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In the mail . . .

DR. J. L. HADDOCK, '27, Norman physician, writes his opinion that the alumni association should devote considerable emphasis to organization of more local O. U. clubs. Says Dr. Haddock:

I noticed that there was to be a reorganization of the alumni and former students. I am offering this suggestion. Why not organize O. U. clubs that have a luncheon meeting at least once a month. Speakers from the University in many cases could furnish a worth while program. Subscription to *The Sooner Magazine* could be one of the requirements for membership and other activities could be worked out.

These clubs would furnish social and business contacts for the alumni and I think the effect on high school students would be a great influence in building a greater University of Oklahoma.

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Ron Stephens, new state WPA director, writes to say that he approves of the alumni association's recently acquired independence, and that he is glad to subscribe to *The Sooner Magazine* even though not an alumnus of O. U.

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Although duties on the board of the Oklahoma Press Association and as president of the Oklahoma Society for Crippled Children take up most of his spare time, Harrington Wimberly, '24, Altus newspaper publisher, writes that "I want you to know that I am strong for the Association and some of these days I hope to be a life member."

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Secretary Beaird's ability as a lecturer won a tribute from Helen Van Brunt, of Denver, province secretary for Gamma Phi Beta sorority, after a conference held at the Gamma Phi house in Norman.

"On behalf of the Gamma Phi Beta sorority please accept my appreciation for the splendid lecture on Student Leadership which you presented at the chapter house in Norman last Saturday morning," Mrs. Brunt wrote. "Perhaps I am behind times, but many of the ideas you told us were being worked out at Northwestern University especially were entirely new to me—and were very inspiring. Thank you for the lecture and for the time you gave us out of your busy schedule. We all enjoyed the discussion to the utmost."

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John F. Wilkinson, '23 of St. Louis, who is a new life member of the association, notes with approval the increased amount of advertising in the Magazine.

"Just a note to comment favorably on the improvement in *The Sooner Maga-*

zine," says his letter to Secretary Ted Beaird, "since it has come under your supervision. I have wondered in the past why the magazine was unable to carry more advertising to help defray cost of same. It is a further indication of your good management to see that you have started on a campaign to take care of this phase."

This comment is duly appreciated, but less anyone mistakenly assume the Magazine has suddenly waxed affluent, we might explain that our compensation for national advertising is necessarily low because of the smallness of our circulation in comparison to national magazines. However, it all helps.

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Sooner talent draws high praise from Ben Ogden, '26ma, principal of Ardmore Senior High School.

"The University of Oklahoma Men's Glee Club, with Miss Griffith as soloist has just finished two concerts in Ardmore, one before the Lions Club and one before the Ardmore Junior-Senior High School student body assembled in the convention hall where a big electrical show was in progress," Mr. Ogden writes. "The convention hall was more than overflowing with a mixed group of students, parents, and business men.

"The concert, while not under the best housing conditions, was a marvelous success. We personally believe the Oklahoma University's Male Chorus, under the direction of Mr. Richards, is the best in the country."

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From Houston comes a good letter in which Ralph A. Johnson, '23geol, also pays tribute to the Glee Club.

"We have a great number of Sooners here in Houston and the Magazine has noticeably increased in popularity among them," Mr. Johnson comments. "The Alumni Club here recently sponsored a very enjoyable visit from the Glee Club and we hope to make it a yearly event."

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"I really don't need any urging to get me to pay my alumni dues," writes B. M. Risinger, '23. "I feel that I owe it before it's due."

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The University of Oklahoma section of the A. A. U. W. College Exhibit held in Kansas City in April was termed "splendid" and "far superior to any before" by officers of the organization, according to

a letter from Mrs. Dorothy H. Moyer, '30, chairman of the O. U. display.

"The attendance exceeded by far any of the past years," Mrs. Moyer wrote. "There were quite a few wanting detailed information on O. U. and it was surely interesting to work with and talk with such fine young people.

"I am truly grateful to you, Mr. Beard, for seeing we had such fine material. With the exception of the Sooners, the remainder of the material has been filed away and will be used in future exhibits.

"I may be in Oklahoma around May 8 and for several weeks. I hope to visit the campus and perhaps thank you in person for your splendid co-operation."

The University Engineers club sends an appreciation of Secretary Beard's ability as toastmaster. Says Tom B. Campbell, president of the Engineers club:

"Even though we have let too much time slip by we still have an indebted feeling toward you for your important part in making our banquet a success. We all thought you did a swell job, Ted, and want you to know it. You were in the key spot and when you so kindly accepted the toastmastership at the late date you more or less guaranteed us a good banquet. Thank you for fulfilling the guarantee and more."

Arch Dawson, '19ex, writes to give us a correction of his address so that he will receive the Quarterly Alumni Bulletin regularly, and he adds that one year's stay in O. U. was plenty to make him interested in Sooner alumni.

"I was in the University only one year, but became acquainted with so many students that I am always glad to hear of them," Dawson writes.

He is now an attorney in the firm Bonner, King & Dawson at Wichita Falls, Texas, where he has been since 1920.

O. U. has many friends in Washington, D. C., and some of them are in important positions.

Wilburn Cartwright, '20law, who was a State Senator when he graduated from the University, and has served the third Congressional District of Oklahoma in the National House of Representatives for more than ten years, writes that "I never fail to clinch an opportunity to be of service to O. U."

"Of course," he says, "since I represent the Southeast corner of the state, it is not often that such opportunities are offered me, but it is always a real pleasure to cooperate one hundred per cent with those more closely connected for the betterment of my Alma Mater."

Representative Cartwright comments that "I have enjoyed my work, and have

been unusually fortunate in securing the chairmanship of a standing committee." He is chairman of the House Committee on Roads.

Fon Allen Lee, '26, who is in the oil business with the Skelly Oil Company at Clinton, thinks it's mighty fine that a man who once worked his way through school is now a member of the Board of Regents.

Lee was writing about Joe W. McBride, '28bus, when he wrote us this note:

"More power to you Joe. A lot of us went through the University the same way. I worked for F. J. McGinley for \$32 a month. I have been in the oil business in Clinton for the last ten years and doing well."

The following letter was received by E. R. Kraetli, secretary of the University, but is well worth printing here. It is from Sam Schwieger, of Perry:

Enclosed please find blank which you asked that I fill in and return. I want to assure you that it is a pleasure for me to do this as the loan really helped me over a rough spot while I was attending the University.

As a graduate of O. U. I am more proud of my school every year and feel that Dr. Bizzell is one of the greatest educators in the nation and that he has surrounded himself with an administrative and teaching staff that is a credit to any University.

Since I have been managing editor of the *Perry Journal* for the past five years it has been my privilege to sponsor a number of programs from the University, all of which have been well received here despite the fact that this is a hot-bed of Aggies since the A. and M. College is located so close to this city.

There are some sixty or seventy graduates and former students of the University of Oklahoma in Perry and any assistance any of us can be to the institution at any time I am sure we will willingly give.

A. R. Douglas, '33, is a loyal Sooner at Electra, Texas, who has been contacting Sooners in that district relative to organizing an O. U. alumni club.

"All those I have contacted are interested," he reports.

He and those with whom he has conferred decided that Wichita Falls would be the best point to have meetings, as a great many Sooners live there. The Holt Hotel or the Kemp Hotel of Wichita Falls probably will be the meeting place. He closes by mentioning a \$3.00 "check enclosed" for annual dues and magazine subscription, which makes no one mad in our office.

Nina E. Yowell, '36, who is now interior decorator for Scales and Terrell at Dallas, Texas, says she just "had to" let us know how much she enjoyed the Sooner radio program April 23, and she adds that "*The Sooner Magazine* is very interesting, especially when I want the latest news of friends and of O. U."

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