Union, lounging on the campus, in the library, and gathered in groups around the education building.

The photographer caught Mrs. Dick Pryor and Laverne Deloach coming out of the Union. Mrs. Pryor, graduate of East Central State College and elementary school principal at Mountain Home Consolidated school, Ringling, is making her third summer trip to O.U. She expects her master's de-

gree from the University this summer in elementary education field. Her husband is superintendent of the Mountain Home school. Miss Deloach, graduate of Southeastern State College, is spending her first summer at O.U. and is working for a master's degree in commercial education. She is a commercial teacher at Mountain Home school.

When Mrs. Pryor was asked why she thought so many teachers were in attendance this summer she explained that the new school code made provisions for a sliding salary scale based on degrees and progress in education, "although I hate to be mercenary about it." Another reason, she explained, was many elementary schools are requiring teachers to go back to school.

On the front steps of the education building the camera caught three men relaxing before tackling their next class.

They were V. S. Watson, superintendent of Plainview Consolidated school, Carter county, who is spending his first summer at O.U. working

	Undergraduates		Graduates		Total	
	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women
Summer 1948	83	107	208	358	291	465
Summer 1949	91	113	361	449	452	562
Gain for 1949	8	6	153	91	161	97



Sooner cameraman catches teachers Mrs. Dick Pryor and Laverne DeLoach as they await time for their next class in the shade of the Union building.

toward a master's degree in education. He received his degree from Southeastern State College. Second in the group was Merrill Roberson, superintendent of schools, Moyer, working on his masters in education. Roberson, who is spending his first summer at the University, will work next year as rural school superintendent for the state department of education. He received his B.A. from Southeastern State. Third of the gentlemen basking in the early morning sun was H. J. Harris, graduate of Southeastern and East Texas State, who is attending the summer session of the education school for the second time. He is working on his doctor's degree in education. Harris is high school principal of Maysville high school, Maysville.

Trusting to the experience thus gained, the reporter and photographer approached a group seated on a bench in North Oval. They had decided that the campus was now completely dominated by teachers and this group bore out their hastily formed theory.

In this group of relaxing teachers were Ralph Christian, a first summer man at O.U. who is working on a master's degree in education. He is a graduate of Central State College and now teaches social sciences in Okemah high school, Okemah. Letha Campbell said she was at O.U. for the first time, working on a master's in education. She is a Central State graduate and teaches social studies in West junior high school in Muskogee.

Also in the group were Mr. and Mrs. John Lewis from Stratford. Mr. Lewis, graduate of East Central, is here for his first summer working on a master's in education. He is principal of the Stratford high school. Mrs. Lewis, also spending her first summer here, is a graduate of East Central and is a teacher of social studies in Stratford junior high. Mrs. Merritt Grimes, graduate of Oklahoma A.&M., is spending her first summer at O.U. working on her master's in education. She teaches at Putnam City junior high school, Oklahoma City. Another of the loungers was W. C. Davenport, a 1939 graduate of East Central State, who is among the large number spending their first summer at O.U. He is working on a master's in education. Davenport is a classroom teacher at Jackson junior high school in Oklahoma City.

Two teachers from Hastings were caught by the camera's eye as they walked through the cool, tree-sheltered path back of the Liberal Arts building. They were John W. Dollarhide, superintendent

of Hastings high school, and LeRoy Hicks, speech and drama teacher at the same school. Dollarhide, working on his master's in education, is a graduate of Southeastern spending his first summer here. Hicks, also a first summer man, is a graduate of Southeastern and is working on his master's in drama.

The cameraman and scribe weren't disappointed when they searched the Union lounge for teachers. Seated on a sofa busily making a last minute check of their notes were Virginia Duffey and Myrtle Louise Goodwin. Miss Duffey, graduate of Bethany College in music, is spending a busy summer working on her master's in music education. She teaches music in Gary and Marsh grade schools in Tyler, Texas. Miss Goodwin, working on her master's degree in elementary education, will teach next year in Tulare, California, in fourth grade work. Her Oklahoma address is Frederick.

To understand why so many teachers have made this 1949 summer pilgrimage to O.U. you need to know some of the provisions of the Oklahoma School Code as enacted by the regular session of the twenty-second legislature in 1949. The salient thing to be noted is that the basic pay of teachers has been raised \$500 thus enabling them to be more financially able to attend school. But the provisions for raise in pay as the teacher accumulates more college credits is possibly the greatest incentive to the teachers. Here are some of the provisions as to hours:

- a. For each teacher holding a certificate to teach in Oklahoma and having completed 70 to 89 semester hours of college a minimum of \$1,500 is paid.
- b. For 90 hours or more but less than a bachelor's degree—\$1,700.
- c. Bachelor's degree—\$2,000.
- d. Master's or Library Science—\$2,200.
- e. Doctor of Philosophy or Doctor of Education—\$2,400.
- f. \$100 is added for each year of teaching experience or time spent in the military service, not to exceed five years.

Other advantages of the new code is a provision for sick leave and one for retention on a 10-month basis. This code permits many who had not planned to attend school before because of pay, war conditions or lack of interest, to do so.

Still other reasons might be cited for the teacher's return to school. The State Department of Ed-



Two teachers practicing the student art of cramming are Myrtle Louise Goodwin and Virginia Duffey.



Taking it easy on the steps of the education building are teachers V. S. Watson, Merrill Roberson and H. J. Harris.

Administrators Confer at Stillwater



Even teachers occasionally have to hurry to catch a class. John W. Dollarhide and LeRoy Hicks stretch their strides back of the Liberal Arts building.

ucation has indicated that higher standards for teachers will be required in the future. And lastly, some ex-servicemen are returning to activate their GI bill before it terminates.

Whatever reasons may be advanced for the teacher's presence on the O.U. campus this summer, one feels sure that the final result will be the raising of the standards of the Oklahoma schools and a more efficient, enlightened and contented teaching staff for the state.

Colleges Have New Presidents

East Central State College and Central State College have new presidents, both O.U. alumni. East Central's new head is Dr. Charles F. Spencer, '29ma, and Central State's new head is Dr. W. Max Chambers, '21ba, '29ms.

Dr. Spencer, a native of Arkansas, has been in Ada schools or in the college since 1925. He received his first degree at East Central and his master's degree from the University. His doctorate degree was received from the University of Wisconsin, Madison.

Spencer was once mayor of Ada and has served on the governor's committee on constitutional revision. During the war he served as a naval lieutenant as head of the navigation department of the Princeton naval school. Later, as a lieutenant commander, he was executive officer of a troop transport in the Pacific.

Dr. and Mrs. Spencer have two children, Hazel and Mary Ellen.

Dr. Chambers, a native of Kansas, was superintendent of Okmulgee schools from 1931 until his recent appointment at Edmond. He is a graduate of Purcell highschool. Chambers received a B.S. degree from Berea College, Berea, Kentucky, and a B.A. and a master's degree from O.U. He attended Harvard law school and was admitted to the Oklahoma Bar in 1923. His doctorate degree was received from Colorado State College of Education in 1948.

Before taking his post at Okmulgee, Dr. Chambers had been principal of the Cushing highschool and was superintendent of schools at Newkirk,

Nearly 500 of Oklahoma's school administrators gathered at Camp Redlands on Lake Carl Blackwell for a two-day conference June 14-15.

On Tuesday afternoon and evening, the time was devoted to group studies of the various phases of public relations for schools. Six working committees reported on such assignments as: "The Philosophy of Public Relations"; "Agents and Agencies Within the School and Community for Promoting Better Public Relations"; and "Special Campaigns, School and Community Surveys, and Special Days in Public Relations."

Wednesday, both morning and afternoon sessions were devoted to a seminar under the leadership of Dr. Oliver Hodge, '33m.ed, '37d.ed, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, on provisions of the new School Code. Assisting the seminar leader were various department heads of the State Board of Education and Harvey Black, Executive Secretary of the Teachers' Retirement System of Oklahoma. Interest was so great in this subject that the crowd over-filled the assembly room.

Dr. Walter Cocking, chairman, board of directors of the school executive and former professor of school administration, Peabody College and former commissioner of education of the state of Tennessee, served throughout the sessions as special consultant on the programs. Dr. Cocking addressed the group Tuesday evening on the subject, "Professional Leadership and the Administrator." Emphasizing the increasingly important role of public education to the life of the nation, Dr. Cocking threw out a challenge to administrators of public schools to assume fully the responsibility of directing the all inclusive educational programs of their communities for the benefit of all individuals and groups.

General chairman of all sessions during the two-day conference was Bryan Waid, superintendent of schools at Frederick, president of the Oklahoma Association of School Administrators for 1948-49.

The programs were organized and under the general direction of a special committee from the organization consisting of G. T. Stubbs, chairman, director of public school relations at A. & M. College; J. Arthur Herron, '32ed, '36m.ed, superintendent of schools, Blackwell; Dave Phillips, '25ba, '35m.ed, superintendent of schools, Chandler; C. E. Crook, superintendent of schools, Guthrie; William Carr, '37, superintendent of schools, Cushing.

James R. Frazier, '24ba, '32m.ed, superintendent of schools, Wewoka, is executive secretary.

Perry and Sapulpa. He is now president of the Oklahoma Congress of Parents and Teachers.

Dr. and Mrs. Chambers have one child, Mrs. Maxine Engert, who is now living in Champaign, Illinois.

Directors Named by Hodge

Saturday, June 25, the state board of education named directors of four of the divisions of the department of education, Dr. Oliver Hodge, '33m.ed, '37d.ed, state superintendent of public instruction announced.

Jake Smart, '40m.ed, will head the rural and elementary education. He was former director of curriculum. Orion Jennings, '41m.ed, will be director of the division of health and physical education; Clay Kerr, former head of the research division, will head the annexation and consolidation division, and Otto Shaw will head the research and census division.

Some of the many school administrators at the Camp Redlands meeting of the Oklahoma Association of School Administrators are shown as they appeared to the Sooner cameraman.

1. Bill Carr, '37, superintendent of schools, Cushing and president of the Oklahoma Education Association; Garland Godfrey, superintendent of schools, Pryor, and new president of the School Administrators; and Bryan Waid, superintendent of schools, Frederick, past president of the school administrators, seem interested in the paper which G. T. Stubbs, director of public school service, A.&M. College, Stillwater, is holding.

2. Clarence De Wees, '47, assistant director of finance, state department of education, Oklahoma City, is amused by something R. H. Emans, '39 m.ed, director of finance of the state department of education, has said.

3. C. Ray Tucker, '43ed, superintendent of Rexroat schools, Wilson; H. Herbert Puckett, principal of South Ward school, Wilson, listen intently as H. D. Gound, '38m.ed, superintendent of Wilson school, holds forth. Omer Rowe, county superintendent, Carter county, completes the group.

4. Harry Simmons, '24ba, Muskogee, shakes hands with C. H. Dunn, '40ba, Norman, representative of the MacMillan Company.

5. Four superintendents enjoying themselves are G. M. Roberts, superintendent of schools, Bartlesville; Charles Marrs, '41m.ed, superintendent of schools, Skiatook; John Shoemaker, '33m.ed, superintendent of schools, Lawton, and James R. Frazier, '24ba, '32m.ed, superintendent of schools, Okmulgee. (When the pic was shot, Frazier was superintendent of the Wewoka schools. He recently made the shift to Okmulgee).

6. Carl Anderson, '48m.ed, superintendent of schools, Durant; V. H. McClure, superintendent of schools, Delaware, and O. W. Davison, '49d.ed, director of adult education at the University make up this genial trio.

7. J. W. Martin, superintendent of schools, Nowata; Godfrey; and Calvin T. Smith, '40m.ed, principal of the Wewoka highschool, pause just long enough for the shutter.

8. Guy Curry, executive secretary of the teachers retirement commission, George Hann, superintendent of schools, '36m.ed, Ardmore; and Roy Trent, county superintendent, Atoka county, are pictured as the day's proceedings are coming to a close.

Also named were four assistant directors of secondary education. They are G. V. Williams, '36 m.ed, New Lima, Seminole county; Ray Tucker, Rexroat, Carter county; R. B. Johnson, Vinita; and E. H. McDonald, Oklahoma City. Three assistant directors were named in the rural and elementary education division: G. G. Morgan, Muskogee; Merrill Roberson, Moyer, and Ira Bugg, Shawnee. Herman Harris, Seiling, was named an assistant director of annexation consolidation.

Carson Gets U. N. Bid

W. H. Carson, dean of the college of engineering at the University, has been invited to represent the United States committee of the world engineering conference during the UN scientific meeting at Lake Success August 17-September 6.

The scientific conference is devoted to the exchange of ideas and experience on the techniques of resource conservation and utilization, their economic costs and benefits and their inter-relations.

