

Oklahomans at home and abroad

FIVE new members will assume their duties at the meeting of the Executive Board of the University of Oklahoma Association scheduled June 7 in the Union Building at Norman.

Attorneys predominated in the five new members elected by mail ballot in May for three-year terms on the board. The five are:

Members at large—Judge Harry L. S. Halley, '15, '17law, District Judge of Tulsa and Pawnee Counties; and Graham Johnson '19, Norman banker and business man.

District One—John R. Pearson, '29law, Pawhuska attorney and U. S. Commissioner, Northern District of Oklahoma.

District Five—Coleman Hayes, '24, '26 law, Oklahoma City attorney.

District Nine—Elton B. Hunt, '13law, Tulsa attorney.

Five new board members are elected each year for three-year terms, so that the terms overlap. Members are not eligible to serve more than one consecutive three-year term.

All of the five new members were prominent students while in the University, and have been actively interested in alumni affairs since graduation.

Judge Halley is former president of the University Club of Tulsa; former member of the alumni Executive Board; Life member of the Association; and 2-5-0 subscriber to the Stadium-Union Memorial Fund.

Graham Johnson, remembered as an outstanding Sooner football player in his student days, takes an active interest in University affairs, is a 2-5-0 subscriber, and has a wide acquaintance among Sooner alumni.

Prominent in student activities while in school, John Pearson has become a community leader at Pawhuska where he is a member of the law firm, McCoy, Craig and Pearson, in addition to serving as U. S. Commissioner. He is one of the alumni representatives on the University Athletic Council and a life member of the Association.

Coleman Hayes served last year as president of the Oklahoma City Alumni Club, is a life member of the Association, and is one of the leading O. U. alumni at Oklahoma City. He won scholastic honors as a law student in the University, received the Phi Delta Phi scholarship medal, and he was president of the senior law class.

Elton Hunt is a member of the law

firm, Hunt & Eagleton, at Tulsa. He was outstanding in debate and oratory while a student and had the distinction of being the student orator at the inauguration of President Brooks. He is a life member of the Association.

The five members whose terms have expired are:

At large—A. G. C. Bierer, Jr., Guthrie, and Mrs. Kitty Shanklin Rountree, Oklahoma City.

District One—John Joseph Mathews, Pawhuska.

District Five—T. Jack Foster, Norman.

District Nine—John Rogers, Tulsa.

New officers of the Association will be elected by the Executive Board at the June meeting.



Appropriation is increased

Although the requested building appropriation was killed in the final days of the Legislature, the University received increases in salary and maintenance items.

In a formal statement to the press in behalf of the Alumni Association, Executive Secretary T. M. Beard explained the budget situation as follows:

"As an Association we feel that the University of Oklahoma received from the Legislature very courteous consideration. The appropriation of \$1,395,020 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1938, will help greatly in the development of a greater University of Oklahoma. Naturally, a more extensive development in the service of the University could have been inaugurated had more funds been provided. However, the principal item fought for by the University of Oklahoma Alumni Association was salary adjustments for the

lower paid brackets of the institution, and we feel that due to the courteous consideration extended on the part of the Legislature, the administration of the University will be able to adjust this salary scale so that these people may receive a decent living wage.

"Press comment has indicated that due to a very unfriendly attitude existing in the Senate toward the University administration the University suffered in its appropriations. The Alumni Association challenges this statement. In order to keep the record straight, we wish to call to the attention of the public these additional facts:

"When the institutional appropriations came up, the House gave an increase of \$62,000 on salaries. The Senate later increased the House appropriation by \$50,000, which was the amount requested by the Board of Regents. On the maintenance item, the House gave us \$133,000 and the Senate increased it \$90,000 which was the amount requested by the Board of regents. Later, after a joint conference committee of the Senate and House, the chairman of the House Committee and the chairman of the Senate Committee, serving as two of the members of a board of three with the budget officer, inserted an extra item of \$18,000 to match Federal funds in co-operation with the Extension Division program. In fact, the exact increase granted by the Legislature for next year over this year totals \$316,597.00.

Not a single bill of the University that had been passed by the House was killed in the Senate. For example, the building program requested by the University was passed first in the Senate 27 to 3. While in the closing hours of the Session in the House, after House leaders, such as Floor Leader Jim Nance and others, made a desperate fight for the building program, it was defeated by a slight margin. Another example of the various gracious attitude toward University appropriations was the \$4,000.00 co-operative dormitory appropriation, introduced by Representative Brown in the House where it was passed, sent to the Senate, and without a dissenting vote in either body was passed on to the Governor's desk for approval. We should further call to your attention an item for equipment for the Biological Science building, funds for which were provided by the Federal government. In this appropriation both the House and Senate, practically by unanimous approval



When St. Louis alumni organized, Mrs. Frederika Fitch Woltering, '21, (center above), was elected secretary. With her in the picture: her mother, Mrs. F. F. Fitch, and her daughter, Catherine.

granted \$46,000 appropriation to furnish this recent addition to the campus.

"The Executive Board of the Alumni Association is aware of the personal feelings that have developed among certain members of the Legislature and principals of the University administration. At the same time, we are quite encouraged that no insinuation has been made against the sincerity and honesty of the University Administration. In short, it is the feeling of the Alumni Association that a vast majority of the men of the present Legislature were during the Session, and are now, interested in developing the University of Oklahoma. And it is our sincere wish that the Board of Regents, the University administration, and the Alumni Association may continue with a constructive program for the development of the University, which it so justly deserves as a valuable asset of the state."

Association officials were particularly appreciative of the assistance given by parents of University students and by alumni scattered over the state in the task of getting the public informed about the University's budget needs.

It is felt that even though the appropriation increases gained this year are not as large as desired, that much has been accomplished in acquainting the public with the services and needs of the University, and thereby building solidly for the future.

The total appropriation for the 1937-39 biennium is \$2,626,040. Special items include \$34,000 the first year and \$20,000 the second year for engineering equipment; \$24,240 each year for repairs and alterations; \$25,000 each year for permanent repairs; \$46,079 for furniture and laboratory equipment for the new Biological Sciences building; and \$4,000 for the state's share of the cost of constructing a dormitory in the Stadium with NYA labor.

▲ St. Louis alumni organize

William B. Cram, '30, attorney, was elected president of the O. U. Alumni Club of St. Louis at an organization meeting held at St. John's Methodist Episcopal Church, 5000 Washington Avenue, in April.

The organization adopted the plan of a monthly meeting, and went on record as making its objective the furtherance of the interests of the University of Oklahoma.

Other officers elected are Mrs. Clyde H. Snider, '22, vice-president; Robert M. Sayre, '20eng, vice-president; and Mrs. Frederika Fitch Woltering, '21, secretary and treasurer.

A program committee was appointed by Mr. Cram to arrange entertainment for future meetings, and any Sooners going through St. Louis are invited to get



To Erik Rhodes (Ernest Sharpe, '27) goes the 1937 Sigma Delta Chi award to an outstanding alumnus

in touch with the officers and attend one of the meetings if possible.

Those attending the organization meeting are:

John C. Glaze, '28eng, maintenance engineer, American Telephone & Telegraph Company.

Ruth Standerfer Glaze, '28ex, housewife.

William B. Cram, '30, attorney.

Robert M. Sayre, '20eng, manager heating department, Laclede Gas Light Company.

Mrs. Robert M. Sayre, formerly of Kansas City, Mo.

W. W. Hand, '25geol, Phillips Petroleum Corporation.

Margaret Berry Hand, '25ex, housewife.

Rev. H. J. Damm, '29ma, director social settlement.

Esther Groseclose Damm, '29ex.

Rosa Osmond Merritt, '33, manager college publication department, John S. Swift Company.

E. J. Merritt, Jr., '33, fountain manager, Walgreen Drug Company.

Jack N. Keck, '36eng, testing department, Moloney Electric Company.

Charles C. Burger, '08 Kingfisher, superintendent of Missouri Congregational Conference.

Mary White, '30, Y. W. C. A. recreation work.

Mrs. Ben Symon, '23voice, housewife.

Mrs. Clyde H. Snider, the former Irene Davis, '22ed, housewife.

Clyde H. Snider, not a Sooner graduate.

Dorothy Whiteford (Mrs. Hamilton Thornton), '21.

Roland Horton, '21, municipal and sanitary engineer.

Mrs. Roland Horton.

Mrs. Frederica Woltering, '21.

▲ New city officials

Several Sooner graduates received appointments under the new city administration at Oklahoma City.

M. B. Cunningham, '16ex, became water superintendent after a long career in the city water department and as assistant city manager.

Thomas Dudley Turner, '33law, became assistant city manager and director of personnel. While in the University he won membership in Coif and Phi Delta Phi, and served as president of the Junior Law Class. He practiced for a time with Albert C. Hunt, former state supreme court justice, and later established his own office.

Merrel Siler, '27law, was appointed municipal judge. Since 1928 he had been an associate of Gomer Smith, Oklahoma City attorney and former candidate for the United States Senate. Mr. Siler was with the American First Trust Company for eighteen months before becoming associated with Smith.

▲ Appointed prosecutor

Gleason McDonald, '24law, formerly counsel for Peters Petroleum Corporation, has been appointed Assistant County Attorney of Tulsa County to fill a vacancy. He will handle criminal matters, and John Conway, '22law, already an assistant on the staff, was placed in charge of civil litigation for the county.

▲ Playwright wins recognition

More recognition for John Woodworth, '25, came recently when the New York headquarters of the Federal WPA Theater Project recommended for production a new play by Woodworth. It is "Cheat and Swing," third play in a trilogy dramatizing the life of Belle Starr, Oklahoma desperado of the '70s. Woodworth's play is one of 110 recommended for production out of 2,000 plays submitted to New York from over the nation.

He is author of "A Certain Young Widow," University Playhouse prize play of 1932.

Teachers elect officers

O. U. graduates received most of the positions when the Oklahoma City Classroom Teachers Association held election of officers recently.

Sooners elected include: E. Clay Venable, '36ex, president; Inez C. Ellis, '36ma, treasurer; Clark Cunningham, '16, '30ms, auditor; Emma Jo Taylor, '28, election board teller; Martha Daves, '26ex, secretary; and John Barthold, '32ex, sergeant-at-arms.

Whitehand play produced

Another Sooner alumni playwright, Robert Whitehand, '33, was back on the campus in May to assist in the presentation of his new play, "Pegasus on Foot," by the University Playhouse.

"Pegasus on Foot" is a satire on modern life. In Greek mythology Pegasus was a patron of art, but Whitehand has pictured the Greek human horse as a modern woman who is on foot with very definite ideas of art and its place in modern life.

Whitehand also is author of "Precious Land," which received a \$50 award from the University Playhouse as the prize play submitted to it in 1936. "Precious Land" has been produced in Iowa City, Norman and Indianapolis. It received honorable mention in the Theater Arts monthly.

Whitehand is working on a Ph.D. degree at the University of Iowa.

Masonic officers elected

J. Lee Rodgers, '20, Hugo, was elected grand high priest of the Royal Arch Masons of Oklahoma at the recent convocation held at Tulsa. John W. Barbour, '97pharm, Norman, was installed as treasurer.

Speak to editors

Richard Caldwell, '26, managing editor of the *Sapulpa Herald*, and John Turner, '35, southwestern Oklahoma reporter for the *Daily Oklahoman*, were among the principal speakers at the annual spring session of the Oklahoma Interscholastic Press Association held at the University in May. Grace E. Ray, '20, '23ma, assistant professor in journalism in the University, was re-elected secretary-treasurer.

Active in Texas A. A. U. W.

Two O. U. graduates hold offices this year in the Texas division of the American Association of University Women. Claudia Fay White Puckhaber, '18, is president of the Dallas branch, and Electa Gordon Jeter, '23, has served as president of the Childress branch.

Teachers' society meets

Third annual convention of Delta Kappa Gamma, honorary society for women

Colorado Official



Byron G. Rogers

Byron G. Rogers, '22ex, is now Attorney General of the State of Colorado, climaxing a career that includes service in several responsible positions.

First appointed to the position by Governor Ed C. Johnson when a vacancy was caused by death, Mr. Rogers is now serving an elective term.

He was born in Texas but received most of his education in Oklahoma. After serving in the World War he attended the University of Oklahoma for a time, and then finished his college work by taking a law degree from Denver University in 1925.

He served in the Colorado legislature for two terms as representative of Bent and Kiowa counties, and was elected speaker in 1933. From this position he stepped to that of special counsel to the United States government in Washington, in connection with the AAA.

When he returned to Colorado he was first made assistant United States district attorney, and then was elected attorney general.

in the teaching profession, brought approximately two hundred women to the Union building on the campus for a banquet and initiation.

Loda Hall, '26ma, Oklahoma City, presided as state president. The Norman committee in charge of arrangements included Mrs. Kathryn Buchanan, '16, '25ma; Dr. Dora McFarland, '21ma; and Stella Sanders, '26ma.

Tri-Delt convention held

Annual state convention of Delta Delta Delta sorority was held in Norman this year, with approximately two hundred members attending. Alumni who received the circle degree included Lois Phillips Boorum, '15; Eloise Wheeler, '31; Alta Sawyer Foster, '30; and Katherine Rader, '36.

Reserve officers elected

Sooners elected officers of the state Reserve Officers Association at the recent Oklahoma City convention are: Lieut. George Shirk, '35, '36law, Oklahoma City,

secretary-treasurer; Lieut. Roy Holbird, '30law, Enid, judge advocate; Capt. James Glass, '36, Guthrie; chaplain; and Major Lloyd Swearingen, '30, '21ms, Norman, historian.

Resigns school post

C. C. Baird, '29ms, superintendent of schools at Heavener for the last two years, has resigned in order to go into private business. Before going to Heavener he had had six successful years as superintendent of schools at Poteau.

Drama association officers

Organization of the new Municipal Drama Association at Oklahoma City has been completed and Sooners who are active in it include: Mrs. Lillian Forrester, '35, secretary-treasurer; Catherine Schumaker, '30ex, member of the board of directors, and Alma Shaw, '34ex, director of plays and research.

Indian singer visits state

Wesley Robertson, '24, Choctaw Indian who has won success as a concert singer on the Pacific Coast under the name of Ish-ti-opi, was in Oklahoma in May and presented a concert at Oklahoma City.

He revealed that the weird yells of the Tarzan of the movies came from his voice—dubbed into the films that starred Johnny Weissmuller as the jungle ape man.

Robertson has been to Europe twice, and spent four years on Broadway but has been in California for most of the last several years. He has appeared with the Hollywood Bowl Symphony Orchestra at Los Angeles, and has sung 343 concerts in the Los Angeles vicinity.

Gentry safety commissioner

J. M. Gentry, '15, former state highway commissioner, in May took the newly created position of public safety commissioner and went to work at the task of making Oklahoma's highway safer.

Mr. Gentry will supervise the activities of a hundred or more highway patrolmen, and his department also will issue licenses to all automobile drivers beginning next fall.

The law creating the new department gives the director a free hand in making appointments and managing the personnel, so observers regard it as an experiment in eliminating or reducing patronage evils.

One newspaper writer commented: "So it's a big job Gentry is tackling. If he can give Oklahoma a police force, even the modest 125 provided in the bill, who owe no political obligations, who treat all offenders alike, who are protected against arbitrary removal, he will have done one of the biggest jobs any man in Oklahoma has done."