As We Were Saying

The Month in Prospect

January 2. Class work resumes.
January 5. Beta Theta Pi dance, College shop.
January 11. Kappa Sigma dance, College shop.
January 12. Kappa Epsilon dance, College shop.
January 19. Phi Delta Theta dance, house.
January 21. Mid year examinations begin.
January 22. Basketball, Oklahoma Aggies at fieldhouse.
January 26. Basketball, Nebraska at fieldhouse.
January 27. Piano program by Prof. Carl L. Pawlowski, university auditorium.
January 28. Class work begins, second semester.

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Is A.B. Education?

EVERYBODY with an A.B. degree is not educated," John Rogers, '14 law, regent of the university, declared at a meeting of the men's dinner club of the Oklahoma City First Christian church December 12.

The personal aspect of education is being destroyed, Mr. Rogers believes, and education is suffering from standardization as a result.

"How can any intelligent person sit down and play bridge all afternoon?" he asked. "Americans can't brew division out of their minds and souls. They have to pay for it and do 50 per cent is propaganda. Our greatest problem is what to do with our leisure time. A strenuous life is one of the essentials of a Christian life."

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Thomas Sooner Guest

Lowell Thomas, celebrated Kappa Sigma, Sigma Delta Chi, and world traveler and author, proved one of the most entertaining speakers in university chapel since Will Rogers spoke there. Thomas was present December 11 and told the part luck had played in his remarkable career.

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Taxi for a Dime

Another taxi war in Norman was seen in the offing as the result of the announcement of a taxi company here that it would make a haul for ten cents. The normal rate is 25 cents.

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Moving a Juniper Tree

Fifteen years ago James H. Craven, landscape gardener of the university, set out a small juniper tree. It was moved early in December by Mr. Craven, its weight being more than 6,000 pounds, from its original habitat back of Hesler hall to a place in front of the law building. Moving big trees is done with great skill on the University of Oklahoma campus.

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Pretty How-de-do

And now, with the season approaching when most of us must begin to plan how and when to pay our taxes, let us consider the plight of Norman. Total assessed taxable property in the city is $6,522,877, while $5,560,520 is assessed as non-taxable. This does not include the property of churches and lodges. The appraised value of the non-taxable property is placed at $9,398,761.

The valuation of the university's buildings, land and equipment has been placed officially at $4,730,918.41. Value of the property of the state hospital is $3,191,842.82. Fraternity property is not taxed along with the university property.

The result of having such a large amount of non-taxable property is felt by the taxpayer, who now pays 4.575 mills in taxes to Cleveland county. The result has been to make voters skeptical of all public improvement bond issues which have had a sliding. Thus, a bond issue to purchase an airport did not reach the voters due to hostility. Library bonds were voted by a narrow margin.

W. D. Bowen, Cleveland county assessor, remarked: "With fraternity property upon the tax lists Norman citizens would be relieved considerably. This fraternity exemption hurts the little fellow. I would carefully estimate that through this condition solely, city taxes are increased $10 for each thousand dollars which forces a man with an assessment of $2,500 to pay $25 yearly simply because fraternities and sororities are not taxable.

"Since there are more poor people than wealthy people, the condition may be termed serious. I advocate that they be taxed and advocate it strongly, as do many others."

However, taxing fraternity property is out of the question, since a tax test case made in 1923, carried to the supreme court, resulted in favor of the fraternities, which would be bankrupted if they were compelled to pay taxes on houses in which their equity is practically nothing.

The assessor, like other Norman citizens, regards the university as worth the sacrifice, but this same attitude does not apply to the state hospital for the insane, which buys its commodities by wholesale, thus constituting little real monetary value to the city. C. H. Bessent, president of the Security National bank, does not believe that the tax situation works a real hardship on Norman. His view is shared by J. T. Hamill, city manager, in so far as the latter sees no remedy for the situation.

One alumni to whom this situation was pointed out, remarked that when the Santa Fe railway recently wanted to move its shops from Purcell to Norman, bringing a large payroll to the city, Norman refused to rescind its law which prohibits negroes from staying overnight in the city. So, this alumni concluded, the tax situation is partly created by the attitude of Norman itself.

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We All Agree

"Final examinations are a failure," says Education Dean Ellsworth Collings.

"Examinations have a distinct val-
He's Rhodes Scholar

SAVOIE LOTTINVILLE
Of Tulsa, '29 journ., was selected December 8 from a field of fifteen candidates representing the university, Harvard, Knox college, Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical college, Park college, Cornell university, Phillips university, University of Tulsa, Southwestern State Teachers' college and Oklahoma City university, to be the Oklahoma Rhodes scholar for 1929. He will enter in residence at Oxford in October, 1929.

Lottinville is a Tulsa high school track star and boxer; he is the editor of the Oklahoma Daily, and a member of Pet-et, Sigma Delta Chi and Delta Tau Delta.

He is the seventh University of Oklahoma student selected a Rhodes scholar from Oklahoma. He is also the sixteenth scholar to be elected. Previous scholars elected were: W. L. Kendall, '04 arts, scholar in Brasenose college; C. B. Mahafie, '05 Kingfisher, St. John's college; E. L. Kline, '07 arts-sc., Pembroke college; W. S. Campbell, '08 Southwestern State Teachers' college, Merton college; R. L. Lange, '10 Kingfisher college, St. John's college; W. C. Vogt, '11 Kingfisher college, Hartford college; R. L. Disney, '13 University of Oklahoma, Exeter college; Clyde Eagleton, '14 Austin college, Texas, Worence college; T. O. McLaughlin, '17 Phillips, Merton college; Wilbur J. Holleman, '20 law, Merton college; Joseph A. Brandt, '21 journ., Lincoln college; R. E. Burk, '23 Cornell university, Merton college; W. E. Robertson, '24 arts-sc., Merton college; Eugene Springer, '27 arts-sc., Merton college. The scholar for 1926 resigned.

Hail, Hail, the Gang's, etc.

We do not know how other universities manufacture pep. But we submit for your inspection how the University of Oklahoma Student Pep Manufacturing Co. does it.

On the night of Friday, November 24, the night preceding the Oklahoma Aggie game, a hundred or more freshmen met in the fieldhouse to root and cheer for the team. There was a goodly sprinkling of upper-classmen, too, as well as the famous Ruf Neks.

When our loyal and enthusiastic "rooters" had exhausted their vocal chords, they debouched into the street and at the corner of Boyd street and University boulevard—in front of President Bizzell's home—lit a huge bonfire.

Ingenious freshmen—we hate to accuse intelligent upperclassmen of doing it—forced entry to the powerplant to demand that the fire siren be sounded. For a long period of time the terrible and heartrending siren sounded. A few minutes' later the town's fire truck tore down the street and was commandeered by the intellectual go-getters.

Two freshmen who wandered by were caught and ducked in the fountain next the library building. The water set fire to the freshmen's spirits and they led the learned group who were watching with the same intelligent interest that Nero displayed in watching Rome burn, in three hearty cheers for O. U.

But Bennie Schultz, chief engineer of the university, did not feel jubilant. For five minutes that night the engineer in charge of the power plant stood with a wrench in one hand and a hose in the other, threatening to pour hot water on the howling mob of freshmen who wanted to get to the siren it they advanced a step farther. An ingenious freshman shouted that Bennie was on the wire and had ordered the siren sounded. The engineer stepped to the phone and heard a command given. So the siren brought every campus employee out on the hop. Schultz in the meantime was at a cinema, oblivious to the goings on.

A hundred freshmen were satisfied, however. They had displayed the good old fashioned pep. And what's a B.A. degree without pep, anyway?