A Professor’s Holiday

Vacation time is for fishing or loafing but Dr. E. E. Dale, '11ba, University history research professor, believes in keeping busy. During the summer, the one-time cowboy and teacher of the plains traveled approximately 6,000 miles to give 38 lectures on western lore.

Dr. Dale said that opinions of Oklahoma rank high in the minds of people in the north central United States. The area's hospitality made a profound impression on the University professor, also. There was not a time but what he and his wife were entertained, either at tea or dinner, during a lecture stop.

Well-known nationally as an authority in the field of Western American history, Dr. Dale started his "vacation" June 13 with eight lectures at Oklahoma A. and M. College, Stillwater. His tour then carried him north to speak at 12 other colleges in Iowa, Nebraska, South Dakota, Wisconsin, Michigan, and Illinois.

At every stop, he told his listeners of the richness contained in western history, but he always had to answer questions about Oklahoma as well as the remainder of the southwest.

He talked about speech of the frontier, the romance of the cow country, the social homesteader, the Indian and his problem, and many others. "The northerners seemed tremendously interested in the west and particularly in Oklahoma," Dr. Dale said. "Their many questions indicated that they have long wondered about the culture and ways of this country." Dr. Dale sees in their interest a "turning toward the west."

At Superior, Wisconsin, where he made seven lectures, Dr. Dale began the talks in a room that seated 150 persons. After the second day, he was moved to a 1,000-seat auditorium in order to accommodate the crowd.

Pray Named Associate Dean

Dr. Joseph C. Pray has been appointed associate dean of the graduate college on a part-time basis.

Pray, who joined the faculty in 1938 as an instructor, serves as professor of government. He will work with graduate students and curricular programs and teach half time. The principal duties of Dr. Laurence H. Snyder, dean of the graduate college, will be off-campus and departmental relations and faculty research.

Author of a study on "Post-Appropriation Budgetary Control in Oklahoma," Pray is collaborating with Dr. Royden J. Dangerfield, former executive vice-president of the University and now professor of government at the University of Wisconsin, on a book concerning congressional organization.

Three Direct Business School

A three-man committee has been named to direct the College of Business Administration until a permanent dean is selected to succeed Dr. Arthur B. Adams.

Dr. Charles F. Daily, '31ed, '33med, '35cde, professor of economics who has been serving as acting dean, was appointed chairman. Other committee members are Dr. Ronald B. Shuman, chairman of the department of business management, and W. K. Newton, chairman of the department of accounting.

Dr. Adams is now regents professor and dean emeritus.

Rinsland's Book Adopted

Henry D. Rinsland, '20ba, '24ma, professor of school measurements and director of the bureau of educational research at the University, has recently had his book, A Basic Vocabulary of Elementary School Children, adopted for use in grading the words in a series of arithmetic books used in Oklahoma.

This is the twelfth series of public school textbooks which have included Rinsland's basic data about words. The purpose has been to make the vocabulary load proper for the students in each grade.

Rinsland has been editing a series of six-weeks tests based on state textbooks since 1931, and he publishes new tests whenever the state adopts new books. Recently he announced the completion of a set of six-weeks in arithmetic and grammar for use in elementary grades.

Assisting him in the editorial and curricular phases of these tests have been Roland Beck, '30ma, '34phd, and Vaud Travis, '26ma. Rinsland plans to broadcast the state-wide letter grades which go with scores compiled from thousands of children's reports every six weeks over WNAD, University radio station.

Snyder Broadcasts Abroad

When Dr. Laurence H. Snyder gave a speech, he didn't know it was going to be broadcast over the world in many languages.

Snyder, dean of the University Graduate College, presented a paper on "The Genetic Approach to Human Individuality" at the 100th anniversary of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in Washington, D. C.

After the meeting, the state-department requested Snyder to record his speech for broadcasting over "The Voice of America." It will be translated into more than 30 languages.

Leonard H. Haug, director of bands at the University of Oklahoma, formerly served as assistant director of bands at the University of Wisconsin.