The engineers scored in our last issue. This time, we turn to the
engineers. Engineers are a quiet lot (except on St. Pat’s Eve) who
work in less spectacular media than the literary fellows. Now
and then one of them escapes from the profession into some such
adventure as the White House; but most of them enjoy the pleasure
of facing problems that mathematics and engineering principles only
can overcome.

Our Oklahoma engineers seem
to have been unusually successful,
as graduates go. The graduate is
rare who does not place in some
good job; and he is rare, too, who
fails to make a go of the job. Hard
work and intelligence, of course,
keeps the job; but proper engi-
neering training does a lot.

Prof. Felix Frankfurter in a sig-
nificant little book published re-
cently by Yale University Press,
The Public and Its Government,
asserts that one of the principal
needs of our government is to at-
tract intelligent and courageous
people to the public service; and
that our government should make
such service attractive by proper
safeguards. The slow, uphill fight
civil service in this country is a
sad commentary on the quality of
our government. Despite certain
political thrusts at the university
in by-gone years, some members of
the faculty of the university have
given the best years of their life
to the service of the state—without
the proper safeguards, sometimes,
because they see something far
greater in their work than a month-
ly pay check.

One of these men is Dean James
Felgar of the engineering college.
He is completing his twenty-fifth
year of service with the university
this year. Twenty-five years of
building. Building up from a few
students and no equipment to one
of the finest engineering colleges
of the country. That would make
a quarter century of service pleasa-
rant for any man to contemplate in
retrospection. But I’ll guess that
the most pleasant memories of
Dean Felgar are those of engineer-
ing students who have brought
their problems to him for solution.

Many a graduate of this university
owes his success to the dean, who
many times has prevented young
men from taking misguided steps
that might have ruined their lives.

Leo Sanders, ’19 eng., proves
how temporary is the work of man.
The contracting firm of which he
is president in Oklahoma City,
makes a specialty of quick “wreck-
ing” of buildings. Given a job at
dawn, by night a building that
took weeks of patient effort to
erect, has been effaced completely
from the skyline. Speed and effi-
ciency have been combined by Mr
Sanders to such a degree that his
work is receiving national recog-
nition. And once the building is
razed, he is ready to begin laying
a foundation the next day for the
structure that is to supersede the
wrecked building.

Romayne S. Baker, ex ’24, president
of the Noble-Baker Oil In-
vestments of Abilene, Texas, was
the right man for the right place.
Mr. Baker’s company recently “hit
it right” in the east Texas oil de-
velopment and sold holdings
for several millions.

George Bowman of Kingfisher,
new president of the board of
regents has long been identified
with educational progress in Okla-
home, having served as president
of the board of trustees of Kingfisher
college for many years. Mr Bowman
has served on the board of regents
for some years; he has aided in
the development of the university
with sympathy and understanding.
In this crucial period of the uni-
versity, when healthy growth must
not be stopped, it is important
that the directing board of the uni-
versity not only have sympathy
but understanding. A university’s pro-
gram cannot be measured with a
yard stick; and Mr Bowman and
his associates on the board do not
measure progress that way.

Our attention has been called to
the fact that it was Governor
Philip LaFollette of Wisconsin,
and not Senator Robert LaFollette,
who was stationed at the univer-
sity during the S. A. T. C. regime.