

stantially to overcome this situation. The results this spring were very satisfactory, particularly in the Senior Law Class, where 19 new life members were obtained from a group of 27 senior lawyers present.

During the past year the Advisory Council system has been expanded approximately 15 per cent; most of the councils are in excellent condition and functioning satisfactorily. Some 100 changes have been made in the chairmanships and members of these councils. We are represented in each of the 77 counties of the state and in many of the leading cities of the nation. Among the outstanding out-of-state councils are Houston, Texas, Washington, D. C., Chicago, Illinois, St. Louis and Kansas City, Missouri, and Los Angeles, California. It was my pleasure to be present for alumni meetings in Houston, Tyler, and Dallas, Texas, and Okmulgee and Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, during the year.

Sooner Magazine during the last year has continued to emphasize its functions as a news publication, putting chief emphasis on personal news about alumni, but also giving thorough coverage of Sooner sports and campus news, and presenting numerous pictures, articles and special features of interest to alumni. There were news items about more than 600 alumni in the May issue alone, which was about an average issue. An Engineer Alumni Directory was prepared and published as the August, 1940, issue of *Sooner Magazine*. As a result of contacts with alumni made during preparation of the directory, more than a hundred new memberships were received from engineer alumni. This spring the *Sooner Magazine* office has started work on a Business Administration Alumni Directory. Within three weeks after the first letter was sent out announcing plans for this directory, thirty new annual memberships and three new life memberships were received from business alumni.

Sooner Magazine advertising revenue for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1940, reached a total of \$4,131, an all-time new high record. Revenue from advertising during the present fiscal year is running somewhat less, up to the June issue, but this prospective loss has been largely offset by some economies effected in printing costs. At the last meeting of the American Alumni Council, *Sooner Magazine* received honorable mention for its coverage of sports news, and honorable mention for the letters department. It was the third consecutive year in which *Sooner Magazine* was mentioned at least twice in the magazine contests conducted by this national alumni organization.

In the field of public relations a very important step has been inaugurated—the daily alumni broadcast from 12 noon to 12:15 p. m. over station WNAD. With the assistance of Commissioner Paul A. Walker, of the Federal Communications Commission and an alumnus of this University, a more favorable and valuable wave length was secured for station WNAD and many prominent alumni have been guest speakers over this station. The information supplied by these speakers, as well as their prominence and personality, is proving an outstanding feature. This is a constructive step in the direction suggested by Mr. Epton—that every city and town in the state be made University conscious, and a closer relationship with the University be developed.

Another event of importance was the Legislative Forum conducted by the Extension Division of the University with the assistance of your Alumni Association. This forum was declared to have been very instructive and resulted in a better feeling toward the University and its problems in Legislative and public circles.

In conclusion, may I express my sincere appreciation to the members of this Executive Board and to the many individual members of the Association for their wise counsel and timely advice, for their splendid co-operation and willing sacrifice whenever called upon for service to the Association, and to Mr. Ted Beaird and Mr. Roscoe Cate my utmost thanks for their ceaseless and never tiring work in behalf of the University of Oklahoma and its alumni.

17 New Life Members

The addition of 17 names to the life member list last month brought the total to 544, Executive Secretary Ted Beaird announced.

Of the new members, 10 are members of the Class of '41 and the others represent the Classes of '18, '21, '31, '35, '37 and '40.

Texas is well represented in the list, with four new life members. They are: John A. Gillin, '31physics, '33ma, geophysicist with the National Geophysical Company, Dallas; Joe T. Dickerson, '21 law, manager of the legal department of the Shell Oil Company, Houston, Texas; William A. Schaefer, '41eng, who is employed by the Humble Oil Company, Houston, and Mrs. Mabel Geraldine Rollins Schaefer, '41ba.

Other '41 graduates in the new list of life members include: Wendell C. Phillips, '41bus, Oklahoma City; David K. Spradling, '41law, '41bus, and Mrs. Maurine Clifton Spradling, '37; Edwin S. Arnold, '41eng, of Chicago, now an ensign in the Ordnance Division of the Navy; DeWitt Kelley, '41journ, Eldorado; Phyllis McCoy, '41 letters, Ponca City; S. Morton Rutherford III, '41letters, Tulsa, Robert C. Harper, '41ba, Ponca City; and Martha Downing, '41ba, teacher at Stroud.

Another new life member who received a degree in 1941 is J. Bruce Wiley, member of the University engineering faculty, who received a master's degree in engineering this spring but whose membership will be credited to the class of '35, the year in which he received his bachelor's degree in engineering. Mrs. Wiley is the former Nona Boyett, '37.

A new life member at Muskogee is W. S. Warner, '18ba. The other new life member in the list of 17 is Edmond A. Edmondson, Jr., '40ba, whose home was in Muskogee but who is now employed in the communications division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation at Washington, D. C.

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Psychological Fortification

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war because the psychological attack has played such a deadly part in the fall of every nation which Hitler has conquered. Therefore, I feel that it is highly important that America strengthen her defenses on this front.

Each generation has drawn upon a bank account which was built up by its ancestors in the blood bank of liberty. This bank account was established by the Minute Men of Concord and Lexington, by Washington's ragged troops at Valley Forge and Yorktown. It was added to by Jackson's troops at New Orleans, and by the Rough Riders who followed Teddy Roosevelt up San Juan hill.

The boys in blue with Admiral Dewey at Manila Bay made a deposit to the blood

bank of liberty, and the doughboys who met the Hun at St. Mihiel, Cantigny, and Belleau Wood made a deposit which paid liberty's premiums in advance for twenty years.

But today once again, that liberty is being threatened; therefore, I call upon you as Americans for renewed devotion to the ideals of democracy. I call upon Americans for unity in support of our government, in order that we may in our turn, preserve the free American way of life and hand it on to others as it was given to us.

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Oklahoma Books

AN Oklahoma author, Angie Debo, '18ba, '33ph.d, adds another laurel to her literary successes with a well written, factual account of the history of the Five Civilized tribes before and after statehood.

Entitled *And Still the Waters Run*, the book has been published by the Princeton University Press, Princeton, New Jersey (\$4.00). Dr. Joseph A. Brandt, '21ba, president-elect of the University, is director of the Princeton Press.

A daughter of frontier country and pioneer people, Miss Debo has witnessed during the years the continuous, and eventually successful, efforts of the United States government to dissolve the tribal government of the Indians.

From the beginning Miss Debo takes the side of the Indian, but she presents documentary material and events as they actually occurred so that the reader may draw his own conclusions about what transpired in the annals of early Oklahoma history.

The author begins her panorama of Indian life where many historians leave off, at the time of the "Trail of Tears" period when the people made the famous march from their homes in the southeast to reservations in Oklahoma. She threads her story to the present time when the few remaining fullblood Indians live back in the hills, and the greater number, who have intermarried with the whites, have succumbed to the overpowering influence of the latter's civilization at the expense of their own.

Miss Debo grew up in Oklahoma, received a bachelor's degree at the University, and later, a doctor's degree. One of her best known books, *The Rise and Fall of the Choctaw Republic*, won the John H. Dunning Prize, awarded biennially by the American Historical Association for the best book submitted in any field of United States history.

Oklahomans undoubtedly will have a keen personal interest in Miss Debo's new book.