A background of many years of travel in the United States was the greatest asset which Mrs William Bennet Bizzell possessed when she and President Bizzell toured in England and on the Continent during the summer months.

Trips to out of the way places in the United States, a familiarity with our own Grand Canyon and Niagara Falls and Rocky Mountains, which President and Mrs Bizzell have enjoyed during past seasons were welcome armor for the avalanche of questions which Europeans asked, says Mrs Bizzell. "I can't imagine anything more humiliating than being unable to answer questions about your own country when traveling abroad. The one thing I resented most about Americans abroad was that many of them were totally ignorant of their own country and even affected a distaste for it."

"I remember particularly a group of the guests at a tea which we attended at the United States embassy in Berlin. They were mostly attaches and their wives who had been in Berlin for many years and they spent all of their time lamenting the fact that they would be shifted back to the United States. We enjoyed our trip tremendously, we visited places which I have hoped to see for many years, and I am looking forward to returning for another European trip, but I can truthfully say that the nicest thing we bought in Europe was our ticket home." Mrs Bizzell is most sincere when she makes this remark and regardless of the fact that she enjoyed her trip tremendously and reached Norman in time to catch part of the summer heat we are convinced of her deep love for her native southwest.

Of all the many cities in the ten countries which they visited Mrs Bizzell says that she liked Paris the least and Berlin the best. Berlin she liked for its cleanliness and beauty and for the graciousness of its people. After a trip to Potsdam and Sans Souci, the former kaiser's favorite residence, she found these palaces and gardens to be much more beautiful than those of Versailles.

An interesting insight into the war and its causes and effects was gained by the Bizzells. In Vienna, the seat of the war, they saw the carriage in which the Archduke Ferdinand and his wife were riding when the shot which sent all of Europe into war was fired, and the bullet pierced clothing of Ferdinand. Later in Berlin they saw the private suite of the Kaiser which was riddled by bullets of insurrectionists in the latter days of the war. This insurrection, says Mrs Bizzell, was explained to them as the actual cause of the Germans calling for peace at the time which they did, a fact that is little known in this country.

Witnessing the Passion Play at Oberammergau was the pleasantest experience of their trip, says Mrs Bizzell. She describes the village of Oberammergau in enthusiastic terms and the absorbing drama of the play itself which holds hundreds of visitors from all parts of the world spell bound for nine hours during its presentation.

President Bizzell is widely known in America as a collector of books and particularly of bibles but he had to prove his interest in the Bibliotheque Nationale in Paris in an amusing way before he succeeded in seeing a copy of the Gutenberg bible. His first inquiry was of an assistant who informed him that it was impossible to see the bible, that no one ever asked to see it. Another assistant spoke very little English and could not give any
satisfaction. After waiting for a while the librarian came in and gave his consent to the famous bible being seen. The keeper of the rare book room was grudging when he first brought out the volume but when he discovered President Bizzell's intelligent interest in the book he became enthusiastic and produced many other rare volumes which are hidden in the archives and rarely seen by anyone.

The book stores were one of the chief sources of interest for the Bizzells. During their trip they wore out many pairs of gloves handling dusty historic volumes of past eras of printing.

One of the objects of their trip was the visiting of British and continental universities and they numbered among the many which they visited the universities of Leipzig, Vienna, Berlin, Munich, Paris, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Liverpool, Cambridge and Heidelberg. At the latter place they were met and entertained by Professor Willibrand of the French department of the university who is studying there.

To President Bizzell one of the pleasantest events of the summer was the trip down the Rhine from Wiesbaden to Cologne.

One of the most delightful evenings of their travels was one spent in Milan. There they were met by Joseph Benton, '20 arts-sc., and Wilda Griffin, '27 fine arts, who are studying voice in Milan. The four then went to the Italian villa which is the home of Mrs Victor H. Kulp's mother, for dinner and an evening of music. Mrs Bizzell says that to her one of the greatest pleasures of traveling is encountering other friends.

Their homeward trip was made enjoyable by a motor tour of rural England with friends of their son, Sangster. It was on this tour that they visited many of the English universities. Mrs Bizzell describes the famous patchwork landscape of England as similar to an airplane view of our own terrain.

Excitement was added to their trip home by running into a dense fog bank. At one time the liner stopped its motors and discontinued its forward progress. The next day the fog cleared and when Mrs Bizzell asked the captain if there had been any danger he informed her that he stopped the boat because he had just learned from wireless messages that within a few miles of them there were two other big liners and an iceberg. "This experience was just one more reason for our being happy to be not only on land but on United States land again," says Mrs Bizzell, "And we are now looking on Oklahoma with even more affection than ever before."

New pep plan

Alumni at commencement last year who were bemoaning the lack of class spirit at Norman may be surprised pleasantly when they return for football games this fall. Class spirit became dead with the advent of the war. It has never raised a whisper since.

Carl Albert, president of the men's council, Scott Hammonds, vice president, Shelby Marr, pep leader, and George V. Metzel, secretary of the Y. M. C. A., have evolved a plan that may have the basis of a return to class spirit. It is concerned with organized cheering at Norman football games.

A section of 1,200 seats has been reserved for the "rooters" this first year of experiment. The student desiring to sit in this section purchases his ticket and also a rooter's cap. This entitles him to a reserved seat for every football game.

Freshmen will wear green caps. Upper classmen and freshwomen will wear red and white caps. Both of the caps are said to be very fetching, the upperclass cap being reversible. The wearers of the caps will be arranged to form a block "O."

An annual inter-class group of directors will be formed to direct the cheering and assist the cheer leader. Under a ruling of the board of regents there may not be a permanent pep organization on the campus, and the interclass organization therefore will not be a permanent one. It will function during the current athletic season, however. Members of the group will sell pop corn and refreshments to secure enough money to accompany the football team.

The section is in the center of the field, fronting on the fifty-yard line.