



Theta Xi

Founded at O.U. in 1949

Theta Xi fraternity had its beginning 83 years ago on April 29, 1864, at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, New York. Eight students met together for the purpose of founding a new secret society to take the place of a local fraternity which had recently disbanded. From this historic evening has come a fraternity embracing over 16,000 members with chapters in 40 colleges and universities throughout the United States.

Theta Xi made its start on the University of Oklahoma campus in the winter of 1947, when Paul Ackerman, a Theta Xi alumnus from Ohio State University met with a small group of farsighted young men who had been carefully selected for their outstanding qualities of leadership on the campus and their enthusiasm and wholehearted interest in Theta Xi. These men were initiated into the bonds of Theta Xi at the University of Texas on April 24, 1948, and in less than a year after that event the Alpha Rho chapter of Theta Xi was installed at the University of Okla-

homa.

The Alpha Rho chapter now has over 60 members, and pledges, and although still in its infancy on the O.U. campus has rapidly gained prestige during the last two years. The chapter has actively participated in University activities and has made great headway in establishing itself among the outstanding fraternities on the campus.

Besides notable success in the regular social activities, Theta Xi has had other noteworthy achievements, such as the winning of the "March of Dimes" sponsored UGOC (Ugliest Guy on Campus) contest by one of the active members. Prominent among these achievements was the winning of a silver cup for the best group act in the annual "Sooner Scandals" by a five-man pledge band, who created a sensation with their spicy and mirthful rendition of "Cigarettes and Whiskey and Wild Wild Wimmin."

Although striving for eminence in social, intramural, and other campus activities, Theta Xi

also strives for superior scholastic attainments. Outstanding O.U. students who are members of Theta Xi can be found in the student senate, Alpha Chi Sigma, Tau Beta Pi, Sigma Tau, Tau Omega, Scabbard and Blade, and Phi Eta Sigma. Theta Xi also is fortunate in having honoraries as Mr. D. R. Kimrey, purchasing agent for the University, Dr. H. V. Thornton, professor of government and former mayor of Norman, and Mr. Joseph E. Smay, professor of architecture and faculty advisor to the fraternity.

Theta Xi, with a religious, social, and intramural program which is balanced by a stress upon scholastic achievements, endeavors to equip its members with practical concepts of unity and fellowship so they may better fulfill the needs of society after they have completed their education. The fraternity is proud of its initial success at O.U. but intends to go on to greater heights in fulfilling its aims and ideals.

with Charles Boyer and Marlene Dietrich and "The Plainsman," starring Gary Cooper.

Barrett Clark, the New York critic, once said of Riggs, "He is one of the four greatest dramatists alive today, the other three being O'Neill, Paul Green and Albert Byne." And the *New York Times* commented, "Mr. Riggs writes only of the people whom he knows. Every one of his plays to date has its scene in the author's native Oklahoma. And more often than not the people are the people among whom he was reared."

Riggs is now in New York working on another play—about Oklahoma no doubt.

► Dr. Harry E. Hoy, chairman of the department of geography, and Dr. Ralph E. Olson, associate professor of geography, attended sessions of the Southwestern Social Science Association in Houston, April 6-9.

► George P. Haley, director of veteran affairs, and J. C. Mayfield, '28ba, manager, University Book Exchange, attended the National Association of College Stores convention in Chicago, April 18-22.

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Doctors must let people outside the profession know their opinion on things affecting medicine, Dr. Garrison said. He urged them to take a greater interest in politics and affairs of the day. He urged the doctors to register and urge their friends to register and take an interest in elections, regardless of how they vote.

Speaking on socialized medicine, he reported offices of physicians in Britain are crowded with people with minor ailments, while patients with serious ailments are unable to get into the hospitals. He quoted statistics to show the increase in the number of government employees in Britain and this country. He quoted Lenin as having said "socialized medicine is the key to the arch of the socialized state."

Factors inside and outside the medical profession were discussed. A statement by Lincoln was quoted by Garrison that "you can't keep out of trouble by spending more than your income, and you cannot help people by doing for them what

they can do for themselves."

Dr. Garrison presented a charter to the Cleveland County Medical Society with Dr. James F. Hohl, '44ba, '44med, president of the society, reading the first minutes kept by the county organization dated March 4, 1910. This was two years after the medical society held its first meeting some time in 1908, according to Dr. D. W. Griffin, one of the charter members.

The late Dr. A. L. Blush, pioneer physician and surgeon of Oklahoma City, came down from Oklahoma City to assist in the organization of the Cleveland County Society 42 years ago. This makes the Cleveland county society one of the oldest in Oklahoma. Dr. A. C. Hirschfield was the first recording secretary of the Cleveland county society.

► Paul MacMinn, dean of students, went to Atlantic City to attend the American College Personnel Association meeting March 24-April 2.

► Dr. Kester Svendsen, professor of English, studied the Milton collections at Duke and North Carolina, April 5-12.