Clearing the Desk

SINCE a new editor will move in behind this desk June 1, this appears to be a particularly appropriate time to revive this former regular department of Sooner Magazine which was switched off when the publication was trimmed to fit the available paper supply. This process of desk clearing is not at all complicated and will probably consist mainly of collecting together some old tax receipts, a parody on The Raven, a murder mystery or two and a few choice poems and cartoons.

THANKS ARE in order, at this point, to the many persons whom I have had the pleasure of working with and meeting inside this knotty-pane-walled room during the last several years. Particular people who have made getting out a magazine fun are Mrs. Mary Turnbull, keeper of alumni records, whose amazing store of knowledge about alumni data has helped untangle many a knotty problem; Elaine Larecy, the new editor as of now and always a good person to have around, who has done a masterful job during the war of keeping up to date information on O.U. men and women in service in her former capacity as war records secretary, and Elizabeth Lees, who has handled the writing of the Roll Call section and always managed to make the routine rollicking. A special dollop of the cap goes also to that artist with the camera, Richard Meek, who has produced almost all of the cover pictures for the last two years or more. I humbly admit leaving out some of the credit lines which Richard certainly deserved, but this was not intentional and I'm sure regular readers could identify the Meek technique at a glance anyway.

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A MAN Oklahoma may well be proud of is Congressman Mike Monroyn who has been recognized during the last several years as one of the coming young statesmen in Congress. Re-elected last fall for his fourth term in the House of Representatives, Congressman Monroyn is to be commended for taking a stand on leading issues, stating his position and staying with his decision even though he may not have been on the popular side. At present, he is working on one of the biggest assignments of his congressional career as vice chairman of the committee making a study of Congress for the purpose of rendering that body more effective, efficient and intelligent in its actions.

IN WASHINGTON, D.C., there is an organization called the Educational Policies Commission, composed of leading educators and teachers, which is working for the establishment of an International Office of Education as "the best means of assuring that no nation, ever again, will be able to train its youth for aggression." In a leaflet describing the functions of the proposed International Office of Education and the services which it might perform, the need for the U.S. to take the lead in setting up such an agency was seen as follows, "After the war, the task of adjusting American schools and colleges to peace will be a great one; but, in restoring their own educational systems, the Ameri-