Summer Plans

By Frances Hunt

TWO innovations for teachers of Oklahoma who come to Norman for this year's summer session will be the curriculum workshop, directed by Dr. Frank A. Balyeat, and the workshop on evaluation of schools, under the supervision of Dr. Henry D. Rinsland.

Both are parts of an elaborate setup of courses and aids to teachers arranged by the College of Education.

Also scheduled for summer school are an advanced seminar in education, a long list of conferences and short courses, lectures by visiting professors from different sections of the country, the third annual institute of international relations, and an entertainment program that will provide something of interest for almost every event of the day.

Registration for the first session—the eight-weeks term—will be held Tuesday, June 4, and classes will begin June 5. The term ends with convocation the night of Tuesday, July 30. The second term of four weeks will begin July 30 and last until August 24.

"Since most summer students are teachers, most of the courses offered will be in education," said Dr. Ellsworth Collings, dean of the College of Education and director of the Summer Session. "Our general idea is to serve the individual needs of teachers, administrators and supervisors of Oklahoma. We try to have as great a variety of courses as possible, and we shall have all our outstanding faculty members on the staff, in addition to the visiting professors."

The list of special instructors includes Ermon Boyd, Horace Mann Junior High, Tulsa, industrial arts; Dr. Hollis L. Caswell, Columbia University, secondary education; Dr. Merle W. Glasgow, principal of Bartlesville High School, school measurements; R. Boyd Gunning, University Extension Division, visual education; Dr. H. Hodges, principal of Irving School, Tulsa, school administration.

And Dr. Junius L. Meriam, University of California, elementary education; Dr. Lloyd N. Morrisett, assistant superintendent of schools, Yonkers, N.Y., school administration; Miss Irma M. Riegel, elementary school librarian, Denver, library education; Miss Pearl Scales, elementary supervisor, Oklahoma City, elementary education; Dr. Howard Taylor, Oklahoma College for Women, educational psychology; Verl A. Teeter, superintendent at McAlester, educational guidance; Dr. Ruth C. Teeters, primary supervision, Washington C. H., Ohio, primary education; and Dr. John T. Wade, principal of Grover Cleveland Junior High, Tulsa, secondary education.

The curriculum workshops will be advanced seminars, for selected students only, directed by the local education professors and the visiting men and women. The students accepted in this course, which carries 2 or 4 hours of credit, will prepare a proposed bulletin for use in the public school systems of Oklahoma next year, to take care of local curriculum revision programs. A similar project will be carried on at Oklahoma A. and M. college. The State Department of Education, which is sponsoring the work, will combine the two bulletins submitted and prepare a final bulletin for use by grade and high schools of the state.

In addition, Dr. Balyeat explained, smaller groups of students who have adequate background and experience in curriculum revision will work on individual problems of their home schools.

"This will be the first time the idea has been tried in Oklahoma," he said. "In a small way we are beginning what is being done in a bigger way in colleges where there is money for such study."

In Dr. Rinsland's workshop on evaluation of schools, his students will attempt to evaluate every part of school work—the library, the programs of educational and vocational guidance, the intelligence and personality of students, student systems of values. They will measure students' ability to think critically in science, in economics, in marital problems, in politics. They will measure scientific attitudes, evaluate students' home life, their social life and their concepts of what constitutes good reading.

The advanced seminar in education will meet from 2 to 4 o'clock on Wednesday afternoons, with resident and visiting faculty members directing the discussions. Problems common to all school systems, such as curriculum revision, educational guidance, elementary-school instruction and evaluation of school results will be discussed. No credit will be given, but all faculty members and graduate students may attend.

Twelve summer conferences and short courses have been announced, but dates have not been set for all.

Those listed are the conference on professional writing; the school secretaries' short course, offered for the first time; a conference for commercial teachers, to be held in two periods of four weeks each; a conference for directors of church choirs and school choral organizations; the band directors' short course, which annually attracts many musicians; the institute of professional relations; a conference on educational guidance; a conference on visual education; the international relations institute; the book fair; and the documentary film program, foreign and American.

Letters from persons in distant states have been received inquiring about the professional writing conference, which was especially successful last summer.

The school secretaries' course will be offered in answer to a demand from sixty women who hold secretarial jobs in schools and colleges of Oklahoma.

The first period of the commercial teachers' conference, from June 4 to July 3, will be devoted to teaching problems of shorthand, typing and business English. Harold Smith, well known writer, lecturer and typing speed champion, will be one of several visiting lecturers. The second period, July 5 to July 30, will be devoted to problems of teaching junior business training, commercial law, consumers' business education, economics and vocation guidance.

The summer entertainment program, directed by J. Frederick Miller of the Y.M. C.A., will open with President Bizzell's annual reception for summer students and faculty, early in June.

A BAND concert will be given in the outdoor theater every Tuesday night, and on Wednesday evenings visual education films will be shown in the Engineering Auditorium. Two foreign-language films will be scheduled for Thursday nights.

The massed band festival will be held Thursday, July 11; the a cappella choir program on the following Thursday, July 18; and a Shakespearean play, presented by drama students, on July 25. Sightseeing trips out of town may be arranged for some Saturdays, Miller said.

The men's and women's swimming pools will be open; tennis, golf and softball games are always possible, and the annual all-men's and all-women's picnics will be held. Departmental picnics also are arranged by several departments.

Last summer, more than half of all the degrees granted at summer convocation were graduate degrees. This year the University will offer programs of study in more than twenty departments, leading to M.A., M.S. and Ph.D. degrees. It will offer work in special fields of school administration, school supervision and teaching leading to the degrees master of education and doctor of education; and in advanced fields of school administration for superintendents and principals leading to the degrees doctor of education and doctor of philosophy.