

# Five Elected to Alumni Board

[Association Progress]

**F**OUR different professional fields and graduating classes ranging from 1915 to 1939 are represented by the five new members of the Executive Board of the University of Oklahoma Association elected in the annual mail balloting that closed May 15.

Mrs. Naomi Howard Wall, chairman of the election committee, announced the following winners in the election:

George D. Hann, '36m.ed, superintendent of schools at Ardmore, and Hiram Impson, '15ba, postmaster at McAlester, elected members-at-large.

Rev. Virgil Alexander, '24ba, minister at Muskogee, elected representative from District Two.

Dr. William P. Longmire, Jr., '34ba, physician and surgeon at Sapulpa, elected from District Four.

Lonnie Vanderveer, '39m.ed, superintendent of schools at Cordell, District Seven.

The five new members, elected for three-year terms on the board, will be seated at the annual business meeting of the Executive Board on the afternoon of Commencement Day, June 9.

The men they will succeed on the board are Frank Cleckler, Muskogee, and Norman W. Brillhart, Madill, members-at-large; and Max Chambers, Okmulgee, Hicks Epton, Wewoka, and Finley McLaury, Snyder, all district representatives. Mr. Brillhart, will serve on the board ex officio during the next year, as immediate past president.

## Life Members

Thirty-one more new life members joined the University of Oklahoma Association during the last month, bringing the total number of living life members to 527—far beyond the goal of 500 which lay ahead for so long.

The honor of becoming life member No. 500 went to W. Dow Hamm, '22ba, geologist with the Shell Oil Company at Houston, Texas, and one of the all-time Sooner football greats.

Mr. Hamm has been with the Shell Oil Company and associated companies since 1922. He is now assistant manager of the exploration department and head of the geological section at the Houston office with jurisdiction over New Mexico, Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and Florida.

As a student at the University he played four years of football, three years of basketball and played a little baseball. He was a member of Beta Theta Pi, president of the

sophomore class, member of Student Council, and Sigma Gamma Epsilon, geological fraternity.

Mr. Hamm is chairman of the O.U. Advisory Council in Houston and has sponsored several outstanding O.U. gatherings there.

Mrs. Hamm is the former Helen Irene Berry, '22, and is also a new life member of the Alumni Association. Mrs. Hamm was a member of Pi Beta Phi at O.U. Mr. and Mrs. Hamm have two children, W. Dow Hamm, Jr., 17, and Richard Berry Hamm, 15. Dow Jr., was a senior in high school this year and was business manager of the yearbook and a member of the National Honor Society. Dick graduated last semester from junior high school where he received the American Legion award for his school.

Most of the other new members enrolled on the life member list during the last month were members of the graduating classes of the various professional schools at the University. The Alumni Association this spring inaugurated a new plan for acquainting outstanding members of the senior class with the alumni program and with its functions. A series of luncheons was arranged, one for each of the professional schools in the University, with student and faculty life members invited to select about twenty-five outstanding seniors from each school to be entertained at a

luncheon as guests of the Alumni Association.

At each of these meetings Ted Beaird, executive secretary of the Association, outlined the program of the organized alumni and invited all interested seniors to take life memberships on a new plan which would permit them to make an initial payment and not resume the remaining payments until after a year from graduation. This plan was worked out in order to permit a student to join the Alumni Association for life at the time of graduation and still allow time to get established in his work before making most of the payments.

Senior law students who took life memberships up to May 15 are Jean Pazourick, '41law, of Yukon; Andrew C. Wilcoxon, '39ba, '41law, Muskogee; L. Hart Wright, '41law, Blackwell (and Mrs. Hart Wright, the former Phyllis Jeanne Blanchard, '38 drama); J. Seitz Whitt, '41law, Norman (and Mrs. Whitt, the former Rose Eleanor Trosper, '40ed); George V. Stein, '40ba, '41law, Miami; John A. Ruth, '41law, Dover; Irving David Ross, '40law, Newkirk; George T. Montgomery, '39ba, '41law, Durant; John M. Luttrell, '38ba, '41law, Norman; Vernon J. Collins, '41law, Cherokee; Arthur LeRoy Ellsworth, '38ba, '41law, Norman (and Mrs. Ellsworth, the former Marjorie Carrol Replogle, '41ba); Raymond Gramlich, '39ba, '41law, Geary; Andrew Crosby, Jr., '39ba, '41law, Lawton; and Edward F. Martin, '41law, Oklahoma City.

Other new life members enrolled from the class of 1941 by mid-May were Herbert L. Beck, '41bus, Shawnee; Thomas E. Harrison, '41bus, Anadarko; Nicholas A. Adwon, '41bus, Oklahoma City; Charles D. Wood, '41bus, Oklahoma City; Howard G. Tozer, '41bus, and William E. Ranney, '41 eng.

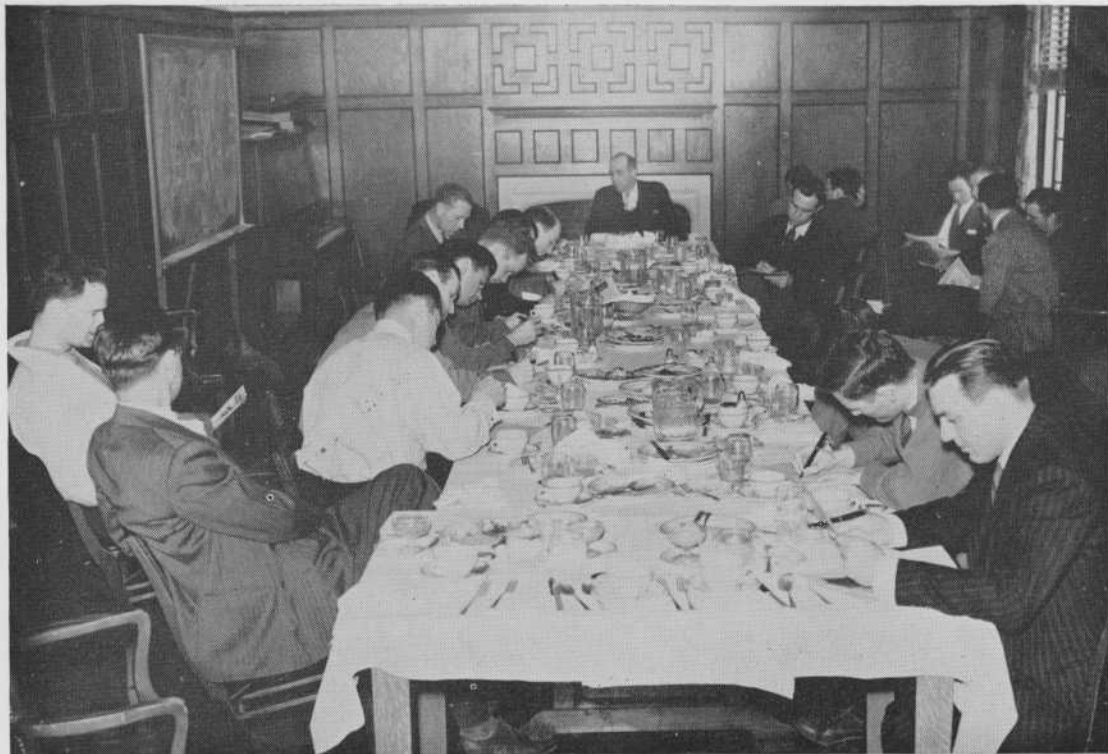
The 100 percent record of the University coaching staff established in April when every member of the staff took out a life membership, was maintained last month when Frank Crider, '30ba, newly appointed freshman coach, took out a life membership. Mr. Crider formerly coached at Wewoka High school and Norman High school. He made an outstanding record as a player on Sooner football teams.

Other new life memberships received during the last month came from many different parts of the country, ranging from New York City to San Antonio, Texas. The one from New York is that of William G. Davis, Jr., '36 graduate of the College of Business Administration, who is credit manager for Time, Inc. The new member-



Above is Life Member No. 500, and "Mrs. 500." They are W. Dow Hamm, '22ba, former O.U. football star and now geology executive with the Shell company, Houston, and Mrs. Hamm, the former Helen Irene Berry, '22

More than a score of outstanding members of the senior law class took life memberships in the Alumni Association when they were entertained at a special luncheon last month. This was the first of a series of luncheons for outstanding seniors in various professional schools.



ship from San Antonio is that of Willis Storm, Jr., '20ba, consulting petroleum geologist.

Another new life member is George F. Titus, '27bs, accounting officer for the United States Treasury and the Navy Department at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. From Valley, Mississippi, comes the new life membership of Jim M. Hewgley, Jr., '38ba, who is assistant production superintendent for the Slick-Urschal Oil Company at Valley.

Medical alumni are represented in the list of new life members by Dr. C. E. Lively, '30pharm, '34med, McAlester.

The 40 new life members announced for April and 31 for May have set a new high record in the life membership gains over a short period of time.

Under the plan established in 1928, all money paid on life memberships goes into a permanent trust fund only the interest of which can be used for operation expenses of the Alumni Association.

A life membership costs \$60.00, which may be paid in quarterly instalments of \$5.00 each. This spreads the payments over a period of three years.

A single life membership includes both husband and wife if both have attended the University. They have a joint subscription to *Sooner Magazine* which continues as long as either is living.

When the life membership plan was started in 1928, most of the alumni taking this form of membership were from the older classes. In recent years, however, a considerable number of the new life memberships have come from the young alumni.

#### Life Membership Ranking

CLASS	RANK	NUMBER OF LIFE MEMBERS	PER CENT OF LIFE MEMBERS
1904	1	2	14.39
1912	2	17	13.82
1910	3	10	12.82
1909	4	5	11.90
1914	5	19	11.45
1908	6	6	11.32
1913	7	14	10.85
1911	8	8	9.64
1915	9	16	8.38
1916	10	18	8.26
1906	11	3	8.11
1907	12	3	7.14
1917	13	17	6.50
1920	14	21	5.43
1905	15	1	5.21
1919	16	13	5.12
1922	17	24	4.66
1924	18	24	3.43
1923	19	19	3.32
1918	20	7	3.07
1926	21	20	2.83
1921	22	13	2.82
1930	23	24	2.33
1928	24	18	2.12
1938	25	25	1.96
1925	26	14	1.88
1927	27	13	1.87
1937	28	22	1.81
1934	29	19	1.78
1929	30	17	1.65
1933	31	14	1.27
1932	32	13	1.15
1931	33	11	1.01
1939	34	12	0.85
1935	35	8	0.73
1936	36	7	0.58
1940	37	7	0.43
1941		14	
Undergraduate		6	
Honorary		4	
TOTAL LIVING LIFE MEMBERS		527	

#### Advisory Councils

A number of changes in advisory council memberships have been announced by Executive Secretary Ted Beard.

John R. Wallace, '34ba, has been appointed chairman of the Ottawa County Advisory Council. Mr. Wallace is a life member of the Association and an attorney in Miami. He succeeds M. R. Tidwell, Jr., '23 law.

John H. Tippit, '38ba, '40law, of Marietta, has been appointed a member of the Love County council.

Emmett M. Ishmael, '40m.ed, has been appointed chairman of the McCurtain County council, succeeding Walter Scott.

Thomas D. Fancher, '39ba, '39law, has been appointed chairman of the O.U. advisory council at Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Winifred B. Robey, '13ba, has been appointed chairman of the advisory council at Denver, Colorado.

Isaac Edward Simonds, '36m.ed, is the new chairman of the council at Clovis, New Mexico.

Ernest Cotton, '33eng, has been appointed chairman of the council at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

A new member of the Caddo County advisory council is Dr. Edward T. Cook, '38med, of Anadarko.

Roy Furr, '26, has been appointed a member of the council at Lubbock, Texas.

G. Allan Foster, '29geol, and Paul Hull, '32, have resigned from the council at Evansville, Indiana, because of moving away from that city.

James C. Roan, '31pharm, has resigned from the Johnston County Advisory Council because of moving away from Tishomingo.