Sooneristically speaking

If you have ever re-decorated your house while you lived in it, you can appreciate in a measure the difficulties under which we issued the October number of The Sooner Magazine. The University of Oklahoma Press was moving to its new quarters in the University Press building. Equipment was being moved, press work had to be rushed, and the entire edition was "rail-roaded" so that it could be printed before power was cut off. This hurried condition explains the number of errors that appeared in the magazine. For these we are sorry; but circumstances, we feel, offer sufficient extenuation.

It seems well to explain that the editorial opinion expressed in this magazine are those of the editor, and not of the University of Oklahoma Association board nor of the University of Oklahoma. The editor is not an officer of the association and cannot speak the mind of the board. He hopes that his attitude towards the university is a helpful one; but it is never an official one. People in the state sometimes confuse the alumni association with the university. Both are distinct organizations, independent of each other, yet mutually helpful. What helps the university helps us.

This explanation is made because some criticism was voiced of the editor's opinions expressed in these columns last month relative to the building situation. Eight years on Oklahoma newspapers has made the editor rather chary of politicians. There are notable exceptions, like Dave Logan, Senator William and others whose attitude is that of the greatest good for the state.

The difficulties under which the university labors without sufficient buildings and equipment must grieve any true friend of the university. The attitude of the regents and of the administration was most circumspect. The editor doubts seriously whether any of these officers of the university would subscribe to his viewpoint that a duel between the two major parties eclipsed the building program. He has never discussed the subject with these officers. But whatever the cause, relief for the university is imperative.

By a coincidence, the convolution speeches of both President Bizzell and President Hopkins of Dartmouth dealt with an important aspect of modern college life—the need for a proper atmosphere conducive to study. Both of these executives have issued a challenge that we hope will be accepted by others. In this connection the remarks of Chief Justice Taft excerpted which are published from the Cosmopolitan magazine in The Educational Wonderland section of this issue, are true in part but not entirely true. At the University of Oklahoma, true scholarship is making notable progress. Perhaps that progress is slow but we must remember that state universities are compelled to accept hundreds of students whose primary aim in coming to the university is not scholarship but to While away several years in transition between high school and the more serious business of life.

Political activity in Oklahoma is opening and promises to be as exciting as ever. Loyal Sooners and friends of higher education will do well to scrutinize the attitude of candidates for higher office toward the university and higher education. Mr. E. B. Howard of Tulsa, first to announce as a candidate for governor on the Democratic ticket, declares in his program regarding education:

"We must arrange a program that will keep every school in the state open for nine months in the year, and keep our educational institutions fit and ready at all times to receive those who come from the grammar and high schools seeking higher educational facilities.

The Sooner Magazine is pleased present in this issue the first "Clinic of Our Times," which the editors hope will represent the magazine's contribution monthly to the idea of the alumni university. Co-operation of faculty members and alumni is being enlisted to provide this department with interesting and stimulating articles. Members who would like to see specific phases of modern civilization discussed are asked to write the editor.

All members of the Association will share the joy of the editor in witnessing the literary success of George Milburn, '30. Mr. Milburn has been a frequent and valued contributor to this magazine. That he is a genius with a future in literature all who have come in contact with him are agreed. If you have not procured a copy of The American Mercury for November, do so. Mr. Milburn's Oklahoma sketches open the issue.

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Joseph Benton, '22 fine arts, after studying under various masters of voice in France and Italy, is continuing his studies in Italy. He has made a great reputation for himself in Italy as Giuseppe Bentonelli, tenor, in Italian grand opera. During October he visited his parents in Norman . . Maurice G. Smith, associate professor of anthropology, was this year to Norman from Colorado. Dr. Nathan Altschiller Court is associate professor of mathematics in the university. He is known internationally for his many published researches in geometry. Dr. Charles M. Perry is head of the department of philosophy and spent last summer in St. Louis interviewing people who had known members of the St. Louis movement, results of which will be made into a University of Oklahoma Study. C. Ross Home is assistant county attorney of Caddo county and is an authority on Indian law. He is one of the first two graduates of the university.
Where you been all this time, old timer?

*Drawn by Hal Lemon, '29*