

Everything Seemed In Order

sports scribes decided they liked Big Red's brand of ends and picked Waddy Young, '35-'40, deceased, end, in 1938 and Frank Ivy, '40bs, Norman, made the team as an end in 1939.

In 1939 another player with the colorful name of "Cactus Face" Duggan, '36-'39, Nicoma Park, was All-American tackle. Then followed the war years, and you didn't see another Oklahoma All-American until 1946 when O.U. had a windfall and placed three on All-American. They were all linemen. Plato Andros, guard, John Rapacz, center, and Buddy Burris, guard, were the imposing three linemen who copped the prize football plum. Buddy Burris was the only repeater Oklahoma has ever had on All-American. He was named All-American guard for the second time in 1947 and took a third helping in 1948. Then in 1946 a sprightly running halfback, Joe Golding became the first Sooner backfield man to be selected. He was followed in 1948 by Jack Mitchell, quarterback, who made several All-American teams.

Add to this list the 1949 All-Americans from Oklahoma and you have a formidable list that compares with any university. Stanley West, Wade Walker, George Thomas, Darrell Royal and Jim Owens should be enough All-Americans for one season to please even the most exacting Sooner fan.

If there are any bowl records or All-American records to be broken—all Oklahoma needs is the time. They are toppling them as fast as they can.

Gift Gives School Lift

Dr. Homer L. Dodge, former dean of the department of physics at the University and current president of Norwich University, Northfield, Vermont, will resign his position February 1 to administer a \$1 million gift to that university.

The gift was given by Dr. Godfrey Lowell Cabot, Boston industrialist and aeronautical scientist, with the stipulation that it be used to build a science building and teach aviation.

Dr. Dodge, now 62, came to Oklahoma as professor of physics in 1919. He also was named head of the department of physics that year. Leaving the University at the outbreak of World War II, he became director of the office of scientific personnel of the national research council. He assumed the presidency of Norwich in 1944.

Dr. Dodge will direct a program to carry out the wishes of Dr. Cabot that every student at Norwich learn the principles of flight.

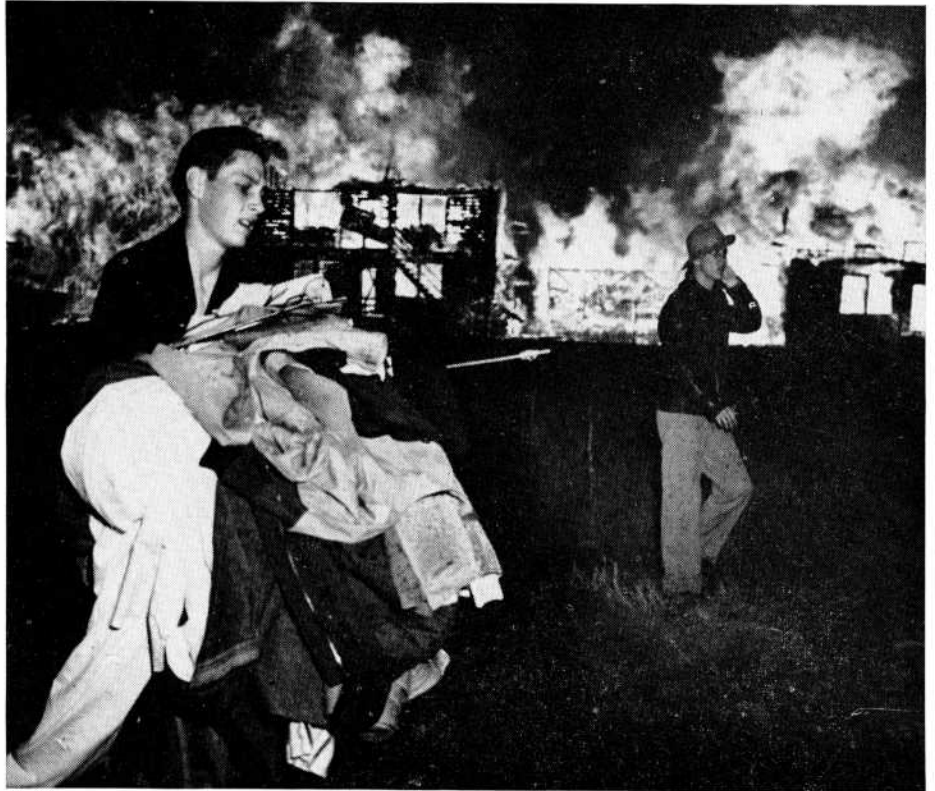
He is a fellow in the American Association for Advancement of Science, American Physical Society, Physical Society of London and Oklahoma Academy of Sciences. He is also a member of Sigma Xi, Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Delta Kappa and Phi Gamma Delta fraternities.

Art Professor Honored

Professor Oscar B. Jacobson of the University art department was recently honored by the State of Oklahoma by induction into the Oklahoma Hall of Fame.

Dr. Jacobson, born May 16, 1882, is Westervik, Sweden, is one of the outstanding art critics of the midwest. For 34 years he directed the O.U. School of Art. As director of the school's museum or art, he now oversees a collection that numbers over 2,000 paintings and objects of art valued at about \$1 million. A major interpreter of the Southwest in landscape painting, Dr. Jacobson has painted more than 400 pictures.

Headquarters for his annual summer painting pilgrimage is a log cabin high in the Colorado Rockies near the Wyoming state line. A patron of Indian art, in 1930 he was adopted as honorary chief of the Kiowa Indians. He is listed in *Who's Who in America*.



A boy with all the clothing he could save moves away from the blazing BOQ.

Unseasonal warm weather and little rainfall had marked December's entry into Oklahoma. The University was picking itself up from the solitude and rest of the Thanksgiving holidays.

Out on the South Campus the men living in the temporary frame dwellings had enjoyed the beginning of the December 3 weekend. Those living in the BOQ were much like the rest of the campus. Some students had gone home for the weekend. Others were enjoying a night out. Still others engaged in the horseplay common to men's dormitories.

One by one they finished their evening's study or entertainment and went to bed anticipating the next day's work. About 2:30 p.m. a campus patrolman skirted the building and reported that everything seemed in order. Approximately one and one-half hours later the entire building had been burned to the ground with the loss of three lives and 71 injuries.

The dead were: Maurice Ahearn, 26, of Killingsworth, Connecticut, engineering junior, whose body was found near an exit and apparently could have gotten out of the structure had he not chose to remain trying to awaken others in the BOQ.

Sammy La Rue, 20, Clinton, fine arts junior, was believed from the position in which his body was found to have never gotten out of bed.

Price Starks Jr., 20, Oklahoma City, business sophomore, was separated from his roommate in an attempt to gain safety and apparently was overcome while trying to reach safety.

Approximately 300 men were in the building when the fire broke out. Few escaped with anything more than their pajamas.

Relief agencies, both formal and informal, took

up the work of helping replace the personal losses of the men.

The Red Cross issued checks for emergency needs and students, churches and civic organizations as well as newspapers dug deep and urged others to dig deep for funds.

The men without a home were given a new one less than 12 hours after the blaze. Women living in residential halls were moved into the new quadrangle area and the boys moved into the permanent brick dormitories.

On December 4, a coroner's jury ruled the fire originated from causes unknown and found no negligence on anyone's part in connection with the blaze.

It was the fourth major catastrophe to strike the campus in the past two years. Two fires and a tornado had struck previously.

Dr. Palmer Dies in McAlester

Dr. Clara Fogle Palmer, '26Law, died at her home in McAlester, April 21, 1949.

Dr. Palmer was one of those rare individuals who never quite got rid of the urge to learn. She was 50 years of age when she attended the University to begin work on her law degree in 1923.

She also received the degree of Doctor of Medicine from the University of Illinois in 1903. Dr. Palmer's work was international too. She attended the University of Paris to study medicine during the summer of 1932 and also toured Europe on many occasions.

Although she never was actively engaged in the practice of law, she practiced medicine for many years in McAlester.