

# Association Progress

**A** national distinction came to *Sooner Magazine* this summer when it received a first place award in the annual magazine contest of the American Alumni Council.

The University of Oklahoma alumni magazine received the award for "the most outstanding and original features gaining and sustaining alumni interest in the magazine."

First place winners in other divisions of the contest were the alumni magazines of Princeton, Yale, Smith, Randolph-Macon, Dartmouth and the University of California. The Oklahoma and California magazines were the only western magazines and the only ones from state universities to win first place awards.

One of the features on which the award to the *Sooner Magazine* was based was the "Riding the Sooner Range" column written by Ted Beard, '21, executive secretary of the University of Oklahoma Association. In this department, Mr. Beard tells informally about his personal contacts with Sooner alumni in Oklahoma and over the nation.

### Life members

Five additional Life Members have brought the total to 357.

One of the new ones is Merle Campbell Montgomery, '24, professor of piano at Southwestern State College. She is a composer, also, and now has a contract for children's songs to appear in the Quinlan Readers published by Allyn and Bacon, Boston. Seventeen of her children's songs appear in the Teacher's Manuals for first and second grades published to go with the Elson Readers by Scott Foresman and Company, Chicago. She has had one song published by the Curtis company of Philadelphia and is co-author of a University of Oklahoma correspondence course in music theory.

Another new Life Member is Denny Fitzgerald, '38ex, of Ardmore. He was forced to withdraw from school without completing work for a degree because of the death of both his parents within the last year. He has taken over management of his father's estate.

Dr. and Mrs. E. P. Davis of Norman are a Sooner couple who have joined the ranks of the Life Members. Dr. Davis, who received an M. D. degree in 1912, is in charge of medical service for the CCC camp at Purcell.

Mrs. Davis (Grace Norris, '17), is instructor in modern languages in the University.

She received a master's degree from the University in 1931. Her student activities include Teutonia club, Philologian Literary Society, Y. W. C. A. cabinet, accompanist for Girls Glee Club, and Kappa Gamma Epsilon, honorary modern languages fraternity.

Mr. Davis was a member of the Umpire staff, Y. M. C. A. cabinet, and was treasurer of the Forum society.

Mary Frances Lawson, '25ed, '27ms, teacher of English in Classen High School at Oklahoma City, is the newest Life Member.

Since graduating from the University she taught for two years in rural schools of Kansas and Oklahoma; taught in the El Reno school system and served nine years as elementary school principal there; went to the Oklahoma City system as assistant principal in 1918; and since 1921 has been teaching in Classen High School.

Miss Lawson is author of some tests in composition and grammar, and a work book for juniors in high school, which were published by the Harlow company at Oklahoma City. Her outside interests include the A. A. U. W. and Eastern Star, and she is chairman of the Department

of Religious Education of the Pennsylvania Avenue Christian Church.

### Advisory councils

Several changes have been made in personnel of County Advisory Councils in Oklahoma, and in local councils at out-of-state cities.

Executive Secretary Ted Beard has announced the following appointments:

James Batchelor appointed chairman of Bryan County Council. William Lewis Stiger is a new member of this council.

William L. Fogg has resigned from the Canadian County Council because of moving away from El Reno.

Brooks Lewis, new superintendent of schools at Boise City, has been appointed chairman of the Cimarron County Council, succeeding Tarlton B. Townsend.

C. C. Ingle has succeeded Elton B. Hunt as chairman of the Tulsa County Advisory Council. Mr. Hunt is a member of the Executive Board of the Association. Dr. Oliver Hodge, county superintendent of Tulsa County, has been appointed a member of the Tulsa council.

Mrs. Norman Brillhart (Mildred Colby,

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Visitors to the Alumni Office are likely to see this displayed on the wall!

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'22fa), of Madill, has been appointed chairman of the Marshall County Council, succeeding William Harold Landram who has moved to Muskogee.

George D. Hann, superintendent of schools at Ardmore, has been appointed chairman of the Carter County Council. He succeeds O. F. Muldrow, of Ardmore, who was elected to the executive board of the association last spring.

In Jackson County, Clifford Peterson has been appointed a member of the council to succeed Roy Davis who recently moved to Grandfield.

T. H. Ottesen is new chairman of the Okfuskee County Council, succeeding Dick Jones who moved to Oklahoma City.

Harry Simmons is new chairman in Seminole County, succeeding Hicks Epton who is the new president of the University of Oklahoma Association. George E. Norvell, Seminole, is a new member of this council.

Paul Thurber has resigned as member of the Texas County Council.

In Stephens County, J. D. Cox, Jr., of Duncan, has resigned from the council because of moving out of the state.

Jay W. Anderson is new chairman of the Advisory Council at Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Dr. Delbert A. Ward is a new member of the council at Arkansas City, Kansas.

Robert M. Sayre is the new chairman at St. Louis, succeeding Bill Cram who resigned because of moving away from the city.

Hughes B. Davis is new chairman at New York City.

At Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Mrs. Leroy McNeill Thomason is a new council member.

Don Chapell and Earl Westmoreland have resigned from the Advisory Council at Mattoon, Illinois, because of leaving the city, and their successors are Tom E. Grace and John Fosness.

F. D. Martin has accepted appointment as council chairman at Baltimore, Maryland. Members of the Baltimore council are Paul L. Fahrney, Harold W. Gardener, William M. Cocke and O. W. Johnson.

Baxter Polk is new chairman at El Paso, but Richard Hoy, the former chairman who resigned, remains on the council there.

Carl Taylor has been appointed chairman at Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Serving with him are Leola Cooper and Robert H. Weidman.

Bonham, Texas, has a new chairman in Mrs. Edwardine Crenshaw Couch.

John A. Paynter is the new chairman at Wichita, Kansas, where the leadership of the council has been vacant for some time.

L. W. Kibler has moved away from Memphis, Tennessee, and has been succeeded as council chairman by Walter L. Berry.

J. F. Malone is a new chairman at Atlanta, Georgia; Walter L. Barnes at Des

Moines, Iowa; Paul N. Campbell at Kansas City, Kansas; George H. Weber at Shreveport, Louisiana; Franklin D. Martin at Baltimore, Maryland; Mrs. Nan Estelle Hunter Halperin at Boston, Massachusetts; Dan Gill at Minneapolis, Minnesota; Dr. Curry Bell at St. Paul, Minnesota; Barney T. Burns at Carlsbad, New Mexico; and A. B. Carpenter at Roswell, New Mexico.

Betty Kirk has been appointed chairman at Mexico City, Mexico.

Council members along with Chairman Perry Hackett at Honolulu, T. H., are Connie V. Roberts of Pearl City; J. F. Harris and Denzel Ray Carr.

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## In the Mail

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So I must still confess mournfully that it has been a good many years since I set foot on your sacred soil, and don't know when I'll get there again.

These are strenuous days for all of us who are trying to help the Chinese in their struggle for liberty by continuing to provide support for the American supported universities and colleges there. They are all carrying on in a very fine way, and have won warm praise from the Chinese government and people, and from American diplomatic officials and other Americans in the Orient who have watched them during the last two years.

All good wishes for your work, and for the prosperity of O.U. during the months and years just ahead.

B. A. GARSIDE, '13  
New York City

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To the Alumni Secretary:

Please convey my congratulations to Roscoe for the winning of the national honors in the Alumni Magazine Contest. And also accept a chunk of such congratulations for yourself as you have a whale of a lot of the responsibility in making the magazine go. The recognition comes as a fine tribute to the good work of the alumni association.

Seems as how I was appointed as a member of the alumni magazine committee and so far as I remember, the committee never functioned. Since you won the honors without such aid and assistance, we should all feel thankful that we were so successfully inactive.

Come and see me sometime, even though I have completed my sentence.

H. MERLE WOODS, '17  
El Reno, Oklahoma

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To the Editor:

I have just learned from Ted Baird that you have won for the *Sooner Magazine* the American Alumni Council's first place award for the most outstanding and original features gaining and sustaining alumni interest for the alumni year just passed. This is, indeed, a most outstanding accomplishment, bringing credit and glory to our Alma Mater, as well as to our alumni organization and magazine. Please accept my heartiest congratulations and best wishes for the continued success of the *Sooner Magazine* under your able direction.

I am personally particularly happy about this deserved recognition since I had some small part in selecting you as our editor and in working out the arrangements which made it possible for you to give full time to the *Sooner Magazine*.

FRANK CLECKLER, '21  
Muskogee, Oklahoma

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To the Editor:

It was most pleasing to receive a letter from Ted reporting the receipt of the award of first place to the *Sooner Magazine* and I want to congratulate you for receiving the well earned recognition. My prediction held true.

C. B. MEMMINGER, '14, '33law  
Atoka, Oklahoma

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