

40 New Life Members!

[Association Progress]

A record-breaking spurt in new life memberships—including 100 per cent enlistment by members of the O. U. athletic staff—added forty names to the roster during the last month. The new additions signed up by Alumni Secretary Ted Beard during the month brought the total of living life members to 496 and made it virtually certain that the immediate goal of 500 will be reached before Alumni President Norman W. Brillhart completes his year's term in early June.

Making an impressive gesture of cooperation with the Alumni Association, all members of the Sooner athletic staff—including two who are not O. U. graduates and several who are not paid members of the coaching staff—took out life memberships in a single block. The total number of men in the group was seventeen, and since ten of the wives attended O. U. and are included in their husbands' life memberships, the grand total of names added by this group action is twenty-seven.

The athletic department is the first division of the University to achieve 100 per cent life membership in the Alumni Association.

The group includes:

Lawrence E. "Jap" Haskell, '22geol, long-time Sooner baseball and assistant football coach, recently made director of athletics; and Mrs. Haskell (Thyra Main, '23).

Dewey "Snorter" Luster, '22ba, '22law, who was appointed Sooner football coach a few months ago as successor to Tom Stidham; and Mrs. Luster (Florence Grumich, '26ba).

Bruce Drake, '29phys.ed, basketball coach; and Mrs. Drake (Myrtle Tosh, '30 h.ec).

Dale Arbuckle, '27law, '36ed, assistant football coach; and Mrs. Arbuckle (Helen Harriet Meister, '26ba, '27ma).

W. J. Cross, '09ba, business manager of the athletic department; and Mrs. Cross (Rosalie Biscoe, '35ed).

John Jacobs, '16ba, track coach.

Hugh V. McDermott, '20ba, head of the department of physical education for men; and Mrs. McDermott (Emma Jean Provost, '26fa, '29ba, '40ed).

Ben G. Owen, long-time Sooner football coach now director of intramural athletics, who is not a Sooner alumnus but

comes in as an honorary life member; and Mrs. Owen (Nina Bessent, '10).

Paul V. Keen, assistant professor of physical education for men, also not a Sooner alumnus, who comes in as an honorary life member; and Mrs. Keen (Irene Harmon, '30ed).

Jack Baer, '40, former Sooner football star now an assistant coach; and Mrs. Baer (Jane Dudley, '37).

Harold Keith, '29ba, '39ma, director of sports publicity and author of magazine stories and several books.

Dr. Leslie Hewes, '28ba, assistant professor of geography who coaches tennis as a hobby.

Jim Hester, '40, polo coach, and attorney at law in Norman.

D. C. Matthews, '38ba, formerly wres-

ting coach, now serving in the Legislature as representative from Murray County.

Ned O'Reilly, '42, swimming coach.

Paul W. Reed, '16, alumni representative on the Athletic Council, and automobile dealer at Sulphur.

Harold L. Tacker, '40fa, photographer for the athletic department, and general University photographer; and Mrs. Tacker (Sylvia Babcock, '40).

And in addition to this imposing array of twenty-seven Sooners joining the life membership list in a single group, thirteen other names were added during the last month.

These other new life members are:

Ervin F. Glasgow, '33eng, tester chief for the Phillips Petroleum Company at Phillips, Texas; and Mrs. Glasgow (Agnes M. Kassik, '34).

William T. Pheiffer, '19law, former Texas attorney who moved to New York City in 1939 and startled the political world by getting himself elected to Congress within a very short time after making his residence there. He is an associate of the New York City law firm Beckwith and Van Slyck.

Eloise Wheeler, '31ba, '33lib.sci, librarian at Southwestern Institute of Technology, Weatherford, Oklahoma.

H. H. Leake, '37fa, Norman, production manager of the University radio station, WNAD; and Mrs. Leake (Dorothy Van Dyke Leake, '40).

Thurman White, '37, Norman, supervisor of the statewide museum service project of the WPA; and Mrs. White (Corrine Harston White, now a student in the University).

George E. Walton, '39 law, Norman, assistant supervisor of the statewide museum service project; and Mrs. Walton (Ruth Farrar, '38journ).

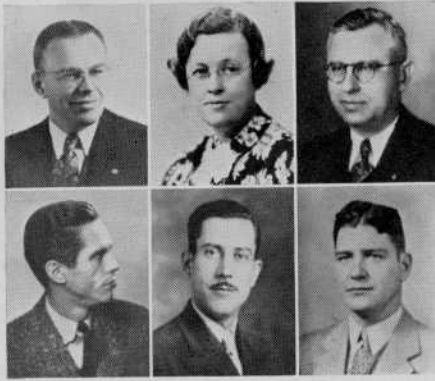
John H. Tippit, '38ba, '40law, attorney at Marietta.

Charles L. Stephens, business junior in the University, from Waurika, and head of the Alumni Office addressograph staff.

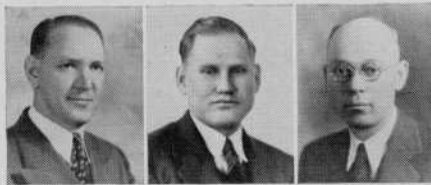
And fortieth in the list for the last month is Robert S. Kerr, '16, Oklahoma City oil operator, drilling contractor and attorney at law. He has been president of the Oklahoma-Kansas Division of the Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association, department commander of the Legion, is Democratic national committeeman for

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
1905	14	1	5.21
1920	15	20	5.17
1919	16	13	5.12
1922	17	22	4.27
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	22	2.23
1928	24	18	2.12
1925	25	14	1.88
1937	26	22	1.81
1934	27	19	1.78
1927	28	12	1.72
1929	29	17	1.65
1938	30	21	1.64
1933	31	14	1.27
1932	32	13	1.15
1931	33	11	1.01
1935	34	8	0.73
1939	35	7	0.50
1936	36	6	0.50
1940	37	5	0.30
Undergraduate		6	
Honorary		4	
TOTAL LIVING LIFE MEMBERS		496	



At-Large: Top row, left to right, George Hann, Ardmore; Bernice Baker, Hobart; Hiram Impson, McAlester; second row, Joe W. Lee, Shawnee; E. E. Bradley, Goodwell; Emerson N. Price, Vinita.



District 2: J. Arthur Herron, Beggs; George English, Okmulgee; Rev. Virgil Alexander, Muskogee.



District 4: Dr. William P. Longmire, Jr., Sapulpa; D. Horton Grisso, Seminole; Judge Robert D. Howell, Holdenville.



District 7: Lonnie Vanderveer, Cordell; Mrs. Reba Burtis, Clinton; Louis A. Palmer, Frederick.

Above are the nominees for five positions on the Alumni Association executive board. If you have not already voted, use the ballot on the facing page and mail to the Alumni Office before May 15.

Oklahoma, and is active in many civic affairs at Oklahoma City.

Class of 1940 led in number of new life memberships for the month, with a total of five. Classes that contributed as many as three are the Classes of '16, '26, '37 and '38. The group of forty new life members come from twenty different graduating classes, ranging from '09 to '40.

The Class of '09 jumped in percentage ranking from eighth to fourth place.

Board Election

Balloting in the annual election of new members of the Executive Board of the University of Oklahoma Association will close May 15. Ballots postmarked later than May 15 will not be considered by the election committee.

Five positions on the board are being filled by the mail ballot—two members-at-large, and three district representatives. Board members are elected for three year terms, and are not eligible to succeed themselves.

Nominees in the present election are:

For members-at-large (two to be elected)—Miss Bernice Baker, '23, business woman, Hobart; E. E. Bradley, '39m.ed, college teacher, Goodwell; George D. Hann, '36m.ed, superintendent of schools, Ardmore; Hiram Impson, '15ba, postmaster, McAlester; Joe W. Lee, '31ba, radio station manager, Shawnee; and Emerson N. Price, business man, '30, Vinita.

District Two Representative—Rev. Virgil Alexander, '24ba, minister, Muskogee; J. Arthur Herron, '32ed, '36m.ed, superintendent of schools, Beggs; George English, '38law, attorney, Okmulgee.

District Four—D. Horton Grisso, '30 geol, banker, Seminole; Robert Howell, '26ba, '28law, district judge, Holdenville; Dr. W. P. Longmire, Jr., '34ba, physician, Sapulpa.

District Seven—Mrs. Reba Burtis, '26 ba, homemaker, Clinton; Louis A. Palmer, '40law, county attorney, Frederick; Lonnie Vanderveer, '39m.ed, superintendent of schools, Cordell.

Ballots for the election were printed in the April Alumni News Issue of the University of Oklahoma Bulletin, and were sent to all alumni whose addresses were on record in the Alumni Office. The ballot is reprinted in this issue of *Sooner Magazine*, for the benefit of Alumni Association members who might have missed the Bulletin.

Only paid members of the Association are entitled to vote, but any alumnus not already a member may cast a ballot in the election by sending a membership application and check (\$3.00 per year, \$60.00 for life), along with the ballot any time before May 15.

New board members chosen in the election will be seated at the annual Commencement day meeting of the board

June 9. The retiring members who complete terms this year and are not eligible to succeed themselves are Frank S. Cleckler, Muskogee, and Norman W. Brillhart, Madill, both members-at-large; Max Chambers, Okmulgee, District Two; Hicks Epton, Wewoka, District Four; and Finley McLaury, Snyder, District Seven. Mr. Brillhart will serve on the board an additional year, however, since the retiring president of the Association is an ex-officio member of the board for one year after his retirement.

Advisory Councils

Mrs. Boyd L. Gilkey (Jessie Lone Clarkson, '27fa), has resigned as chairman of the Grady County Advisory Council, but remains a member of the council. The new chairman is Garner G. Collums, '19ba. W. W. Heffner, '33bus, has resigned from the Grady County Council because of moving away from Chickasha.

C. E. Bowlby, Jr., '29ba, has been appointed a member of the Pottawatomie County Council, Shawnee.

Reuel W. Little, '27law, Madill, has been appointed chairman of the Marshall County Council, succeeding A. B. Bray, '23ba, who remains on the council as a member. James E. Grigsby, '30law, has resigned from the Marshall County Council because of moving to Oklahoma City.

Helen A. Moore, '28ba, is the new chairman of the council at Forth Smith, Arkansas. Edward H. McCune, '32bus, has resigned from this council because of moving to St. Louis.

Harold O. Henderson, '39eng, has been appointed a member of the council at Kansas City, Kansas.

New chairman of the council at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania is O. B. Mahaffie. He succeeds George D. Yates, '34bs, '35 ms, who resigned as chairman because of ill health but who remains on the council.

Dr. Ray E. Bullard, '22bs, '24med, has resigned as chairman of the Waco, Texas, council because of moving to El Paso, Texas.

Mrs. Otto Praeger (Carrie Will Coffman Praeger, '18fa), has left the San Diego, California, council because of moving to Washington, D. C.

Two new members appointed to the council at Portland, Oregon, are Mrs. Ethel Linklater Franklin, '31ba, and Mrs. Pearl Isle Westfall, '14ba.

A new council has been set up at Fort Smith, Arkansas, as follows: Edward H. McCune, '32bus, chairman; Ralph E. Thornton, '25eng; Mrs. Leona Hoffman Steuart, '29bs; Thomas D. Fancher, '39 ba, '39law; and Virginia Bland, '34ba.

Henry L. McConnell, '36ba, '39law, has been appointed chairman of the council at San Francisco, California, succeeding Dr. Adena C. Dutton, '26med. A new member of this council is Louise Esch, '30h.ec.