

TEACHING PRODUCED CASH RESULTS. Kester Svendsen, English, Mildred Andrews, '37fa, music, Arthur Bernhart, mathematics, Harlan Bryant, education, Edwin McReynolds, history, '22ba, '26ma, '45ph.d, and Kenneth Crook, '25bs, '26ms, were \$500 richer as a result of their teaching and counseling records. They are seen with President Cross at award ceremonies September 8 in Owen Stadium. A seventh awardee, Reed M. Powell, left before the picture was taken. Three others received awards in absentia. The ten helped initiate a 5-year faculty recognition program.

### On the Sooner Scene

A secret committee assigned the task of rewarding teaching and counseling excellence, met, surveyed the field and named

# The First Ten

By BOYD GUNNING, '37ba, '37Law

"The students come first" was the keynote of campus activities during freshman week as the University of Oklahoma made ready for its 61st year.

One of the highlights of the week, and the talk of the campus among students and faculty members alike, was the selection of the first ten O.U. teachers to win the University of Oklahoma Foundation's teaching awards. The awards were presented in recognition of outstanding service and excellence in teaching and student counseling. Each teacher selected for the honor received a check for \$500.00. (The University Foundation has \$25,000.00 in a special fund to carry on this program for five years. There is a possibility it can be extended beyond that period.)

A secret committee of faculty members, appointed by President G. L. Cross, named the winners.

Here is what Louis Levy, president of the Student Senate, thought of the of the names listed:

"I personally feel, if the first ten persons who received these awards are examples of the teachers who

will in the future be recipients, that the student body and the faculty can rest assured of the worthiness of such a venture."

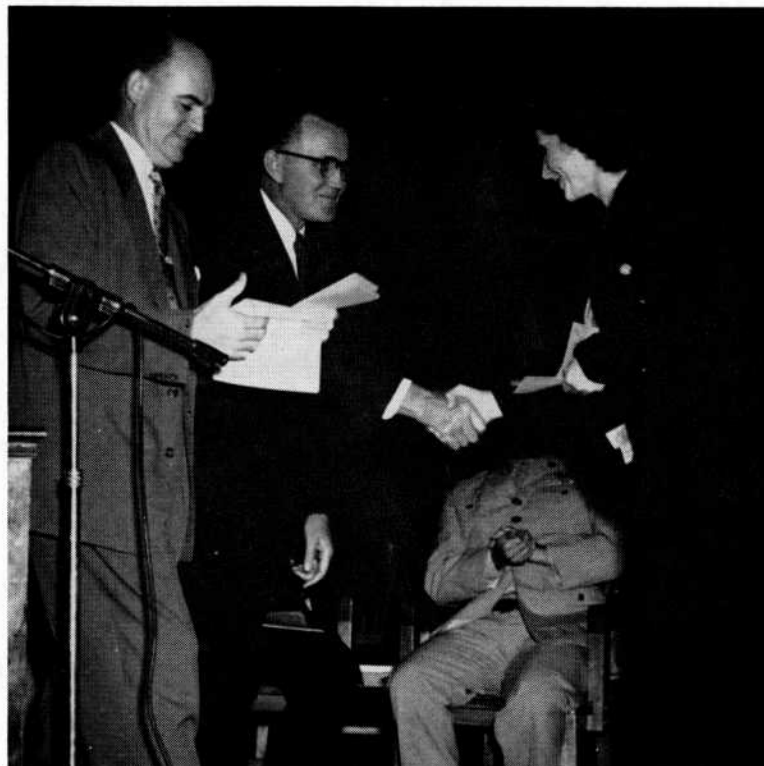
A faculty member said to me, "I know all of these individuals personally and consider them not only good teachers, but also

teachers who have the reputation of placing the interests of their students first."

The ten winners of the teaching awards are DR. KENNETH E. CROOK, professor of chemistry; DR. EDWIN C. McREYNOLDS, assistant professor of history;

MARY ANN WARREN, associate professor of home economics; MILDRED ANDREWS, associate professor of music; DR. J. PAUL DUNCAN, associate professor of government; DR. REED M. POWELL, assistant professor of sociology; BLANCHE SOMMERS, associate professor of pharmacy; DR. HARLAN BRYANT, professor of education; DR. KESTER SVENDSEN, professor of English; and DR. ARTHUR BERNHART, associate professor of mathematics.

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THREE HAPPY PEOPLE. Mildred Andrews receives cash award and handshake of President G. L. Cross as Boyd Gunning looks on. Gunning made presentation of awards on behalf of O.U. Foundation. Note clasped hands in the background.

Gaha, '18, president of the City National Bank of Wichita Falls, Texas, and the Lloyd Noble organizations, Ardmore, through Sam, '47ba, Ed, '51ba, and Anne Noble and Cecil Forbes, '26-'29, president of the Noble Drilling Corporation.

In order that you may know these fine teachers a little better, here are a few facts about each one.

A native of Hominy, Oklahoma, Miss Mildred Andrews received her bachelor of fine arts degree from O.U. in piano in 1937. In 1940, she was awarded the master of music degree at the University of Michigan. She has also studied in Chicago.

In 1947 Miss Andrews was honored by a request performance in the National Cathedral, Washington, D. C. Only 12 persons are honored by this request each year. She has played concerts on tour, sponsored by the Austin Organ Company of Hartford, Connecticut.

Miss Andrews has been affiliated with the University since 1934. She is a member of Mu Phi Epsilon, honorary music society for women; Mortar Board, national honorary society for women, and the Guild of American Organists. She joined the School of Music faculty in 1936. Besides her teaching position, she is organist and choir master at St. John's Episcopal Church, Norman. Her students have won national attention on several occasions.

The mathematics department is represented with a Foundation Teaching award by Associate Professor Arthur Bernhart. Professor Bernhart came to the University from Bucknell University. He received his education in Olivet College of Michigan and the University of Michigan. In addition to teaching a full load of classes in the Mathematics Department, and serving as a student counselor, he finds time for two



REED M. POWELL

... Present for Ceremonies

hours of research in mathematics daily.

A comparative newcomer on the O.U. campus is Dr. Harlan Bryant, professor of education, who came originally from Moberly, Missouri. Dr. Bryant received his BS degree from Southwest Missouri State College and his M.S. and D. Ed. Degrees from Missouri University. He has served on the faculty at the University of Tulsa. He came to O.U. from Joplin Junior College, where he was the Dean of the College.

Dr. Kenneth Crook, professor of chemistry, is a long lean chemist from Kansas, who looks more like a Texan. He came to the University as a student and received both the BS and MS degrees at Norman. His Ph. D. degree is from the Wisconsin University. He is a specialist in organic chemistry. Before joining the O.U. staff, Professor Crook taught for a time at Wis-

consin U. and Oklahoma City University. He has recently had the responsibility of planning the new Chemistry building and has done an outstanding job on that assignment; however, he is noted most for his excellence as a teacher.

Dr. John Paul Duncan, who is professor of government, left for a year's leave of absence a few days before the teaching awards were presented. Dr. Duncan will teach this year at Ibrahim Pasha University in Cairo, Egypt. His work in Egypt is sponsored by a Fulbright Lectureship program.

Dr. Duncan has had a variety of teaching experiences. In the summer of 1949 he toured England and Europe and studied for a time at Edinburg and Durham Universities. He joined the O.U. Faculty in 1946 after teaching assignments at Butler University, the University of Indiana, the University of Akron and Oklahoma A&M College. A native of Indianapolis, Indiana, Dr. Duncan received his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Indiana after graduating from Butler University with a B.A. degree in social science. He has also studied at the University of Chicago. He will return to the campus in the fall of 1953 to resume his duties here in the government department.

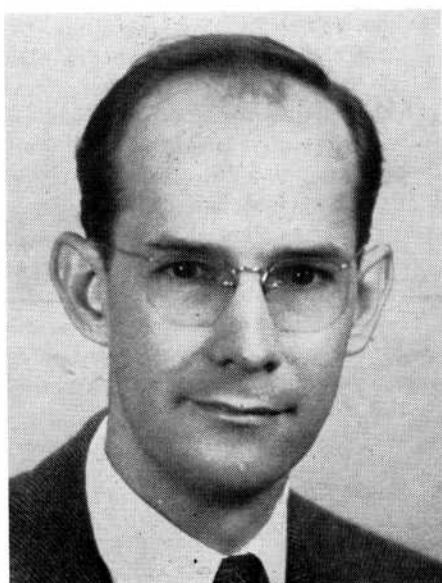
Dr. Reed M. Powell, assistant professor of sociology, joined the University of Oklahoma staff in 1950. His home is in Provo, Utah. He attended Brigham Young University, receiving B.S. and M.S. degrees from that institution. In 1951 he received a Ph.D. degree from Michigan State University. Dr. Powell has made a reputation for himself as a popular speaker throughout Oklahoma during the short time he has been here.

Dr. Edwin C. McReynolds, assistant pro-

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BLANCHE SOMMERS



JOHN PAUL DUNCAN



MARY WARREN

... One was in Egypt, One on Leave and One Recovering from Operation

## O.U.'s First Student . . .

O.U. and his wages as a printer's devil paid his way. The University was supported by a territorial tax of half a mill. An incidental fee, varying from \$3 to \$5, was collected from students.

After leaving O.U. Donehew attended a business college in Fort Worth. He worked as a stenographer in law offices. Later he lived on his mother's farm eight miles northeast of Norman. He continued his studies by mail, and in 1926 was granted a degree from the Tope School of Mental Science, Inc., in Ohio.

Donehew lived in Pauls Valley for 25 years. He did rural circulation work for the *Oklahoma City Times*, *Oklahoman*, *Farmer Stockman* and the *Semi-Weekly Farm News* of Dallas.

O.U.'s first student still has a lively interest in campus affairs. He deplored the recent "panty raids," fearing students are not as serious today as in his time. An enthusiastic football fan, he keeps track of Big Red's progress.

The Donehews and their 15-year-old daughter, Marion Lorene, have a small farm near Stratford. Their home is filled with books and historical data. Marion Lorene does her father's secretarial work, helping him prepare material for a book he hopes to write on "the good old days" at O.U.

Perhaps they can collaborate on the book,

for Dr. Donehew hopes that when Marion Lorene finishes her studies at Stratford she can win a diploma from his alma mater.

## The School an Idea Built . . .

earned seven letters in baseball and basketball at O.U. In addition he was a substitute quarterback on the football team. He was the first paid freshman football coach at the University. His sports interests have not been blunted since he left Norman. A mention of football sent him into a well informed discussion of what the Big Red would have to offer this year.

His interest in sports was supplemented after his graduation from O.U. He went to Carmen as principal and head coach in 1921. Two years later he was back on the campus to do graduate work and coach freshmen athletes. In 1924 he took a job as head coach at Henryetta highschool and produced fine basketball and football teams in his two years there. He kept up his coaching activities at Wentworth Military Academy and the Missouri Military Academy, the two teaching assignments that preceded the founding of the Ponca City school.

An important part of the Colonel's University activities in addition to athletics included membership in Sigma Nu. Perhaps he made his greatest contribution to the University in alumni affairs. He

served for several years as a member of the Alumni Executive Board and was president of the Alumni Association for a year.

Bill Cox has had help from a great many sources in building his school. There were friends who helped by sending their sons to him. There were the British flyers who appeared at a critical time. And most of all, there was a Mrs. Cox who worked as hard as her husband in making their idea a reality. She's a woman of quiet dignity and great poise. Naturally attractive, she is beautiful when she smiles. Mrs. Cox served as a member of the faculty when the school opened and is bookkeeper and registrar today.

A second generation has also provided a source of help and pride for his father. Before being called into service as a naval lieutenant, Wallace C. Cox, '48ba, joined the faculty as principal. "I never told Wally what I wanted him to do. I told him when he made up his mind to let me know. After he graduated from O.U. he said he wanted to help me in the school," Bill Cox said. There was no mistaking the pleasure that the decision gave his father. When Wally is released from the navy he will be back at Ponca City teaching in the academy.

Such is the history of the Ponca Military Academy. And such is the story of its founding. Perhaps no other alumnus would be interested in founding a school, but it can be done. And from what Colonel William V. Cox says, its an interesting way to make a living.

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essor of history, has an enviable reputation among both students and faculty members as a student counselor and a teacher of history. Dr. McReynolds holds three degrees from O.U. including a Ph.D. degree which he received in 1945. Before joining the O.U. staff he served as assistant principal at Classen highschool, Oklahoma City, was a member of the faculty at Central State College at Edmond and was Dean of the Coffeyville Junior College in Kansas.

Another native Oklahoman to be honored by the teaching awards program was Blanche Sommers who came to the University from Helena where her parents own and operate a drug store. Her father, Horace A. Sommers, was one of the early graduates of the University, graduating in 1900. Miss Sommers received B.S. and M.S. degrees in pharmacy from O.U. and for a time was manager and co-owner of a drug store in Edmond. She joined the O.U. Staff in 1942 and has taught many Oklahoma druggists from both a scientific and prac-

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tical background in the past ten years. At present Miss Sommers is on leave of absence doing graduate study at Ohio State University. She will return to the campus in the fall of 1953.

One of the most colorful teachers at the University is Dr. Kester Svendsen, professor of English, who joined the O.U. faculty in 1940. He previously had taught at the College of Charleston and the University of North Carolina. He holds a B.A. degree from the College of Charleston and was awarded M.A. and the Ph.D. degrees from the University of North Carolina. Dr. Svendsen is an authority on the works of John Milton, 17th century English poet. He is an author of 20 published articles on Milton. He also has written numerous articles for scholarly publications. He is perhaps best known to Oklahoman's through his reviews of current literature which have appeared in the Sunday *Oklahoman* since 1940. At the present time Dr. Svendsen is on a temporary leave of absence doing special research in the Library of Congress, Washington, D. C.

One of the busiest persons on the campus for the past two years has been Mary Ann Warren, associate professor of home economics, who is serving as chairman of the School of Home Economics. Miss Warren was graduated from the University of Tennessee with B.S. and M.S. degrees. She joined the O.U. Staff in 1945. She has been responsible for much of the planning which was involved in moving the School of Home Economics into its new building this fall.

The one characteristic which these ten outstanding teachers share in common is their sincerity and their efforts to be of maximum service to their students. They all show great promise for the future. In the next ten years they will write outstanding achievements into the record book of the University of Oklahoma.

### **Under Cover . . .**

grazing land. Drouth hit pretty hard. Nothing left. Thought I'd go to school this fall." Like most people who love the land he was pretty unhappy about leaving it, even for a short time. "I've got two kids. They never lived in town. Guess it will be alright when they get used to it." We were in Ponca City. Three hours and four rides after leaving Arkansas City, I had made the trip with half an hour to spare. I did not know when I left the bus at Arkansas City that I would experience so much of the drama of daily living. I thanked each driver in turn, of course, for their kindness. Perhaps two of them received some compensation from telling their stories to a stranger.

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