

# Life Member Total Is 237

**D**R. FRED A BARKLEY, '30, '32ms, of Missoula, Montana, is the 237th Life Member of the University of Oklahoma Association.

His Life Membership, received last month, also makes Mrs. Barkley (Elizabeth Anne Ducker, '30, '33ms) a Life Member of the Association.

Both of them majored in botany in the University. He is now curator of the Herbarium and instructor in botany at the Montana State University. Dr. Barkley received his Ph. D. degree from Washington University in 1937.

The new Life Membership pushes the Class of '30 ahead of the Class of '25 in the class standing based on percentage of members of the class who have taken Life Memberships.

Gradually, but steadily, the list of Life Members is increasing. Cost of a Life Membership is \$60. This may be paid, if desired, in \$5 quarterly payments over a period of three years. A single Life Membership makes both husband and wife Life Members of the Association if both are Sooners, although only one magazine subscription is included. Former students are just as eligible as graduates for Life Membership.

All money received on Life Memberships goes into a permanent trust fund, only the interest being available for Association expenses.

## How the Classes Rank

CLASS	RANK ON PER CENT BASIS	NUMBER OF MEMBERSHIPS	PER CENT OF CLASS LIFE MEMBERS
'14	1	16	9.64
'13	2	12	9.30
'10	3	7	8.97
'12	4	11	8.94
'15	5	15	7.85
'07	6	3	7.14
'08	7	3	5.66
'11	8	4	4.82
'09	9	2	4.76
'17	10	11	4.18
'20	11	13	3.36
'19	12	8	3.11
'21	13	14	3.04
'16	14	6	2.75
'06	15	1	2.70
'22	16	11	2.14
'18	17	4	1.75
'26	18	8	1.13
'28	19	9	1.06
'23	20	6	1.05
'24	21	7	1.00
'30	22	10	.97
'25	23	7	.94
'33	24	8	0.73
'32	25	7	0.62
'29	26	6	.58
'31	27	6	.55
'37	28	6	0.49
'27	29	3	0.43
'34	30	4	0.37
'35	31	2	0.18
'36	32	1	0.08
'38	33	3	—
Honorary		2	—
Total		237	

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## Portrait of a Sooner

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son was secretary of the association for seventeen years, and was elected president of it and also president of the National Editorial Association a short time before his death. Nichols was elected secretary of the state association to succeed him, and in 1929 was elevated to the position of president.

Merle Woods' connection with the Oklahoma Press Association dates way back, as he attended the association's first meeting, held in the spring of 1916 at Tulsa.

Editor Woods is independent in his politics, generally conservative in policies. His service to his community extends much farther than the columns of his newspaper. He has been president of the Kiwanis club, historian of the El Reno post of the American Legion for many years, active member of the Chamber of Commerce, Red Cross and County Health Association, elder and Sunday school superintendent in the Presbyterian Church, and Mrs. Woods directs the church's choir.

A man willing to undertake all of those responsibilities is pretty obviously well

supplied with an unselfish spirit and a willingness to work. Yet this writer never saw him without a cheerful smile of greeting, and a sane, unhurried view of life.

Mr. and Mrs. Woods were married in 1924, and have one daughter, eight years old. And oh, yes. Mr. Woods was born in Parsons, Kansas, if that makes any difference.

He has been active in University of Oklahoma alumni affairs and is now a member of the Alumni Executive Board.

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Robert Card, '38bus, has taken a position as salesman for the Ridenour-Baker Mercantile Company of Oklahoma City.

EASTERLING-TIDMORE: Miss Alice Easterling, '38he, and Jess Tidmore, '38, were married March 10.

ORENBAUN-MERKLE: Miss Effie Orenbaun was married to Ralph Merkle, junior engineering student, January 3 in Norman. Mr. Merkle will continue his studies and the couple will reside in Norman.

CLARK-MORTER: Miss Mary Jean Clark, sophomore in the school of home economics, and Jack Morter, senior in the school of geology, were married April 25. She is a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority and he is a member of Acacia fraternity. They have established a home at Los Dones Apartments at Norman and will continue their studies at the University.