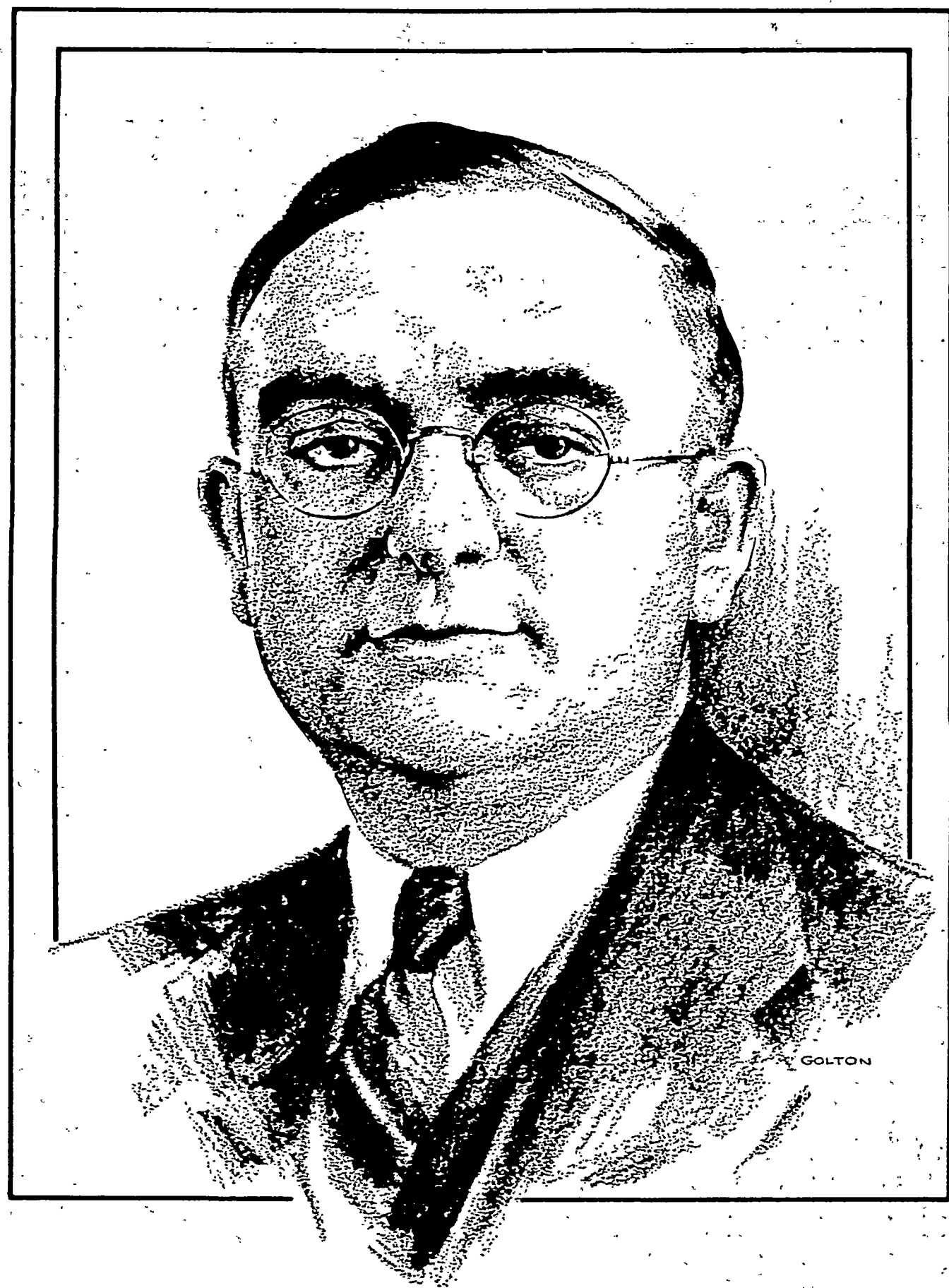


O. U. Prospers Under Guidance and Influence of Dr. Martin

Christian Idealist Gives Inspiration to University Men and Women



Wherever there is a group of people working together toward one end, whether a bank robbery, business deal, war, or church revival, there is always one of the group who takes the responsibility of leading the rest. A leader of this type is usually chosen because his character is more forceful than any of the others, his mind is more adept, his knowledge is deeper and broader. He is respected by his followers because his ideas will work when put to test.

O. U. students and faculty compose a group of workers which are divided into various organizations with chairmen, advisers and instructors taking charge. Leading them all, however, is Dr. Andrew B. Martin. As president of the University, his task in leadership involves all that is necessary to maintain a successful institution of learning. He must build and guide and teach.

Dr. Martin is a small, sturdy man, physically. When he speaks, he does not tower above his audience. In definite contrast, however, his mind holds a vast storage of remarkably brilliant gray matter, which keeps him alert, deter-

mined, and constantly aware of the school that is his project and responsibility. When he speaks, his thoughts and opinions are organized practicably; he is never vague. He never ceases his appeal to the students to look up, to reach higher, to aim boldly at the worthwhile aspects of human living.

Being Irish, President Martin loves a joke. His humor is accompanied by a twinkle in the eyes that are so often serious with problematic thinking. A clipped Irish speech fits the determination of his personality.

Though the proud father of three boys, Dr. Martin has a great desire for a daughter. He was frankly disappointed when John was born a boy. During spare moments, Dr. Martin likes a few rounds of golf. He is ready for a ham and egg sandwich anytime, but is definitely tired of green beans. The last series of luncheons apparently displayed the popularity of the vegetable once too often.

Those who have heard Dr. Martin speak a number of times know that there are two, or possibly three, outstanding

phases of University training in which he believes profoundly. He not only has faith himself in his theories of these phases, but he proves their worth for others.

First of all, President Martin constantly brings to mind the significance of the Christian ideal in the lives of the young people who are being educated today.

He combines this outlook with a second phase, scholarship, the importance of which is steadily becoming recognized and accepted.

In order that these two ideals may not become something merely spoken in idle words, or dreamed about, he adds a third phase. This consists of the practical application of religion to everyday living. He proves unmistakably that Christianity will "work" if given a chance.

Since Dr. Martin's arrival on the campus of O. U., a great many changes have taken place and many experiments made. Dr. Martin, however, is the first to deny than any successful experi-

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ments or changes were due to his efforts. He gives credit to the faculty and students, trustees, and alumni. They have caught something of his enthusiasm, have felt his hopes, and have become interested in his plans. They have put their heads together and have begun to create a reality from the suggestions Dr. Martin has been so eager to add to the mellow foundation offered from past years.

Because O. U. has prospered under his leadership, and because his progressive instinct is guided by a deep wisdom and high ideal, Dr. Martin deserves any dedication which the student publications make for this year.