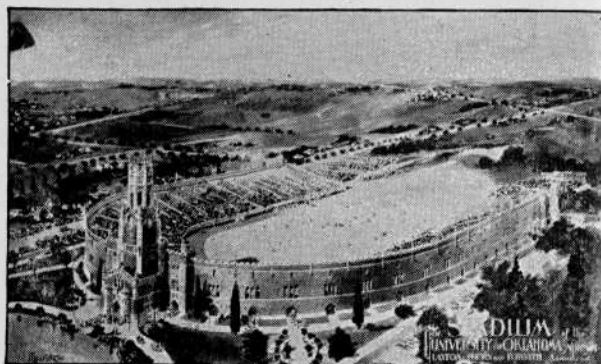


To save the stadium union

OKLAHOMA ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING



FACED with the possibility of defaulting for the first time on the bonds of the Stadium Union Memorial Fund the University of Oklahoma Association board decided at its November 5 meeting to prevent such an eventuality becoming a reality.

The board resolved:

1. To create a directory of three which will meet at least monthly to work with the Stadium Union Memorial Fund and the athletic association;

2. To establish an Oklahoma alumni council, with representatives in every county of the state, to solidify working of the association;

3. To aid in saving the Stadium Union project, essentially an alumni project, by urging all pledgees to pay something on their pledges.

Under the dynamic leadership of Chester Westfall, '17journ, of Ponca city, president of the association, the board began consideration of a program which will re-create the association into a dominant organization in the state, working for the welfare of alumni projects.

"Alumni," declared President Westfall, "must have an objective; they must have something to work for. It has been my experience in the past that if you give a man a task to do, he will do that task well and when you next ask him to do a bigger task, he will do that even better.

"Furthermore, it not only requires that we give alumni something to do; we must give them something in return. I am afraid that in the past we have acted too much on the theory that alumni must give without giving to them in return. I recognize the limitations under which we are working, particularly in the fact that we have little money with which to work. But I believe that even in times like these, it would pay to expand our activities.

"I would suggest first that we consider the advisability of employing a field secretary, a man ideally fitted for that responsible task, a man who could go from one city to another, meeting with alumni, talking over their prob-

lems, and giving them direct personal service.

"One such service that I can see as times become normal again would be to enlarge our employment service. As I see it, the field secretary could discover the needs of various towns and the needs of individual alumni; as he went from city to city, he could aid in the placing of alumni in jobs. In doing so he would make three friends, the man so placed, the man employing and the man who may have had to let the alumnus go from his job because of financial or other conditions.

"Perhaps the field secretary should be the editor of *The Sooner Magazine*. He is out constantly, in contact with alumni everywhere. At present, through no fault of the organization, this personal contact is missing."

President Westfall stated it as his opinion that the magazine reflected the university too much. He continued that he did not believe the magazine should carry articles primarily of literary interest or lectures.

Due to the nature of the program facing the association, President Westfall suggested tentative approval of the association budget for the coming year, with final approval later. This met with the approval of the board.

Neil Johnson, '15as, member of the board, declared that as a member of both the athletic association and the Stadium Union Memorial Fund board, he felt that both organizations would welcome co-operation of the association in solving the financial dilemma of the fund.

Until last year, the Stadium Union Memorial Fund was able to meet its payments promptly. In order to meet the current obligations, the athletic association borrowed \$10,000, pledging this year's gate receipts, in order that payment could be met promptly on the bonds. The amount of the bonds is more than amply secured by pledges but very few of the pledgees are paying at this time, Secretary Frank S. Cleckler,

'21bus, secretary of the Stadium Union corporation, reported.

"Undoubtedly," commented President Westfall, "there are many alumni who pledged to this fund in full faith of being able to pay it but who have been unable to do so due to the present financial conditions. I think we should endeavor to collect where we can, if it is only a few dollars from each pledge, or we should extend the time of payment.

"There are doubtless many alumni who feel a sense of shame at not being able to pay their pledges and who, as a result, fail to take any interest in the association. I think we should recognize this fact and endeavor to reach these alumni and rededicate their interest in the association."

President Westfall declared that he believed as many of the board members as could should attend the regular monthly meetings of the board. "It is going to mean a sacrifice to all of you," he continued, "but no one should accept membership on this board who is not willing to sacrifice."

Ben Hatcher, '24as, '25law, Ada, declared that he was heartily in favor of discharging the alumni obligation toward the Stadium Union Memorial Fund. "Give me the list of pledgees for Pontotoc county and I will be personally responsible for seeing them," he added.

The board met again in the Oklahoma Union building Friday, November 11, when the plan of action for obtaining at least three per cent of the outstanding pledges paid was approved. Mr Cleckler had prepared a complete summary of the outstanding pledges. These were divided according to congressional districts and were given over to the various districts.

R. W. "Bep" Hutto, '10as, president of the Security National bank of Norman and a member of the Stadium Union Memorial Foundation, and V. E. Monnett, '12as, president of the athletic association, were present to discuss the proposed campaign.

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sons and communities served. Dr. Scroggs served in this position until he was 73 in 1925, which was three years past the normal age a man is expected to continue with active work in an institution of higher learning. Even when Dr. Paul L. Vogt, took the position as director of the extension division in 1926, Dr. Scroggs was active enough to take the job as director of the department of publications for the extension division.

During his early days after college, Dr. Scroggs had as a part of his work connections as an instructor in music in Springfield and Carthage, and has taught piano, organ, violin, clarinet and trombone. Further than that he is an author of some ability, having written in addition to a host of educational articles, debate bulletins and religious treatises, a book, one of his best known, called, "Complete Living," a volume which deals with all phases of life. In this Dr. Scroggs presents valuable suggestions for those desiring well rounded lives.

His work in beginning community institutes for the extension division has been a great factor in the development of community spirit. The ideas expounded by this man have been developed for the good of town dweller and farmer, and the institute has been influential in bringing a closer understanding between farmer and business man. The musical inclinations of Dr. Scroggs have brought community singing as a means of increasing this spirit of friendliness between the community factions. Dr. Scroggs has written "Songs of Lafayette" for his alma mater, and "Oklahoma Community Songs."

Leslie Salter, '21as, '22law, is making a national success with the United States department of justice. He is an assistant United States Attorney General and lives in Washington, D. C.

The list of titles and membership in organizations reads like the decorations of a French general and some of them are: member of the National University Extension Association, National Academy of Visual Education, American Academy of Political and Social Science, American Association for the Advancement of Science, Oklahoma Academy of Science, American Spelling Reform Association, Oklahoma Foundation of Public Welfare, Oklahoma Memorial Association, Oklahoma Educational Association, and last but not least, he is a Phi Beta Kappa.

Dr. Scroggs is of Scotch ancestry which accounts probably for his love of the old Scotch game of golf, or for his activity. The American progenitors of the Scroggs family settled in Pennsylvania in 1771, and General J. E. Scroggs, a great uncle of the subject of this review, went forth during the Revolution as a patriot, rising to the rank of brigadier-general.

When on October 26th of this year, the eightieth birthday of "the grand old man" rolled around, Mr T. M. Beard, program director for WNAD, the university radio station, commemorated the anniversary for the university by presenting a tribute for Dr. Scroggs to the radio audience. A special orchestra program was dedicated to him also. True to form, Dr. Scroggs traveled over to Stillwater on that day for a banquet in his honor given by the Oklahoma A. and M. college, where Schiller Scroggs, a son of this educator, "like father," is director of administrative research for the college. At this time a greeting from the university extension division, signed by Dr. W. B. Bizzell, the presi-

dent of the university, and Dr. Vogt, the dean of the extension division, was presented.

And thus the years of eight decades have been filled ladies and gentlemen, and what greater memorial could be suggested than the evidence of progressive education in Oklahoma, in which this man has played such an important part in the formative years?

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their unpaid pledge is standing in their way to returning to Norman to enjoy a football game," Mr Hutto observed. "Many people pledged more than they could afford; and more than that, conditions have changed considerably now from that time when the pledges were made. If these alumni who have pledged were permitted to give only a dollar toward their pledge, it would give them a happier feeling and it would tide the project over a very critical time. I do not think that we should try to force people to pay; when an alumni obviously cannot pay anything on his pledge, we should recognize that his first obligation is to his family. But there are many alumni who can pay and who ought to be given the opportunity to do so."

Executive board members will be responsible for their districts. They can organize them as they see fit. The plan most favorably discussed is for the board member to name county chairmen.

The bond payment on the Stadium Union due April 1, 1933 is \$21,000 principal and \$9,487.50 interest. It is hoped to raise around \$7,000 on back pledges, the athletic association to pay for \$10,000 of the sum due and the rest to be supplied from pledges and fees.

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BOOK-OF-THE-MONTH

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to brew his coffee. Breakfast ready Mr Mathews would sit down to eat. But, frequently as not, he would start writing, and many were the meals that sat cold and uneaten as the spirit moved in the writing of *Wah'Kon-Tah*.

Gradually, it became known about the reservation that Mr Mathews was writing a book about the Osages. Gradually, Indian after Indian dropped in or called for him, to add their bit to his own knowledge and the Major's notes. Out of all of these sharings came the inexpressibly beautiful *Wah'Kon-Tah*, of which Harry Emerson Wildes of the *Philadelphia Public-Ledger* declared had