

The Trust Fund's First Ten Years

THE TENTH ANNIVERSARY of *The Sooner Magazine*, celebrated this month, is also the Tenth Anniversary of the Life Member plan.

In 1928, the plan for establishing a permanent trust fund, the interest from which would be available for current expense of Alumni Association activities, was formally approved. However, the work of actually putting the plan into effect required some time, and it was May 18, 1931, when the Executive Board of the Alumni Association adopted the declaration of trust for the "O.U. Life Membership Trust."

The declaration papers were prepared by Paul G. Darrough, Oklahoma City attorney, and the board members expressed their appreciation for his careful work. Errett R. Newby, Tom Carey and Neil Johnson were named as trustees of the fund, and they have continued to serve until the present. Looking to the future, the alumni leaders of ten years ago decided that Life Memberships were essential to put the Alumni Association on a more stable financial basis. The cost of a Life Membership, including life subscription to *The Sooner Magazine*, was set at \$60.00, and it was provided that the entire sum should go into the Trust Fund and only the interest of this fund be available for Association activities.

The theory was that the interest on \$60.00 would be sufficient to pay the cost of sending the magazine to the Life Member. It was provided that if both husband and wife were Sooners, a single Life Membership would make both of them voting members of the Association for life, but that they would be given only one subscription to the magazine.

How has the Life Member plan succeeded? The best answer is the fact that the Trust Fund now amounts to more than \$16,000 and is steadily growing. Undoubtedly it would have grown much faster except for the fact that it was launched at just about the time the depression struck. But the basic soundness of the plan has been demonstrated by the fact that Life Memberships keep coming in steadily.

The total number of Life Memberships received is 237. Nearly 10 per cent of all the members of the Class of 1914 are Life Members. This class ranks at the top in percentage. The class of 1913 is a close second.

The Life Membership Trustees have full power to accept gifts as well as payments for memberships. The original trust declaration stated in part: "It is also expressly understood that said trustees may hold for the benefit of said Association any other

funds or properties offered them for the purposes herein named."

On the Life Membership roster, which is appended at the end of this article, may be found a good cross-section of Sooner alumni. The list includes doctors, lawyers, engineers, school men, business men, one of the trustees of the Scripps-Howard newspaper chain, a United States senator, several congressmen, wealthy oil men, housewives, modestly paid teachers, and bankers.

Alumni officials point out that Life Memberships are intended for alumni of modest incomes as well as those who are affluent. It was early provided that the \$60 cost of a Life Membership could be spread over a three-year period, payable at the rate of \$5 each quarter. Alumni dues and magazine subscription are then paid for life. A certificate of Life Membership is issued when payment is completed, but the magazine subscription starts when the first payment is made and the alumnus is considered an official member of the Association from the first.

THE roster of Life Members as it now stands, divided according to classes, is as follows:

1906

Dr. Guy Y. Williams, Norman, (and Mrs. Ella Thomas Williams, '06).

1907

Dr. Charles D. Johnson, Tulsa; Charles H. Newell, Austin, Texas; Wallace Perry, El Paso, Texas (and Mrs. Lena Stubblefield Perry, '04).

1908

Tom F. Carey, Oklahoma City; Clement O. Gittinger, Tulsa (and Mrs. Elva McFerron Gittinger, '08); Errett R. Newby, Oklahoma City (and Mrs. Lola North Newby, '14).

1909

J. C. M. Krumtum, Weatherford; Pierce Larkin, Tulsa (and Mrs. Clara Koepke Larkin, '04).

1910

Ben C. Belt, Houston, Texas; Frank Buttram, Oklahoma City (and Mrs. Merle Newby Buttram, '06); Frank A. Herald, Tulsa; Robert W. Hutto, Norman; Jessie D. Newby, Edmond; William N. Randolph, Tulsa; Fred E. Tarman, Norman.

1911

Dr. Howard S. Browne, Ponca City (and Mrs. May Melvin Browne, '11); Earle S. Porter, Tulsa, (and Mrs. Pearle Goodrich Porter, '09); Shelley Tracy, New York; Robert H. Wood, Tulsa.

1912

Harry H. Diamond, Holdenville; Mrs. Alma W. Dowd, Norman; Earl Foster, Oklahoma City (and Mrs. Atta Sawyer Foster, '30); C. W. Hamilton, Upper Montclair, New Jersey; H. V. Lewis, Oklahoma City; V. E. Monnett, Norman; Louis Roark, Tulsa (and Mrs. Edna May Webb Roark, '11ex); Lewis S. Salter, Norman (and Mrs. Reaves Alford Salter, '20); Raymond A. Tolbert, Oklahoma City; Paul A. Walker, Washington, D.C.; Hubert Ambrister, (deceased).

1913

Fred Capshaw, Oklahoma City; Glenn C. Clark, Ponca City (and Mrs. Vera Gorton Clark, '13); Paul G. Darrough, Oklahoma City (and Mrs. Margaret Archdeacon Darrough, '18); B. A. Garside, New York; Leo H. Gorton, Tulsa; John T. Harley, Tulsa (and Mrs. Mary Fonvielle Harley, '24); Elton B. Hunt, Tulsa (and Mrs. Olive Eagleton Hunt, '14); Winifred Robey, Chicago;

Claude H. Rosenstein, Tulsa; Earl Sneed, Tulsa (and Mrs. Nellie Johnson Sneed, '10ex); Frank N. Watson, Dallas, Texas; Owen Owen, (deceased).

1914

Fritz L. Aurin, Fort Worth, Texas; A. N. Boatman, Okmulgee; Harry J. Brown, Tulsa; Orel Busby, Ada; William A. Buttram, Puente, California; W. L. Eagleton, Tulsa (and Mrs. Pauline Dellinger Eagleton, '20ex); Lloyd J. Hibbard, Wilkinsburg, Pennsylvania; Leonard Logan, Norman; E. D. Meacham, Norman (and Mrs. Ray Ferrell Meacham, '13); Charles B. Memminger, Atoka (and Mrs. Ruth Moore Memminger, '20); C. V. Nichols, Anadarko; John Rogers, Tulsa (and Mrs. Hazel Beattie Rogers, '17); Luther H. White, Tulsa; Carl Whiteman, New York; William J. Armstrong, Oklahoma City; Dr. H. V. L. Sapper, (deceased), (and Mrs. Lena Trout Sapper, '12).

1915

Dr. J. J. Gable, Norman (and Mrs. Alice Heron Gable, '22); Harry L. S. Halley, Tulsa; L. H. Hoskins, Anaheim, California; Hiram Impson, McAlester; Neil R. Johnson, Norman (and Mrs. Florence Wagner Johnson, '16); Robert Keenan, Los Angeles, California (and Mrs. Ruby Thompson Keenan, '22ex); Lewis R. Morris, Oklahoma City; Seward Sheldon, Cleveland, Ohio (and Mrs. Sue MacBronaugh Sheldon, '16ex); Donald E. Walker, Ardmore; Homa Wood, Wichita, Kansas; Charles B. Steele, Okmulgee (and Mrs. Alice Penn Steele, '12ex); Gerald S. Tebbe, Perry (and Mrs. Grace Barnard Tebbe, '24); Joseph C. Gordon, Caripito, Venezuela; Roy St. Louis, Washington, D.C.; Denver N. Davison, Oklahoma City.

1916

L. W. Kitchens, Cheyenne (and Mrs. Maude Myers Kitchens, '23); David M. Logan, Okmulgee; H. S. Oderman, Cleveland, Ohio; Chester H. Westfall, Ponca City; J. C. Karcher, Dallas, Texas; L. W. Kibler, Oklahoma City (and Mrs. Lola Harris Kibler, '16).

1917

E. E. Boylan, Caracas, Venezuela (and Mrs. Marie Campbell Boylan, '28); Mrs. Floy Elliott Cobb, Tulsa; Marion J. Northcutt, Oklahoma City (and Mrs. Ella Jones Northcutt, '15); I. G. Richardson, Oklahoma City; Laurence E. Beattie, Ardmore; Dr. Clifford K. Logan, Hominy; Hazel Beattie Rogers, Tulsa; Josh Lee, Washington, D. C. (and Mrs. Louise Gerlach Lee, '23ex); Freeman Galt, Oklahoma City; Albert S. Clinkscales, Oklahoma City; Norman Wright Brillhart, Madill (and Mrs. Mildred Winifred Colby Brillhart, '22).

1918

Emil R. Kraetli, Norman; R. Frank Madden, Norman; Charles P. McGaha, Wichita Falls, Texas (and Mrs. Clara Waltrip McGaha, '24ex); Hedwig Schaeffer, Norman.

1919

Glenn W. Faris, Oklahoma City; Richard H. Cloyd, Norman (and Mrs. Agnes Chase Cloyd, '14); Dr. J. M. George, Quanah, Texas; Fayette Copeland, Norman (and Mrs. Edith Jamieson Copeland, '20); Maurice H. Merrill, Norman (and Mrs. Orpha Roberts Merrill, '21); Dr. Claude B. Norris, Youngstown, Ohio (and Mrs. Fannie Inez Bell Norris, '19); A. C. Shead, Norman (and Mrs. Blanche Belt Shead '10); M. L. Wardell, Norman.

1920

William F. Absher, Bartlesville; Ben Arnold, Oklahoma City; Joseph Benton, New York; Wilburn Cartwright, Washington, D.C.; E. B. Ferrell, Oakhurst, New Jersey (and Mrs. Grace C. Ferrell '23); Robert S. Gordon, New York; Mrs. Dollie Radler Hall, Tulsa; George I. McFerron, Houston, Texas; John Joseph Mathews, Pawhuska; Lloyd Swearingen, Norman (and Mrs. Lillian Weisenback Swearingen, '24); A. C. Wright, Tyler, Texas (and Mrs. Alta Mitschrich Wright, '14); Elmer Fraker, Chickasha; Otto W. Walter (deceased).

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1921

T. M. Beard, Norman (and Mrs. Kathryn Haxel Beard, '24ex); Joseph A. Brandt, Princeton, New Jersey; Frank S. Cleckler, Muskogee; Goldia Dell Cooksey, Norman; Dr. Ben H. Cooley, Norman (and Mrs. Catherine Herrington Cooley, '20); A. R. Denison Tulsa; A. McKinnon, Jr., Sheridan, Wyoming; J. C. Powell, Norman; Dr. V. G. Presson, Tucson, Arizona (and Mrs. Lillie Wilson Presson, '22); Floyd E. Staley, Tulsa; Mrs. Christine Williams Waters, Oklahoma City; S. D. Burton (deceased); T. R. Leahy (deceased); Leslie E. Salter, Chicago, Illinois (and Mrs. Maud Carroll Salter '22ex).

1922

Mrs. Lillian Neely Bellah, Los Angeles, California; Denzel R. Carr, Honolulu, Hawaii (and Mrs. Elizabeth Ball Carr, '24); Mrs. Dove Montgomery Kull, Oklahoma City; Charles C. Miles, Norman; O. F. Muldrow, Ardmore (and Mrs. Margaret Dannenberg Muldrow, '30); Ralph H. Records, Norman; Fred Thompson, Norman; William A. Watkins, Seminole; W. J. Chesher, Littlefield, Texas; Mary Jo Turner, Washington, Oklahoma; Lawrence P. Williams (deceased).

1923

C. Guy Brown, Oklahoma City (and Mrs. Frances Cartwright Brown, '34ex); Kitty Shanklin Rountree, Oklahoma City; E. H. Skinner, Kansas City, Missouri; Edythe Strith Triplett, Oklahoma City; John F. Wilkinson, St. Louis, Missouri; Lawrence R. Hagy, Amarillo, Texas.

1924

Jerome Samuel Byers, Oklahoma City; Lovell V. Chaney, Bartlesville; Coleman Hayes, Oklahoma City (and Mrs. Patty Love Smith Hayes, '26ex); Frank S. Horne, Wichita, Kansas; H. K. McDowell, Oklahoma City (and Mrs. Frank Manning McDowell, '34ex); Almer S. Monronoy, Oklahoma City; B. S. "Chebie" Graham, Oklahoma City.

1925

R. L. Clifton, Enid; D. E. "Bill" Hodges, Oklahoma City (and Mrs. Puilla Hill Hodges, '25); Ralph A. Johnston, Houston, Texas; David R. Milsten, Tulsa; Lee B. Thompson, Oklahoma City (and Mrs. Elaine Bizzell Thompson, '27ex); Ralph G. Thompson (deceased); Subert Turbyfill, Balboa, C.Z. (and Mrs. Mary Richards Turbyfill, '31).

1926

Dr. P. Richard Auriemma, Los Angeles, California; Roscoe Cate, Norman (and Mrs. Frances Mitchell Cate, '30); Ralph F. "Cy" Ellinger, Purcell (and Mrs. Loretta Sturgell Ellinger, '26); Jennings B. Koch, Norman; Dr. Lealon E. Lamb, Clinton (and Mrs. Margaret Waddell Lamb, '29); Frank C. Morris, Norman (and Mrs. Clemmontyne Corbett Morris, '30); Herbert H. Scott, Norman (and Mrs. Betty Pickard Scott, '29ex); Virginia Katie Sage, Verden.

1927

George A. Grimm, Stroud; J. Wilkinson Hoover, Bahrein Island, Persian Gulf; Lynden Mannen, Washington, D.C. (and Mrs. Patricia Lyon Mannen, '34).

1928

Capt. S. H. Alexander, Washington, D.C. (and Mrs. LeBeryl Henderson Alexander, '27); Albert Drake, Kansas City, Missouri; Lela Gibbins, Ardmore; J. C. Mayfield, Marietta; Hal Muldrow, Jr. Norman (and Mrs. Clara Mac Bell Muldrow, '26 ex); A. P. Murrah, Oklahoma City (and Mrs. Agnes Milam Murrah, '27); Tom R. Benedum, Norman (and Mrs. Lucille Williams Benedum, '28); Q. M. Spradling, Norman (and Mrs. Alta Louise Ireland Spradling, '29); Russell A. Wiles (deceased).

1929

Dr. Leonard C. DeLozier, Chicago; Galen Allen Foster, Bartlesville; Dr. James O. Hood, Norman; John R. Pearson, Pawhuska (and Mrs. Wynola Walker Pearson, '29ex); T. Jack Foster, Nor-

man (and Mrs. Gladys H. Foster, '23); Thelma Aldridge, St. Joseph, Texas.

1930

William B. Cram, St. Louis, Missouri; Andrew Fraley, Oklahoma City; John B. Gordon, Houma, Louisiana; D. Horton Grisso, Seminole (and Mrs. Evelyn Fleeger Grisso, '30ex); Richard D. Robey, Jr., Tulsa (and Mrs. Mary Elizabeth German Robey, '30); Will Rogers, Washington, D.C.; Brunette Shanklin, Norman; W. H. Martin (deceased); Albert G. Kulp, Oklahoma City (and Mrs. Virginia Kramer Kulp, '31); Fred A. Barkley, Missoula, Montana (and Mrs. Elizabeth Anne Ducker Barkley, '30).

1931

Kathleen DeGroot, Oklahoma City; Benton Ferguson, Fort Worth, Texas (and Mrs. Mazene Brown Ferguson, '32ex); Roy C. Jenkins, Los Angeles, California; Paul Thurber, Guymon; Dr. James M. McMillan, Chickasha (and Mrs. Clarice Hadsell McMillan, '29); Glenn C. Couch, Norman.

1932

Mrs. Bertha M. B. Munn, Millerton; Jim Robinson, Tahlequah; Herbert Branan, Muskogee (and Mrs. Elizabeth Trumbo Branan, '29); J. Arthur Herron, Francis (and Mrs. Blanche Carleton Herron, '34ex); Hicks Epton, Wewoka (and Mrs. Thelma Pate Epton, '32); Mrs. Arta Maginnis James, Salina, Kansas; Lucy Tandy, Norman.

1933

Edgar Baxter, Oklahoma City; Otis Blankenship, Norman; Curtis Grimes, Los Angeles, California; Ernie Hill, Oklahoma City (and Mrs. Christine Squire Hill, '33); W. Bryan Scott, Ardmore; Neil Keller, Norman, (and Mrs. Helen Moore Keller, '31ex); Oliver Hodge, Tulsa (and Mrs. Faye Hall Hodge, '37); Gasier D. Maddox, Maracaibo, Venezuela.

1934

Ralph V. James, Norman; Harry E. Moore, address unknown (and Mrs. Allie Smith Moore, '34); Earl Sneed, Jr., Tulsa (and Mrs. Cornelia Lynde Sneed, '37); Joe Fred Gibson, Oklahoma City.

1935

Homer R. Heck (and Mrs. Mildred B. Heck, '31ex); Max Gilstrap, Grand Canyon, Arizona (and Mrs. Gilstrap, '37ex).

1936

Stewart Harral, Norman.

1937

Leonard B. Allen, San Diego, California; J. F. Malone, Norman; Owen Townsend, Norman; Boyd Gunning, Norman (and Mrs. Eleonore Ad-erhold Gunning, '38); Sam Pack, Washington, D.C.; Ralph Kenyon, Okmulgee.

1938

Otis T. Bourns, Norman; Bruce Inman, Washington, D.C.; Alfred Naifeh, Norman, Hubert Gibson, Norman.

Honorary

Dr. S. W. Reaves, Norman.



Tenth Anniversary

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Mr. Hill resigned in 1936 to take a position with the *Oklahoma News*.

In the first issue Mr. Brandt explained the establishment of the magazine and set the course for its future policies in the following editorial:

Thirty-six years have elapsed since the University of Oklahoma was established in the then small village of Norman. During that period, more than six thousand graduates have gone forth, in addition to hundreds of students who were unable to complete their courses for degrees. Varied and ingenious efforts have been made by the alumni association, working without funds and usually under great handicaps, to knit together this great group of former students, but with indifferent success.

Ranking fifth in enrollment among the state universities of America the University was practically the only state school not to have a regular alumni magazine; and one of the few universities