

# Alumni Association Progress

IN accordance with a plan approved at the Homecoming Day meeting of the Executive Board of the University of Oklahoma Association, six standing committees of board members were appointed last month by Charles B. Memminger, president of the Association.

The purpose of the new plan, as outlined by Mr. Memminger at the board meeting, is to divide the board members into small groups so that they can work more actively on various important phases of the Association's program.

The full board has been found too large to do more than set general policies for the Association. The committees, on the other hand, will be able to devote closer attention to special projects.

Hicks Epton, Wewoka, Fourth District representative on the board, heads the important membership committee. Those serving with him on this committee are Joe Fred Gibson and James C. Hamill, Oklahoma City, and J. Bruce Wiley, Norman. The latter three are all members of the Executive Board Advisory Council.

A committee on Alumni Association Representation is headed by William L. Eagleton, Tulsa, member-at-large of the Executive Board. Others on this committee are Elton B. Hunt, Tulsa, Ninth District representative; Judge Harry L. S. Halley, Tulsa, member-at-large; and Max Chambers, Okmulgee, Second District representative on the Board.

The duties of this committee are to assign members of the Executive Board in the various localities of the State to represent the Association at O. U. alumni functions, in addition to spending four or five days personally during the course of the year as official representatives of the Association and speaking in behalf of the Association and its program.

Mr. Chambers is chairman of a Committee on Extension Division Co-operation. Others on this committee are State Senator Merton E. Munson, Lawton, of the State Advisory Council; Representative Herbert L. Brannan, Muskogee, of the Advisory Council; and Kenneth H. Abernathy, Shawnee, of the Advisory Council.

The function of this committee is to encourage and promote the use of University talent as speakers and entertainers at various meetings throughout the State. The group will work in co-operation with the office of Herbert H. Scott, director of the University Extension Division and head of the Lecture and Entertainment Bureau.



*Mrs. Kitty Shanklin Rountree, '23, Oklahoma City, is serving as second vice president of the University of Oklahoma Association this year. She has been a leader in committee work for the annual Homecoming Dinner-Dance and in other alumni affairs*

Graham Johnson, Norman, member-at-large of the Executive Board, is chairman of a Committee on Co-operation With the Athletic Association. Others serving with him are Norman Brillhart, Madill, member-at-large of the board; John R. Pearson, Pawhuska, First District representative; and Miles Tolbert, Hobart, Seventh District member on the board.

This committee is appointed primarily to work with the Athletic Department of the University in promotion of assemblies throughout the State where coaches and other representatives of the Athletic Division will be invited as speakers and guests.

A committee on the Annual Alumni Dinner-Dance at Oklahoma City is headed by Mrs. Florence Monnet McKown, Oklahoma City, member-at-large of the board. She will be assisted by Mrs. Kitty Shanklin Rountree, second vice president of the Association; William H. Miley, member of the State Advisory Council; and Albert G. Kulp and Joe Fred Gibson of the Advisory Council.

A *Sooner Magazine* committee was appointed, with H. Merle Woods, El Reno

newspaper publisher and Sixth District representative on the Executive Board, designated as chairman. Frank Cleckler, Muskogee, member-at-large of the board and former alumni secretary is one member of the committee and the other is Buff Burtis, Clinton newspaper publisher and vice president of the Association.

## Board member resigns

Charles B. Duffy, of Ponca City, state senator and a leader in O. U. alumni affairs for many years has resigned his position as Eighth District representative on the Executive Board of the University of Oklahoma Association.

In a letter to the president of the Association, Mr. Duffy stated:

"Due to the fact that it appears that I will be chairman of the Appropriation Committee in the Senate during the coming session, I feel that there might possibly arise some conflict between my work as chairman of this committee and my work as a member of the Executive Board of the Association. Therefore, I feel that to avoid any possible conflict and any possible misunderstanding or misinterpretation of anything I might do in either capacity, I should now submit to you my resignation.

"May I say frankly that I do this with a great deal of reluctance and regret, as I have so thoroughly enjoyed my work on the Board for the last three years and I feel that it is one of the highest honors it has ever been my privilege to enjoy. I have a deep sense of love for and loyalty to my University and my resigning from this Board is no indication of any lessening of my interest in the welfare of the University. But I also have a deep conviction of my duty as a senator and as chairman of this committee to my district and the State of Oklahoma, which duty I want to fulfill impartially and fairly to the very best of my ability."

## Annual O. E. A. Dinner

All Sooner alumni are invited to attend a dinner meeting at 6:30 p. m. Friday, February 10, at the University Club in Tulsa. This will be the annual O. U. alumni session held in connection with the Oklahoma Education Association Convention. The University Club is just across the street from the Mayo Hotel where convention headquarters will be maintained. Price for the dinner is \$1.00. Tickets should be purchased in advance.