Some persons have the precious gift of improving everything they touch. Executives and administrators leave a job worse than they found it, the same, or better. Major E. P. Parker has never been permitted to stay in one place very long, but, in his career from one good job to a better one, he has always improved that which was under his command.

When he was appointed R. O. T. C. commandant at the University of Oklahoma in July, 1927, the instruction was only in infantry. Then, only 184 students were enrolled in the elective advanced course for juniors and seniors. Now it includes 280 of the school's best students. Among other things a B average is required. In it are the school's leaders. Athletic captains, orators, political and social leaders swing their sabers and direct operations of the basic corps at the Tuesday afternoon drill. That advanced course enrollment of 280 is, by the way, larger than that of any other like R. O. T. C. unit in the United States. It is both elective and selective. Every year many students are turned away from the course because they lack requirements. This spring one hundred men will be commissioned second lieutenants in the field artillery division of the officers' reserve corps.

Much dismounted drill has been replaced by mounted instruction. New and better horses are bought each year, so the unit now has horses as fine as any other in the country. Since Major Parker came, four French 75 mm. guns have been added to the equipment. The armory has been improved, remodeled to handle field artillery instruction. Additions to the armory: Three classrooms, a reading room, a model store room, a motor shop, a band practice room and a band locker room. Four years ago we were lucky to win any college polo match. This year the team won five out of seven games with the country's best malletmen. In June the team will go to the intercollegiate tournament at Cedarhurst, Long Island.

In 1930, for the first time, the pistol team won the national intercollegiate championship, and the unit was given a large cup. The team again won the championship this year.

The armory now is a place of beauty. Shrubbery surrounds it. Thick, close-cropped bermuda covers the grounds. Inside you will find carefully swept floors, immaculate gray walls. For the stables it is most significant to say that their obnoxious odor has been removed.

Because of the high quality, high standards of the unit, it was selected this year as one to be visited by General E. L. King, who is in charge of all training in the United States army. He called it excellent.

To Major Parker goes the credit for obtaining the beautiful uniforms now worn by the band. He selected the material, designed them, and arranged for their purchase.

From here he will go to the office of the chief of field artillery in Washington, D. C., where one of his duties will be the supervision of all field artillery R. O. T. C. units in the United States. He will select officers for this unit and all others in the country. For field artillery units he will supervise training, equipment and writing of textbooks.

In 1919 he established the field artillery unit at Ohio State university and from there he went to Harvard, where he was assistant professor of military science for three years.

President Bizzell said of him: "The transfer of Major Edwin P. Parker, by the war department, from the university, is regretted by every official, faculty member and student of the university. His four years here as professor of military science and tactics, has been characterized by efficiency, initiative, great earnestness of purpose, and fine spirit. The R. O. T. C. unit has not only increased in efficiency during his adminis-

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One of the few newspaper publishers in the southwest who actively edit their own papers is C. Robert Bellatti, '12 law, editor and publisher of the "Blackwell Morning Tribune." Mr Bellatti worked his way through school and has been keeping hard at work ever since. Recently he was named a member of the state board of education.

**An Oklahoma builder**

Almost any morning in the years from 1908 to 1912, probably rather early, you could have seen C. Robert Bellatti, a hard-working student, walking toward the university campus from a little farm near Norman. If you had asked him, he would have told you that he was on his way to attend law classes and if you had questioned him further you would have found that he had been up and about a good while before, doing work on the farm which supported him as he attended his law classes. He was wholly self-supporting.

Almost any time now, probably rather late, you can see C. Robert Bellatti, a hard-working editor, at his desk in the office of the Blackwell Morning Tribune working out some new scheme for the advancement of his city and his community. He is a town builder, a city developer, vitally interested in civic affairs, and he makes his paper serve his community. His role of public servant has sometimes carried him into the field of politics. Recently Governor Murray has sometimes carried him into the field of politics.

Lawyers may say they "lost" Bellatti to newspaper work, but journalists will certainly say the fourth estate gained him. When he left the university with his LL. B. degree in 1912 and was admitted to the bar he was a lawyer, and a lawyer he remained until 1920 when he became editor and publisher of the Blackwell paper. Many newspaper executives are managing editors or editors, with a publisher to look to for "backstopping." And many newspaper publishers know little of the real work of putting out a newspaper; they have to convey their ideas to the editor or managing editor for execution. But Mr Bellatti is his own editor and his own publisher. His is one of the few newspapers in the state whose editor and publisher is the same person.

Success has been his crown.

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