

# Thirty-Six Receive Doctoral Degrees in 1954

**D**URING the first and second semesters of the school year, 1953-54, enrollment in the Graduate College totaled 2,843 students; for the 1954 Summer School, 1,659. At the June commencement President Cross conferred 167 degrees on the master's level, six Doctors of Education, and fifteen Doctors of Philosophy. In August he conferred 349 masters' degrees, three Doctors of Education, and twelve Doctors of Philosophy. Candidates completed doctoral work in the fields of chemical engineering, chemistry, economics, education, English and American literature, American and Latin-American history, psychology, and zoology.

## DOCTORAL DEGREES AWARDED AT THE JUNE COMMENCEMENT

### *Doctor of Education*

Wilson Thomas Ashby. Dissertation—"A Statistical Analysis of Selected Factors in Predicting Achievement in Typewriting." Directed by Professor Gerald Alvin Porter.

Freeman H. Beets. Dissertation—"A Study of Selected External Factors Which Influence the Enrollments and Potential Development of the Three Georgia Baptist Junior Colleges." Directed by Professor Harlan Bryant.

Charles Edward Dyer. Dissertation—"A Study of Essentialism in Contemporary American Education." Directed by Professor John Ralph Rackley.

Harold Kenneth French. Dissertation—"The Selection and Retention of Secondary School Principals in Oklahoma with Emphasis Upon the Junior High School." Directed by Professor Donald Ross Pugmire.

Jay J. Gramlich. Dissertation—"The Status of Audio-Visual Programs in Selected Four-Year Institutions of Higher Learning As They Relate to the Pre-Service Preparation of Teachers." Directed by Associate Professor Robert E. de Kieffer.

Ollie Evert Hatcher. Dissertation—"The Development of Legal Controls for Racial Segregation in the Public Schools of Oklahoma, 1865-1952." Directed by Professor Donald Ross Pugmire.

### *Doctor of Philosophy*

Donald Craig Baker. Dissertation—"Symbol and Theme in Chaucer's Vision Poems." Directed by Associated Professor Paul George Ruggiers.

Eugene Richard Craine. Dissertation—"The United States and the Independence

of Buenos Aires." Directed by Associate Professor Max Leon Moorhead.

Beulah Mall Dutt. Dissertation—"Teacher Education in India." Directed by Professor Frank Allen Balyeat.

Arrell Morgan Gibson. Dissertation—"A History of the Lead and Zinc Industry of the Tri-State District." Directed by Associate Professor Gilbert Courtland Fite.

O. J. Harvey. Dissertation—"An Experimental Investigation of Negative and Positive Relationships Between Small Informal Groups Through Judgmental Indices." Directed by Professor Muzafer Sherif.

Virgil Thomas Hill. Dissertation—"The Szondi Test with Children: A Critical Evaluation of Theory and Practice." Directed by Professor Milbourne Otto Wilson.

Hamilton McKee Johnson. Dissertation—"An Analysis of Subsurface Geophysical Methods in Determining Lithology and Fluid Content." Directed by Associate Professor John Alexander Norden.

William Harvie Leckie. Dissertation—"The Military Conquest of the Southern Plains Indians." Directed by Professor Asa Kyrus Christian.

Beatrice Ricks. Dissertation—"Characteristics of the Gothic Historical Novel in the Works of William Harrison Ainsworth." Directed by Associate Professor Alexander Marion Saunders.

Dwight de Lano Saunders. Dissertation—"The Human Nature Concepts as Found in the Major Economic Writings of John Maynard Keynes." Directed by Professor Virgle Glenn Wilhite.

Joseph Herman Siegel. Dissertation—"A Study of Frustration Tolerance in Cerebral Palsied and Non-Handicapped Children." Directed by Assistant Professor Richard Granville Cannicott.

Maurice Temerlin. Dissertation—"Individual Differences in the Perception of Visual Apparent Movement: Implications for Psychotherapy." Directed by Professor William Burton Lemmon.

James Dee Von Thrasher. Dissertation—"Interpersonal Relations and Gradations of Stimulus Structure as Factors in Judgmental Variation: An Experimental Approach." Directed by Professor Muzafer Sherif.

Philip Davidson White. Dissertation—"Horizontal Co-Current Two-Phase Two-Component Flow." Directed by Professor Richard Lee Huntington.

Cecil Raymond Williams. Dissertation—"Mammalian Ecology of the Great Salt Plains Wildlife Refuge." Directed by Professor Arthur Norris Bragg.

## DOCTORAL DEGREES AWARDED AT THE AUGUST COMMENCEMENT

### *Doctor of Education*

Joseph Hardin Clements. Dissertation—"Business Education in the Secondary Schools of Oklahoma." Directed by Professor Gerald Alvin Porter.

Harry James Merigis. Dissertation—"Opinions of Elementary Principals and Elementary Teachers Concerning Selected Principles of Educational Administration." Directed by Professor William Burk Ragan.

Elsie La Hassa Null. Dissertation—"Accounting at the Collegiate Level." Directed by Professor Gerald Alvin Porter.

### *Doctor of Philosophy*

Leonard Norton Devonshire. Dissertation—"The Hydrolysis of Monofluorophosphates." Directed by Professor Howard Holmes Rowley.

William John Handy. Dissertation—"Poetry as Knowledge: The Kantian Tradition in Modern Literary Theory." Directed by Professor John Paul Pritchard.

Horace Albennie Hays. Dissertation—"The Mammals of Grassland and Wooded Ravine in Central Oklahoma, Their Ecology and Faunal Relationships." Directed by Professor Arthur Norris Bragg.

Woodrow Harold Jones. Dissertation—"Cladocera of Oklahoma." Directed by Assistant Professor Howard Paul Clemens.

Dan Max Nall. Dissertation—"The Metabolism of Testosterone by Guinea Pig Tissue Homogenates." Directed by Associate Professor Porter Louis Pickard.

William Everett Neptune. Dissertation—"Polarography of Selected Boron Compounds." Directed by Associate Professor Porter Louis Pickard.

Charles Livingston Shedd. Dissertation—"An Exploratory Study of the Development of the Concept of Quantity." Directed by Professor Milbourne Otto Wilson.

Hubert C. Skinner. Dissertation—"Foraminifera of Arkadelphia Marl Exposures Near Hope, Arkansas." Directed by Professor Reginald Wilson Harris.

Joseph Quincy Snyder. Dissertation—"Preparation and Characterization of Heterocyclic Ketimines." Directed by Associate Professor Porter Louis Pickard.

Percival A. Wesche. Dissertation—"The Life, Theology, and Influence of Henry Clay Morrison." Directed by Associate Professor John Samuel Ezell.

Maxwell Jeffers Wilcomb, Jr. Dissertation—"A Study of Prairie Dog Burrow Systems and the Ecology of Their Arthropod Inhabitants in Central Oklahoma." Directed by Assistant Professor Cluff Hopla.

Randolph Orville Yeager. Dissertation—"Indian Enterprises of Isaac McCoy, 1817-1846." Directed by Professor Asa Kyrus Christian.

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sample such sites before they are lost altogether. A great number have already been excavated, but these represent but a few of the sites which still remain untouched.

This is but a sampling of the work now being conducted, and represents only the major projects. There are, in addition, of course, researches of smaller scope on which the departmental members and students are working.

In terms of programs with other departments in the University, joint plans are just now being made. In the graduate program, interdepartmental seminars are being prepared, and a variety of students in the several departments in social science are taking work in other departments of the same branch. This co-operation is, to some extent, being reflected in the undergraduate curriculum. It is hoped that the techniques of such fields as psychology, sociology, and geography may be applied in joint efforts, which will produce far more significant results than can be obtained by a single discipline. With an increasing awareness on the part of the people of the State of the contributions of anthropology, and other social sciences, perhaps these co-operative programs are not too far in the future.

### ... *Oklahoma University*

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Spell it as they would, the school was making progress in the University Building.

Dr. L. Haynes Buxton, M.D., brother of Professor Buxton, invested and lost in the ill-fated effort to establish Oklahoma University. In the spring and summer of 1894 his announcement of practice, appearing in local papers, showed his residence as "the University Building, Harrison Avenue." He may have been living there as a way of recovering some of his financial loss. He was later Territorial Superintendent of Health, and continued his practice in Oklahoma City.

On November 8, 1894, appeared a news item that the Territory of Oklahoma had leased the "Buxton University Building" for the coming session of the legislature. It is probable that only one session was held in the building.

Through 1893 and the early part of 1894 the Guthrie Board of Trade strove to salvage part of its investment, having inherited the mortgage on the building. In January, 1894, the property was sold for \$1,000, this amount being credited to the "museum fund." This covered part of the interest due on the loan. After changing ownership through individual hands, the property was sold to Logan County in 1896. The former University building was used as a county court house for more than a decade. Then county bonds were voted and money made available to erect a new court house, the short-lived but historic University Building being razed to make place for the present Logan County Court House, on the same site and facing in the same direction as the "Buxton University Building."

The building fared much better than did the man who envisioned Oklahoma University. Evidently he sincerely believed, as did other loyal Guthrie boosters, that an early start would insure a fair share of college attendance. But, as the school struggled awhile for existence, he spent his time in and out of jail, rather hopelessly fighting the charges brought against him. Transferred from Topeka to Guthrie, "The trial of Professor Buxton began late this afternoon (March 4, 1893) in Commissioner Boles Court. The defense waived examination and Prof. Buxton is placed under \$15,000 bond." Early in June, availing himself of a writ of habeas corpus, he appeared again in district court. It seems that he had been in jail through the spring months. A demurrer to the fourteen points was sustained, the court ruling that no offense against the United States had been

established. However, Judge Green, on motion of the federal attorney, held the defendant for trial at the September term of the Federal Court. The new bail of \$1,000 was too much for the college president and he was remanded to jail. A news story includes the significant observation that, "The appearance of Professor Buxton showed that prison life this hot weather is showing on him."

He was finally legally cleared of any wrongdoing in promoting Oklahoma University, and Mr. Wenner remembers that the judge scored the publishing company and the federal marshal for their part in the case. Broken financially, as well as in health and spirit, the disappointed minister and educator moved "out west" where he spent his remaining years.

Oklahoma University is only one of several Oklahoma colleges that began bravely and hopefully, struggled awhile, and then succumbed, moved to another location, or merged with another institution. The University of Oklahoma entered its first building in September, 1893, and has grown steadily into what we now lovingly and proudly call "OU," even though it is not and never has been Oklahoma University.

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