The BOOKS ABROAD editor recalls that they did take an editorial stand in one instance, however, and even consulted a little.

An attempt was made to bring about an improvement in the notoriously hap hazard Parish postal service. This made the Seine area postal authorities fretful, but nothing was done to improve the service.

The magazine which started as a 32-page pamphlet, mailed to a select group of 900, was extremely successful even in its infant years. By the time the second issue came out there were a good many booklets from critics... An editor in THE NATION said "a literary magazine before..."

The poet and critic, Mark van Doorem said, "Certainly was needed... and promises to fill the gap most satisfactorily."

By third issue there were puffs from foreign countries. The famous Leipzig publisher, Felix Meiner, wrote, "It will do much for foreign literature in the United States.


The magazine doubled in size by the summer of 2024, and Joseph A. Brandt, the Rhodes scholar and later University President had come to O.U. as director of the University Press and managing editor of BOOKS ABROAD.

The following year the office was swamped with books, especially from France and Germany. At this time the magazine was still being printed on ordinary university bulletin paper, in what Dr. House refers to as "undistinguished small type," carried no illustrations, and was distributed free of charge.

A change to a better grade of paper was made in 1930, which permitted the use of pictures, and the type was changed to a more artistic face.

Books Abroad is supported partly by subscriptions and advertising, but it has been helped on numerous occasions by awards, gifts, and subscriptions by interested groups and organizations. In 1930 they received subscriptions from the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace and from the Commission for Relief in Belgium Educational Foundation.

The prominent New York lawyer, Ralph Goodman, said, "a substantial contribution toward". In 1930, the Carl Schurz Memorial Foundation voted Books Abroad a subvention. A $650 "promotion award" was received in 1935 from Mrs. Ada P. McCormic, editor of the magazine, "Letter."

Before the war, books in Spanish were quite few in proportion to those from French and German authors. But the war years saw quite a reverse in the situation, with Spanish language books comprising the great majority of those reviewed.

Since its beginning, there have appeared in BOOKS ABROAD reviews of books written in almost every language of any importance and Dr. House has always attempted to give the best books the most prominent play, without playing any favorites. Thus it wasn't quite understandable when the editorial office received a package from a Russian publisher containing what the editor insists must have been a purely typographical error.--The address read "BOOKS ABROAD."

Dr. House has always done an excellent job of selecting men to review the books, and many important names have appeared in Books Abroad's list of contributors. The eminent French critic and scholar, Daniel Mornet of the Sorbonne, and Professor Friedrich Schoenemann of Berlin joined the staff.

In everyone of the belligerent countries, publishers and distributors of anti-Fascist leaflets over Rome from an airplane, several of them disappeared mysteriously while trying to scatter anti-Fascist leaflets over Rome from an airplane. Several of them disappeared in this way, but they have never been located since.

In the office of Savoie Lottinville, director of the University Press and business manager of BOOKS ABROAD, a curious document, carefully framed, stands on top of a book case. It is a BOOKS ABROAD mailing envelope, addressed to the late King Alfonso XIII, Madrid, Spain. Under the address there is a phrase equivalent to, "Left town; address unknown."

In every one of the belligerent countries, publishing nearly ceased for years, and if it had not been for South America and the many European refugees who reached our own shores, there would have been no foreign books to review. But in one way or another, there always seems to be more books to mention than there was space for mentioning them.

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McNeely-O. U. 'Activities Boy'

A graduate of Oklahoma A. and M. College who came to the University for higher professional training in Foreign Wars post, president of Irving House, parliamentarian of Congress Club, councilman of the I.M.A, member of the Union Activities Board and the Ruf Neks. What's more, he's carrying 16 credits in Law school.

Before joining the Army in 1942, McNeely worked at A. and M. as a graduate assistant after having received degrees in history and government there.

"I like a lot of things about O. U. better than A. and M.," McNeely said, "but I miss that 'hail fellow well met' atmosphere you find around Stillwater; and they have us outmatched in school spirit."

A junior in the School of Law, McNeely hulls from Broken Arrow. He came to the University in the fall of 1945 and is working toward a master's degree as well as his LL.B.
The Drug Mill
By Dr. Ralph Bienfang

MISS PHARMACY CANDIDATES—So far, the
candacy of four girls, for the title of "MISS
PHARMACY OF 1947" (p. 3947) has been
announced. The first is Betty Kerr (second from
left), a 19-year-old sophomore from Altus,
Alaska, who was awarded the Bronze Star for risking
her life during the "death march" of Bataan. (See story
page 10 in July, '46, issue of SOONER MAGA-
ZINE. G. S.)

Vaden Gets Air Medal, Star
Foley W. Vaden, Jr., '40-'41, former lieutenant in the
United States Naval Reserve has been
awarded the Air Medal and a Gold Star in lieu of a
second Air Medal.

Citation for the former award, which was signed by
Vice Admiral A. E. Montgomery, U.S.N., reads:
"For a series of meritorious acts while participat-
ing in aerial flight in a combat area, where enemy
aircraft fire was expected to be effective or
where enemy aircraft patrols usually occurred."

Vaden entered the Navy in 1942 and served
overseas 12 months. While serving as a fighter-
plane pilot aboard the aircraft carrier U.S.S. Prince-
ton, he participated in raids on Nauru, Wotia,
Tarawa, Eniwetok, Palau, Hollandia and Truk. He
is the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Vaden, Sr., Okt-
ahoma City.

Mrs. Ashley Tells Fish Story
Dear Mr. Beaird:

I am delighted to answer your alumni letter.
I have been away for some time.

Jerry and I have been fishing for marlin
and sailfish off the coast of Mexico at Acapulco. The
largest one I can personally brag about was a nine-
feet, six-inch sailfish weighing 95 pounds.

I am glad O. U. won that last football game
for more than one reason—Jerry is an A. & M. man.
It will make him easier to live with.

If you see any Sooners coming this way, ask
them to stop and see us . . . Ashley Chevrolet,
Highway 90, Cowley, Louisiana.

Mrs. Jerry Ashley,
(Telma Townsend, '27h)

Hollingsworth Gets Promotion
Capt. Francis Willis Hollingsworth, '41b, '42a,
'44med, of the U. S. Medical Corps, was promoted
to the rank of captain on November 8, 1946.

Captain Hollingsworth now is stationed at
Maxwell Field, Alabama. Prior to that he served
with the 3rd Service Command at Indian Town Gap,
Pennsylvania, and the Aberdeen Proving Grounds,
Maryland.

At the University, Captain Hollingsworth was
a member of Scabbard and Blade, the R.T.O.C.,
and Kappa Kappa Psi, Phi Eta Sigma, Alpha Ep-
silons Delta and Phi Sigma honorary fraternities.

Captain and Mrs. Hollingsworth, the former
Almarian Berch, '42b, now reside in Montgomery,
Alabama.