Mrs Fantine Samuels Paxton

MRS. PAXTON, WIFE OF PROFESSOR JOSEPH FRANCIS PAXTON, IS THE FIRST WOMAN GRADUATE OF THE UNIVERSITY, CLASS OF '01. RESIDING IN NORMAN, MRS. PAXTON HAS BEEN CONSISTENTLY INTERESTED IN THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE UNIVERSITY.
OKLAHOMANS AT HOME AND ABROAD

DECEMBER CALENDAR


December 4. Formal installation of Delta Sigma Pi, professional commercial fraternity, dinner Golden Hatchet at 7:15. President Bizzell speaker.

December 6. Sigma Nu dance, College shop.

December 6. Lambda Chi Alpha dance, Teepee.

December 7. Sigma Alpha Epsilon dance, College shop.

December 7. Rhodes scholarship selection committee meets at 9 a.m. at University club in Oklahoma City. Luncheon. Committee: President Bizzell, W. S. Campbell, R. L. Disney, John O. Mosley and Joseph A. Brandt.


December 11. Chapel at 10 o'clock, Dr. Friedrich Schoenemann, of the University of Berlin.

December 13. Pi Kappa Phi dance, Teepee.

December 13. Sigma Alpha Mu dance, house.


December 13. Acacia dance, house.

December 13. Delta Tau Delta dance, College shop.

December 14. Phi Kappa Psi dance, house.

December 14. Sigma Mu Sigma dance, Teepee.

December 14. Miami Triad of Sigma Chi, Phi Delta Theta and Beta Theta Pi in downtown hall.


WITH PRESIDENT BIZZELL

President Bizzell attended the national meeting of the American Association of University Presidents held in Chicago during November. Introducing Dr. John Murray, principal of University college, Exeter, England, President Bizzell urged the interest on the war debt owed this country be applied to the creation of international scholarships, similar to those established by the Boxer indemnity fund by our government, under which Chinese students attend American universities.

The president has been occupied with plans for the formal opening and dedicatory services of the new library.

Our changing varsity

GIFTS TO EDUCATION

Knox college receives $15,000 from the estate of Condit Voorhees, an alumnus, to establish a scholarship in Greek. An autographed letter of William Makepeace Thackeray was also presented to the Knox library.

University of Tulsa receives $250,000 from Mr. and Mrs. R. M. McFarlin.

University of Oklahoma—NONE. * * *

INSURORS

A new insurance company, with its home office in Oklahoma City, has recently been established, with several Sooners in the roles of officers and directors. It is the American Fidelity Insurance Co., and Errett R. Newby, '08 arts-sc., formerly registrar of the university and more recently secretary of the Buttram petroleum interests, is vice president and David R. McKown, '21 geol., is secretary-treasurer. Regent President Buttram is interested in the company, which is chartered to write life, industrial, and health and accident insurance, although for the time being, the company is limiting its underwriting to accident and health lines. Judge S. W. Hayes, long a friend of the university, is chairman of the board of directors.

RAP A TAT

The United States Army band has joined Jazzer Paul Whiteman in bitter condemnation of the fieldhouse as a place to entertain Sooners with music.

Due to the generosity of our state legislature, the university has no auditorium large enough to accommodate Sooners. The fieldhouse, built for athletic events has no acoustics. But it is the only place that will accommodate Sooner crowds. Paul Whiteman was bitter when he had to play in the fieldhouse. But perhaps it is better to have the performers bitter than to disappoint thousands of students, as was the case last year when Naughty Marietta was presented in the Hat Box auditorium of the fine arts building—3,000 students were turned away, since the auditorium seats only 1,800.

The band played October 25. A beautiful concert was practically ruined by the echoes; musical notes met in mid-air, clashed, and Capt. William J. Stannard, band director, shivered. * * *

STAGECRAFT

Stagecraft classes at the university, under the direction of John W. Dunn, technical director of the Playhouse, are attempting to familiarize students with...
the art of making and arranging stage properties. An old barn, two doors west of President Bizzell's house, has been fitted up as a laboratory in which sets can be made and carpenter work done without disturbing classes in the fine arts building. The stage equipment in the fine arts building has been augmented by a new switchboard, costing more than $1,000, a new sky piece, and new flood lights. Before coming to Oklahoma this year, Mr Dunn was technical director at Iowa State university and, later, at the University of Texas.

DOCTORS OF PHILOSOPHY

Fifteen students in the graduate school are doing advanced work leading to the degree of doctor of philosophy. Seven of the candidates for this degree are engaged in research in history, six in education, two in geology and one in experimental physics. The youngest candidate is Charlotte Jean Jarrett (M. S. '29), of Temple, who is also a research fellow in history. Miss Jarrett is investigating Cherokee Indian manuscripts recently procured by Dr. E. E. Dale.

FACULTY

Dr. Roy Temple House, head of the modern language department and editor of Books Abroad, addressed the Kansas State Teachers association at Topeka, November 1. The subject of his address was "Foreign Books and American Readers."

Dr. Duane Roller, '23 arts-sc. (M. S. '25), of the department of physics, appeared by invitation on the program of the Central Association of Science and Mathematics Teachers, at the annual meeting held at the University of Chicago, November 29 and 30. Doctor Roller is an associate editor of School Science and Mathematics, the official journal of this association. He also presented a paper at the 159th meeting of the American Physical society, held in Chicago at the same time.

Faculty members scheduled to speak at the sixteenth annual convention of the Oklahoma Municipal league at Cushing November 26 were Dr. John T. Salter, editor of the Oklahoma Municipal Review and associate professor of government; Walter W. Kraft, superintendent of utilities (to lead a discussion of municipal waste disposal and collection problems of city engineers), Maj. John Alley, director of the school of citizenship and public affairs, and Dr. W. K. Newton of the college of business administration, and city auditor of Norman.

Dr. A. B. Adams, dean of the college of business administration, has been appointed a member of the graduate faculty during the summer session at Columbia university.

DAD'S ASSOCIATION

Dr. W. E. Grissio of Seminole, was named president of the University of Oklahoma Dad's association November 2 at the fifth annual meeting in Norman. He succeeds Ed Overholser of Oklahoma City. H. L. Muldrow of Norman was re-elected secretary and H. O. Miller of Norman, was renamed treasurer.

The association unanimously endorsed a state-wide bond issue to relieve class-room congestion in the university. The text of the resolution follows:

Whereas, the twelfth legislature failed to provide funds for any buildings at the University of Oklahoma for the current biennium, and

Whereas, the enrollment continues to increase year after year, thereby overtaxing the facilities of the institution and creating an increasingly acute problem for the space needed for instructional and laboratory space for the student body, which now exceeds 5,000 students, and

Whereas, it is apparent that the legislature will not be able out of general revenues in the immediate future to provide adequate facilities,

Therefore, be it resolved that the Dads association go on record as favoring an emergency bond issue to be authorized by the thirteenth legislature as early as possible after it convenes in 1931 for the purpose of partly relieving the overcrowded conditions at the university and that this association favors the use of the new fund now available to the university from section 13 and the new college fund for the purpose of meeting the interest charge and providing an adequate sinking fund for the retirement of said bonds.

Be it further resolved by the Dad's association that we invite the people of the state, who have been blessed with worldly goods to look at the university as a place for benefactions. It is our belief that the resources of the state are not adequate to meet fully the requirements to compare with other first class universities. There are many people in this state who are looking for an opportunity to invest wisely their surplus funds in worthy projects. We invite them to study the needs of the University of Oklahoma feeling assured that a thorough investigation will point the way for an investment in the lives of countless thousands of students who will seek an education in our greatest institution of higher learning.

There would be available for payment of debt on the bond issue $113,900 from the university's income from school land leases, and from the new college fund, $50,000.

Last year, the association approved as its project a new auditorium for the university.

NUMBERING CALORIES

If you are bothered about the amount of food you are getting, if your wife tells you you need more calories, an easy way to find out the answer would be to allow yourself to be tested by the new calory measuring machine of the school of home economics. This apparatus measures through respiration the number of calories consumed. The person about to undergo the examination is required to rest for a certain time and then to breathe into a tank. No outside air reaches the tank and measurement is through the amount of oxygen consumed. The apparatus will be used by advanced students of home economics.

SMALLEST CAMPUS BUILDING

Although the smallest building on the university campus measures only fifteen feet in length and twelve feet in width, it is the storehouse for motion picture films valued at $25,000. The diminutive film library, a one-story brick structure, was built in accordance with the state law requiring film to be stored in a fire-proof building. The 150 films, worth from $10 to $90 a reel, are the property of the extension division. They contain material dealing with many different fields of knowledge. Schools, churches and clubs have the privilege of renting them at a nominal sum.

FUEL TEST

The university has been chosen as one of six in which the Ethyl Gasoline Corporation, of Detroit, is installing a specially constructed detonation experimental unit, consisting of a single cylinder gasoline engine directly connected to a 1250 watt generator. The apparatus will be used by students of mechanical and petroleum engineering for investigations of the causes and methods of eliminating knocking in fuel. The preliminary work is in charge of Earl Bartholomew, '21 arts-sc. (M. S. '23), of the Ethyl Gasoline Corp.

NEW GRADING SYSTEM

A new grading system for the university, which went into effect at the beginning of this school year, establishes four passing grades: A, B, C, and D, and three non-passing grades: F, E, and F. Each hour of credit with grade of A is assigned three honor points; B, two honor points; C, one honor point; D, E, and F, no honor points. The grade C represents average work. An I is incomplete, E is a condition, and an F, a failure.