Frost Is Winner of Sweepstakes Editorial Prize

Clarence Frost, '31ba, publisher of the Kiowa County Star-Review, Hobart, was announced as the winner of the sweepstakes award offered by the Oklahoma Natural Gas Company for the best editorial entered in the series of monthly contests.

The prize, a $100 war bond, was presented by J. H. Warden, general manager of the company, at the midwinter meeting of the Oklahoma Press Association.

Mr. Warden said that 320 entries were received in contest netting him three first-place awards of $50 war bonds and three second-place awards of $25 war bonds.

Other bond winners during the year were Jim Biggerstaff, Wagner-Record-Democrat; Sam W. Blackburn, Ardmore Daily Argonaut; Ira D. Divine, Texhoma Times; E. A. Guston, Weleetka American; Mrs. Frankie M. Igo, Shawnee American; Divine, Texhoma Times; E. A. Gaston, Weleetka Daily News; Fred E. Tarman, Norman Transcript; E. W. H. Delano, El Reno American.

The 1946 contest of the utility company will be expanded to include columns as well as editorials, Mr. Warden announced at the press meeting.

Liaison Officer Ford Back Home

On cold winter nights from 1937-41, stock laugh-provoker at the Beta Theta Pi house was the spectacle of 6' 5 1/2" Hugh Ford of Billings stretched out full length on a single cot, big feet naked as truth protruding between the rings, blue with cold.

But even more ludicrous would have been the sight of him several years later in the midst of Eniwetok, Saipan and Okinawa when the ex-O. U. basketball center attempted to acco....
O. U. Engineers' Traditions Are Traditional

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Traditions are not born and developed in a day, nor do they die overnight—at least this is true in the case of the fine traditions of the College of Engineering of the University of Oklahoma.

Most of the extra-curricula activities of this College, which have become traditional events, center around the St. Pat's Celebration. Exact information concerning when, where, or by whom the seeds of thought were sown which have grown into binding traditions is known to me only through the threads of historical facts available. It is presumed each was an outgrowth of a casual conversation over a cup of coffee at a "corner spot"—possibly in the OKLAHOMA MEMORIAL UNION—or a serious "after-study" session in some student's room.

Regardless of the origin, the roots are strong and they reach back through thousands of former engineering students and O. U. engineering alumni; and these traditions are as firmly entrenched in the minds of the present student body.

It was at Missouri in 1903 that some Irish engineers, imbued with the spirit of the eternal fitness of things, united the best profession with the noblest Saint by discovering that St. Pat was an engineer. The method of discovery is a mystery, but the fact remains that he was an engineer, and the growth and development of the St. Pat's celebration makes this fact seem certain.

The first public demonstration in St. Pat's honor was a parade around the quadrangle at Missouri in 1903 by these patrons. However, they were compelled to taste martyrdom, for the appreciation of their celebration in its fullest significance was beyond the ability of the faculty, and the paraders were expelled from the university. The following year, the engineer's celebration was given official sanction by the M. U. administration, and the traditions, wound around St. Patrick, began to develop.

The University of Oklahoma version of the St. Pat's Celebration was inaugurated about 1914 through the efforts of an engineering student who transferred from the University of Missouri to O. U. The first celebration at O. U. consisted of an open house during the afternoon and a banquet and knight ing ceremony in the evening. If the information "passed down" is correct, President Stratton D. Brooks presided as toastmaster during the banquet. (Note: It is correct—I was there as a high school sophomore—Ted Beard). As time went on, it became apparent that one afternoon was not sufficient, and so the activities of the celebration were extended through Saturday. Later, a parade was added as a traditionalevent, and this was held on Friday morning. The next event following the parade was the crowning of the queen on the steps of the Engineering Building. In later years the expense of the celebration became rather burdensome on the treasury of the Engineers' Club; however, in true engineering fashion, the students came up with a solution of this problem. A home talent show was suggested to supplement the regular entertainments features of a week-long moving picture theatre. The plan was approved by all concerned and the Engineer's Show became another traditional event of the season.

In 1939, the St. Pat's Council, which is the governing body of the Engineer's Club, voted to hold a parade and open house during the Inter-scholastic Meet in April, rather than the traditional time in March when the show, coronation, dance, and banquet were held. This change was a forward step as this afforded the high school students an opportunity to get an insight into the inner-workings of the College of Engineering. The Engineers' dance, which is one of the biggest social events of the year on the campus, was first held in the old gymnasium. As the popularity of the event grew, more room was required, so the dance was moved to the Armory. The Union Ballroom was used next, but it soon proved to be too small, so the engineers took over the Field House for their dance. When the date of the parade and open house was changed, it became necessary to change the plan of the coronation ceremony.

The coronation is now a high-light of the dance, and this event takes place on a cleverly-arranged and very elaborate set which is designed and build as a co-operative project of fine arts and engineering students. Some of the sets have been mechanically operated and they rival those used in connection with Hollywood's million dollar productions. The St. Pat's celebration set manager is allowed $40.00, which must cover all expenses. Pre-war banquets were attended by approximately 500 students and dates, faculty members, and guests. The high-light of this affair is the knight ing ceremony, at which time the queen dubs each candidate a Knight of St. Pat by touching him on the shoulder with a slide rod. To be eligible for knighthood, a student must have been a paid-up member of the Engineer's Club for a period of three years, and have given freely of his time in making one or more celebrations a success.

The Loyal Knights of Old Trusty, L.K.O.T., a secret organization, was an outgrowth of the Cannon Club. The Cannon Club started long ago when some football celebrants moved an old Civil War cannon, which was located near the Santa Fe station to the University campus. The following March, engineering students decided it was waste ful to have such a fine piece of equipment on the campus not in use, so they fired it several times in honor of their queen; and thus another tradition was born. It seems as though there was some dispute as to who had the authority to do the firing, so the engineers took the cannon and placed it in hiding for future use. Soon after World War I, the name of the Cannon Club was changed to Loyal Knights of Old Trusty, which was made a secret organization. Several cannons have been used, but L.K.O.T., has never failed to salute the engineer's queen at the appointed hour.

Although the traditional events of the College of Engineering add color to campus activities and provide pleasurable enjoyment for numerous students, they render a far more important service than entertainment. As groups of students work together hours and days to complete projects of mutual interests, each individual learns to plan, co-operate, promote, work, exchange ideas and to respect the ability of others. The inevitable result of this experience is a development of a sense of responsibility and leadership.

War wrought many changes and some thought the "Engine School" traditions with their extensive and somewhat complicated activities would (Continued on page 21)
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**Association Progress**

**Cross in St. Louis**

Dr. George L. Cross, president of the University of Oklahoma, told members of the St. Louis chapter of the University Alumni Association late in January that he was an Oklahoman not by birth but by choice.

"One of the first questions many people ask me," he said, "is whether I was born in Oklahoma. I was not. I was born in South Dakota. People who were born in Oklahoma have no choice; I made the choice."

Doctor Cross came to St. Louis especially for the meeting, which was attended by thirty-five alumni, at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Dee W. Eades.

The University president gave a review of O. U.'s war record, explaining such highlights as the infrared spectrograph and the development of a new hybrid corn.

He said the University hopes to start a large building program as soon as the labor situation is more stable. A new Press building is near the top of the program. Doctor Cross said that was one way of keeping Savoie Lottville at O. U. as director of the University Press.

Those present at the meeting included Pearl Morris, '21, '32ma; Victor E. Ecker, '31law; Robert M. Savoie, '21ba; L. J. Wolterling and Mrs. Wolterling, '21ba; Dr. L. V. Osborne, '30ms, and Mrs. Osborne; Joseph F. Trigg, '28ba; Helen M. Armento, '28ba, '40ma; Howard F. Bonebrake, '28bs, and Mrs. Bonebrake; John E. Wilkinson, '23ba, and Mrs. Wilkinson; E. J. Merritt, '33law, and Mrs. Merritt, '35; Dr. Joseph C. Edwards, '30ba, and Mrs. Edwards; John C. Gaze, '28eng, and Mrs. Gaze, '26-28; Mrs. B. Sherman Landau, '32ba; A. D. Plagmann, '21, and Mrs. Plagmann, '21; J. R. Richle, '42; Dr. Dee W. Eades, '28med, '30ba, and Mrs. Eades; Dr. Richard Hall, '42, and Mrs. Hall; Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Stonsandmann; Mr. and Mrs. Paul B. Compton; Mr. and Mrs. Walter W. White; Mrs. H. Ivan Rainwater and Helen Ruth Holbrook.

**Bartlesville Club Assemblies**

The O. U. Alumni Club of Washington County (Bartlesville, Headquarters) assembled in Bartlesville on February 17 with some 60 persons present.

The purpose of the meeting was to introduce Jim Tatsumi, the new football coach of Oklahoma University, and his staff to the Washington County Alumni.

A business meeting was held immediately following the public meeting and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: R. L. Foster, '31law, President; Merle W. Glasgow, '31ba, Vice-President; Miss Lois Straight, '35law, Secretary-Treasurer.

**Expansion in College of Education**

Making another step in expanding facilities of the University College of Education, the Board of Regents approved appointments of two new education staff members at its last regular monthly meeting.

The new education faculty members are Dr. Leo Francis Cain, who will hold the rank of professor of education, and Dr. Garold Delbert Holstine, who will be associate professor of education.

These two appointments make a total of four full-time additions to the College of Education staff which have been announced during the current school year.

Dr. Cain, who is a specialist in educational psychology and the education of exceptional children, is present an education and training officer in the Navy.

A native Californian, Dr. Cain received an A.B. degree in 1931 from Chico State Teachers College. In 1935 he received an A.M. degree from Stanford University and in 1939 a Ph.D. from Stanford.

From 1929 to 1935, Dr. Cain was an elementary school teacher at Orroville, California. He has also had experience as a junior high school and junior college teacher in San Francisco, an instructor of education at Stanford University, a member of the psychology staff at San Jose College, and a member of the education faculty at the University of Maryland. From August 1939 to June 1940, he worked with the American council on education at Washington, D. C. Since May, 1943, he has been in the U. S. Maritime and Navy service.

Dr. Holstine, who has specialized in audio-visual education, holds a bachelor's degree in education from the Western Illinois State Teachers College at Hacomb, Illinois. He received both the M.A. degree and the Ph.D. degree from the University of Iowa City, Iowa.

Dr. Holstine has had experience as superintendent, coach and teacher at Alacy, Illinois, superintendent and teacher at Media, Illinois, administrative assistant and assistant in education at the University of Iowa, and on the staff of the State Teacher's College at Minot, North Dakota. He is a member of Phi Delta Kappa, Delta Pi and Pi Kappa Delta.

While at the University of Iowa, Dr. Holstine produced a sound motion picture of teaching methods which is widely recognized for its excellence. Now an officer in the Navy, he expects to be released in time for summer session work and will offer a course in audio-visual education and take an active part in the visual education conference which is jointly sponsored by the College of Education, the speech department and the Extension Division.

**Marr, Hardy Legion Speakers**

Bob Marr, '45 and Woodrow Hardy, '39-40, veterans of World War II, were speakers on the veterans' rally program at the American Legion post in Norman recently.

Mr. Marr, commander of the University Legion post, spoke on the benefits and opportunities for service which are offered to young veterans in associating with the Legion and helping to carry out its obligations.

He is now employed on the national staff of the American Legion and will report to headquarters at Indianapolis, Indiana, for duty about February 1.

Mr. Hardy, a Norman student who is a member of the campus post and counselor to Dr. A. N. Rivers, state Legion national committee man, spoke on the different phases of the Legion with which the average veteran or civilian is not familiar. He suggested more publicity be given the serious work the Legion is conducting.

**Career Meet Set**

The sixth annual career conference, slated for March 28 to 30 at the University, will include lectures and conferences on all types of job opportunities for graduates from aviation to public affairs. It will also include a "wedding bureau," a group of discussions designed to give practical information about marriage relations.

**Engineer's Traditions**

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