

Alumni Association Progress

PLANS were started last month to change the class reunion schedule that has been used by the University of Oklahoma Association for a number of years.

It has been customary for the three classes that have been out of school twenty, twenty-five and thirty years to meet at Commencement time each Spring, but Association officials have concluded that it is a mistake for a class to be out of school for two whole decades before being invited back to Norman for a class reunion.

The tentative plan set up for this year calls for reunions of five classes to be held on the weekend of Commencement—the five, ten, fifteen, twenty and twenty-five year classes, with all alumni out of school more than twenty-five years invited to meet in a special old-timers' reunion.

The classes to have reunions are therefore those of 1934, 1929, 1924, 1919 and 1914. None of these except the Class of '14 has ever had a reunion before.

Charles B. Memminger, Association president, and Ted Baird, executive secretary, point out that this new plan is designed to encourage greater participation of the younger alumni in the activities of the Association.

Two years ago the Executive Board established an Advisory Council consisting of one representative from each of the last ten graduating classes in order to give younger alumni more voice in Association affairs. The new plan for class reunions is another step in the same direction.

Unless some unexpected difficulties develop, the regular plan for class reunions this year and in the future will be for a class to hold its first reunion five years after graduation and then hold another reunion every five years until the twenty-fifth or Silver Anniversary reunion is held.

This is tentatively scheduled to be the regular basis for class reunions, although this year special recognition will be given the four first graduates of the University who organized the first O. U. Alumni Association forty years ago, and no doubt some special provision will be made for fifty-year graduates when the University has attained sufficient age.

Further details for the 1939 reunions will be announced in the next issue of *Sooner Magazine*. Readers are invited to express their opinions about the question of a reunion schedule.



Class reunions this Spring will mark the fortieth anniversary of organization of the first O. U. Alumni Association. Above is C. Ross Hume, '98, Anadarko, first secretary of O. U. alumni.

New life members

Three new life Memberships—all of which came to the Alumni Office unsolicited—last month brought the total number of Life Memberships to 264 and the number of individual Life Members, counting both husbands and wives, to 345.

One of the new Life Members is Crawford W. Cameron, '13law, attorney at Marietta. He is chairman of the Love County Advisory Council and has been active in alumni affairs.

Another of the new ones is Perry Hackett, '34eng, who is with the Third Engineers in the United States Army, stationed at present at Schofield Barracks, Territory of Hawaii.

Third new Life Member is Finley McLaury, '16law, attorney at Snyder. He is a member of the Kiowa County Advisory Council.

Mrs. McLaury also attended the University. She is the former Neola Jarrett, '18ex, and her name also goes on the Life Membership roster. They have a daughter, Mary, who is a sophomore in the College of Business Administration at O. U., and a son, Stephen Dana McLaury, who is a freshman in arts and sciences.

Mr. McLaury is city attorney at Snyder, attorney for the Board of Education, and secretary-treasurer of the Chamber of Commerce.

Life Membership in the Association, which includes a life subscription to *Sooner Magazine*, costs \$60 and may be paid at the rate of \$5 per quarter over a period of three years. A single Life Membership includes both husband and wife, if both are Sooners, although only one magazine subscription goes with the joint membership.

All money paid on Life Memberships goes into a permanent trust fund for the Association, only the interest being used for current expenses of the Association and to apply on cost of sending the *Sooner Magazine*.

A Life Membership certificate is presented when the entire cost of \$60 has been paid. No formalities are necessary in taking a Life Membership. All that is necessary is for the applicant to send a check for a minimum of \$5 as down payment. An annual member of the Association may change over to Life Membership at any time.

Following is the standing of the various classes in number of Life Memberships in proportion to the size of the classes:

CLASS	RANK ON PER CENT BASIS	NUMBER OF MEMBERSHIPS	PER CENT OF CLASS LIFE MEMBERS
1914	1	17	10.24
1913	2	13	10.08
1910	3	7	8.97
1912	4	11	8.94
1915	5	15	7.85
1908	6	4	7.55
1907	7	3	7.14
1911	8	4	4.82
1909	9	2	4.76
1917	10	11	4.18
1920	11	13	3.36
1921	12	15	3.26
1916	13	7	3.21
1919	14	8	3.11
1906	15	1	2.70
1922	16	12	2.33
1918	17	4	1.75
1923	18	8	1.39
1924	19	8	1.14
1926	20	8	1.13
1930	21	11	1.07
1925	22	8	1.07
1928	23	9	1.06
1937	24	11	0.90
1932	25	10	0.88
1933	26	8	0.73
1929	27	6	0.58
1927	28	4	0.57
1931	29	6	0.55
1938	30	6	0.47
1934	31	5	0.47
1935	32	4	0.36
1936	33	2	0.17
Undergraduate		1	
Honorary		2	
Total Memberships		264	