NEW president of the University Mothers' Association, elected at the annual meeting on the campus last month, is Mrs. Ernest Lambert, Okmulgee. She succeeds Mrs. W. C. Kite, Oklahoma City. Mrs. E. E. Dale, Norman, was elected secretary and the following district vice presidents were chosen: Mrs. Roscoe Walker, Pawhuska; Mrs. S. W. Franklin, Muskogee; Mrs. Elmer Hale, McAlester; Mrs. Annie Harris, Shawnee; Mrs. E. P. Allen, Oklahoma City; Mrs. V. K. Greer, Kingfisher; Mrs. R. C. Dragoon, Weatherford; Mrs. DeWitt Waller, Enid; Mrs. E. E. Dale, Norman, was elected secretary and the following district vice presidents were chosen: Mrs. W. C. Kite, Oklahoma City.

The association, in addition to attending a luncheon 400 strong and visiting sons and daughters, attended to business as follows: 1) Changed the objectives of the association to “promotion of scholarship and Christian leadership” among the students; 2) Established a small fund to assist needy students; 3) Selected Parker Rossman, Oklahoma City, and Mary McLaury, Snyder, to receive the association’s annual awards for religious and scholastic leadership, the cash awards to be used for trips to some interdenominational Christian conference this summer.

Miss McLaury, incidentally, is the daughter of two O. U. alumni: Finley McLaury, `16, and Mrs. Neola Jarrett McLaury, `18, of Snyder.

Co-ordination Delayed

Report of the State Educational Co-ordinating Board will be delayed until after the state primary in July, and probably until shortly before the Legislature meets in January, Ernest M. Hill, `33, predicted last month in a United Press dispatch from the capital. Legal advisors of the governor, the dispatch stated, doubt that the board has authority to make changes in the state's system of higher education without specific action by the Legislature.

Little Dixie War Subsides

When the Hugo High School one-act play cast that won first place in district competition at Durant entered the state contest at Norman it placed third. Members of the cast, disappointed over their failure to place higher, questioned John Dunn, assistant professor of drama in the University and a judge in the contest, to discover their faults.

Mr. Dunn, weary from ten hours of judging, sought to console them for their loss and made some such statement as “I think your work was wonderful considering the handicap of the state from which you come.” His thought, he explained later, was that the team had performed admirably considering that it did not have such elaborate facilities for stage training as are found in the metropolitan high schools of the state.

The Hugo delegation, however, coming from the southeastern Oklahoma area that is sensitive to any slight, went home indignant. Things happened: 1) E. M. DeWeese, `21, editor of the Southeast Oklahoma Times at Hugo, wrote in his editorial column that Mr. Dunn’s remark was an “affront to all Southeast Oklahoma” and mentioned possibility of reprisals when the next Legislature meets; 2) the Oklahoma City Times devoted three-fourths of a column to the story under the headline HUGO, INSULTED, TURNS THE HEAT ON THE UNIVERSITY, then followed with an editorial declaring “the charge brought by Hugo is serious enough to go to the bottom of.”

University officials, facing a blitz, moved promptly: 1) John Dunn and Pel Jones, director of the School of Drama, got in a car and drove to Hugo, consulted with Hugo Dramatic Coach Martin Landers, Editor DeWeese and other interested citizens; 2) John Dunn explained, apologized, pointed out that those connected with the University desire to serve the entire state; 3) Back in Norman, Mr. Dunn wrote a letter of explanation and apology for Editor DeWeese to publish. Hugo accepted with good grace. Wrote Editor DeWeese: “It is a handsome apology contained in Mr. Dunn’s letter and it should be accepted in as good spirit as made.”

“It seems to the author of this column that the controversy actually was fortunate,” Mr. DeWeese wrote. “Resentment of the people of Southeast Oklahoma at prejudice against their section has been smouldering for some time. Mr. Dunn’s unfortunate remark was the spark that set off the flare-up. It made him the goat. He took it standing up; made no attempt to duck the issue, and came to Hugo to face his critics and endeavor to clear up a regrettable situation. We understand each other better now.”

International Affairs

With the whole world watching breathlessly as the European war enters the “all out” stage, O. U.’s third annual Oklahoma Institute of International Relations June 9-15 is expected to attract a great attendance.

Clarence K. Streit, foreign correspondent since 1920 and author of Union Now, a widely discussed proposal for a world union of democracies, will be a special attraction on the speakers’ list of the institution. Other nationally known experts will discuss phases of the conference theme “The United States and the New World Order.”

Dr. Cortez A. M. Ewing, professor of government, is institute chairman. Dr. Oliver F. Benson, assistant professor of government and author of Behind the Diplomatic Looking Glass, will conduct the roundtable sessions. Dr. A. B. Adams, dean of the College of Business Administration, and Dr. Royden J. Dangerfield, professor of government, will discuss economic and political problems of America in a post-war world.

Outstanding Co-ed

Most outstanding senior co-ed in the University this year, in the judgment of Theta Sigma Phi, women’s journalistic fraternity, is Eleanor Lain, diminutive but energetic editor of the Covered Wagon and one-time staff member of most of the campus publications. Also honored by Theta Sigma Phi at the annual Matrix Dinner were Amy Comstock, associate editor of the Tulsa Tribune, for outstanding work in journalism in the state; and Ima James, director of physical education for women at the University, for outstanding work by a woman faculty member.
Speaker at the Matrix dinner was Mrs. Kenneth Horan, literary editor of the Chicago Daily News, who criticized best sellers as productive of "shoddy thinking." Kathleen Norris and Faith Baldwin are read, she said, by people wanting "a pill to keep from having to think." Grapes of Wrath she dismissed as being distinguished by eighty pages of description.

**Girl Editor**

Third girl editor in the history of Oklahoma Daily is Nancy Royal, elected last month by the publication board to direct the student newspaper for the next semester. Managing editor during the last year, she worked up to top position on a merit basis.

Her feminine predecessors as Daily editor were Christine Squire, '33, now with the University of Minnesota Press, and Suzanne Arnote, '36, now on the editorial staff of the Oklahoma City Times.

**Letzeiser Awards**

Each spring, honor awards are sprinkled thickly among outstanding students at O. U. Perhaps most hallowed by long tradition are the annual Letzeiser medal awards made to three men and three women students selected for superior leadership, scholarship, and service.

This year the girls selected are all from Tulsa. They are Dorothy Murdock, gold medal; Betty Chowning, silver award; Betty Klingsmith, bronze award.

Men honored are William J. Hanks, Pureell, gold award; Preston Nibley, Portland, Oregon, silver award; and Clayton M. Nicholson, Shattuck, bronze award.

**Army**

Compulsary R. O. T. C. training for University students always has a few opponents in the student body. This spring the Oklahoma Daily devoted many columns to arguments pro and con with Editor Carter Bradley leaning obviously to the con side.

Outcome: a decisive victory for compulsory R. O. T. C. training. Hiawatha Estes, student with several years experience on sampling polls for Fortune magazine, made a cross-section poll and found O. U. students favored the present compulsory system nearly 3 to 2.

Not entirely satisfied, the Daily then conducted an old-fashioned straw vote, was surprised to find that with 1,015 students casting ballots, 57.35 per cent favored compulsory military training and 38.65 opposed it.

An additional plug for military training came from W. H. Carson, dean of the College of Engineering, who said that "This year, more than ever, the men who interview seniors ask for students who have had some R. O. T. C. training, particularly advanced work.

New honor to the O. U. military unit came last month when Ben L. Burdick, Master of the University, spoke on "The American Cultural Heritage in Modern American Education" at the Annual Sooner Jamboree, sponsored by the University's School of Architecture.

**Job Prospects Good**

Net profit of $250 was earned by the annual Sooner Carnival which attracted thousands of persons to the South Oval midway. Proceeds will be donated to the University's Semi-Centennial Celebration fund. Delta Delta Delta sorority, operating a soft drink "speakeasy" won first award for best concession. Honorable mentions went to the Kappa Kappa Gamma Kabaret, the Delta Chi Fun House, and the Phi Gamma Delta Love-Meter Booth.

... A return to the "primitive honesty of the pioneers who made my state and yours" was advocated by Mac Q. Williamson, '10, ex-state attorney general, in an address to the University Accounting Club.

... An anonymous donor has given $100 to the School of Architecture to be awarded for the three best designs for a summer cabin.... Cordell High School is the 1940 winner of the plaque awarded by Phi Beta Kappa to the high school whose graduates make the best scholastic average as freshmen in the University.... Phyllis McCoy, Ponca City, member of Pi Beta Phi, is president of Associated Women Students for next year.

... A fellowship to the New York School of Fine and Applied Arts has been awarded Mildred Holcombe, senior art...
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Oklahoma Trees for Chemurgy

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of Texas can be made to yield a gum that is chemically about the same as the valuable gum arabic imported from the Mediterranean. This product brings around 25 cents a pound, and has many uses such as serving as an ingredient of sizing and various kinds of adhesives.

To "harvest" a crop of the gum from mesquite, you need men to stab wounds in the trees—somewhat like tapping turpentine pines—and then collect the hardened lumps of gum that ooze out. This is a hand labor job, but might beat relief work.

Mesquite also is a honey plant, and its beans can be used as stock food.

Then there is the sassafras wood that now grows wild in many parts of Oklahoma where the climate is comparatively moist. Some Oklahomans know that fragrant tea can be brewed from the dried sassafras roots, but not many know that sassafras wood will yield one per cent of its weight in a volatile oil valuable for soap, perfumes and other purposes. The other 99 per cent could be used for wood distillation products.

Gorgeous hillsides of sumac are accepted by most Oklahomans as one of the state's esthetic assets in the autumn. But those same leaves that redden the hills so beautifully yield 16 to 25 per cent of tannin, the chemical product used to tan leather.

Oklahoma has hides, tannin and dyes, yet a large proportion of the leather goes outside the state to be processed.

Maybe these proposals aren't practical. Maybe there are reasons why none of them will prove economically sound.

But the chemists like Dr. Shead are urging that the state get research projects under way to find out whether these native plants that grow easily under Oklahoma conditions can be developed profitably—to create new industries and to provide more employment and to utilize sub-marginal land.

Graduate students working on scholarships and fellowships in chemistry and engineering and business administration could do much of the necessary investigation of chemical properties and manufacturing problems and potential markets. Until the possibilities are explored, no one can say with certainty whether these suggestions are practical.

It is human nature to look afar for treasures and overlook what is close to home. One of the divisions of the University is quite proud of an elaborate collection of wood from trees all over the world. It was discovered the other day that the collection did not include a single sample from Oklahoma's native bois d'arc!

Civic and business leaders of the State are eager for new industries to stabilize employment and business conditions. They will find the chemists full of suggestions for possibilities to be investigated.

Campus Review

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student from Ada. If conditions in Europe permit, she will be sent to Paris to study... Joe N. Boaz, Oklahoma City, senior in the School of Architecture, is one of five students in the entire nation to be awarded graduate fellowships in the School of Architecture at Columbia University, New York City. Boaz earned the highest grade average ever made by any student in architecture at O. U.

... Pharmacy students have adopted a distinctive olive green shirt with gold braid design. Tan Beta Pi, honorary engineering fraternity, has constructed a concrete monument, with seats, near the entrance of the Engineering Building. Faculty members attending the annual Phi Beta Kappa initiation banquet were somewhat astonished to hear Norman Reynolds, junior speaker, urge the University administration to deal more drastically with students who lag behind scholastically.

... University Playhouse last month presented Much Ado About Love, as the Oklahoma prize play for 1940. Authors are Paul Barnett, '36, and J. H. Altman, both of Hollywood. Campus reviewers found flaws, but pronounced it entertaining. Anita Stewart and Dick White played leading roles. John Dunn directed.

Summer Radio Schedule

Sunday evening, June 9, WNAD, the University radio station, will begin its summer schedule of broadcasts with the Union Vesper Service from the Outdoor Auditorium. It will be on the air six and one-half hours each week.

All broadcasting time during the remainder of the first week will be turned over to the Institute of International Relations. Broadcast of the regular Tuesday evening band concert on the campus will begin the following week. The University of Oklahoma Roundtable will continue to reach listeners all over the state via WNAD and the Oklahoma Network at 8:30 o'clock Wednesday nights.

Other highlights of the summer schedule include the weekly School of Religion program and the WNAD Dramatic Players every Thursday night, talks by Dr. Oliver E. Benson every Tuesday evening, and the Radio Short Course, July 11 and 12. Broadcasts of news, music and travelogues will be added to make up a well balanced schedule.