

# ILLINOIS

⌘ GEORGE DINSMORE STODDARD, New York State commissioner of education, has been named tenth president of the University by the board of trustees. Stoddard, who is also president of the University of the State of New York, will take office on July 1, 1946.

Prof. William A. Oldfather, chairman of the department of classics, was accidentally drowned in May of this year while attending a faculty picnic on the Salt Fork River.

Due to the housing shortage the University trustees will allow no further out-of-state women to enter until conditions warrant such action.

The annual "Athlete of the Year" contest sponsored by the *Daily Illini* and the Athletic Association, has been put on a permanent basis by the receipt of a gift of \$3,000 from Mrs. Lion Gardner, Columbus, Ohio, in memory of her husband, who was captain of the 1907 football team.

Miss Maria Leonard, for 22 years Dean of Women, retired on September 1. She was succeeded by Mrs. Leah F. Trelease, associate in English.

There are 400 new students who compose the Army Specialized Training Program, 141 new Naval ROTC, and 163 V-12 students.

The University predicts an enrollment of 5,000 women and 2,500 men this fall. Eleven hundred permits have been issued to freshmen, an increase of 303 over last year. There is an acute shortage of rooms for girls.

Only 215 students found it necessary to make student loans. The average loan was \$56.16.

The first plane, a XP-75 fighter, has arrived at the University airport for student laboratory purposes.