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# Alumni Activities

## New Board Members

A doctor, a school superintendent, two lawyers and a geologist have been elected to the executive board of the University of Oklahoma Association to serve three-year terms beginning with the annual Commencement Day business meeting of the board June 1.

The two new members-at-large on the board are Tom R. Benedum, '28law, Norman attorney, and Harry D. Simmons, '24ba, superintendent of schools at Wewoka. They succeed Elmer Fraker, '20ba, '38ma, Mangum school superintendent, and Cy Ellinger, '26ba, Purcell banker.

In District Three, Joe A. Brown, '20law, Hartshorne attorney, succeeds O. F. Muldrow, '22, Ardmore.

In District Six, Dr. Roy C. Warren, '28med, goes on the board as successor to Major John B. Miles, '27med, of Anadarko, who is now on active duty in the Medical Corps.

James H. Van Zant, '23ba, '26ms, Enid geologist and oil man, was elected in District Eight to succeed Carl S. Ford, '19ba, Enid.

According to the association constitution, board members are ineligible to succeed themselves, a provision designed to make the governing board of the organized alumni as representative as possible.

Besides the five changes in board membership made through the regular annual election, a sixth change was made last month because of a vacancy occurring in District Two. Rev. Virgil Alexander, '24ba, of Muskogee, became ineligible to serve as representative of that district because of moving from Muskogee to Ada. The members of the executive board filled the vacancy by electing Granville T. Norris, '29ba, United States marshal at Muskogee, to serve on the board and fill out the unexpired term of Mr. Alexander.

New officers for the association were to be elected at the board meeting June 1. O. F. Muldrow, president for the last year, retires from his position as District Three representative on the board, but will continue a member of the board for another year in his capacity as immediate past president.

District and at-large members of the executive board who have one more year to serve are: Charles H. Fawks, Jr., Snyder; Mrs. Jewell Risinger Ditmars, Muskogee; Mrs. Dollie Radler Hall, Tulsa; Hal Muldrow, Jr., Norman; and E. H. Black, Bristow.

Members with two more years to serve are: George D. Hann, Ardmore; Hiram Impson, McAlester; Granville Norris, Muskogee; Dr. William P. Longmire, Jr., Sapulpa; and Lonnie Vanderveer, Clinton.

## St. Louis Meeting

Mrs. Sherman Landau (Gaylord Epperson, '32ba) has been elected president of the O. U. Alumni Association of St. Louis, Missouri.

Other new officers, elected at a dinner meeting at the home of Dr. A. C. Stutsman and Mrs. Stutsman (Helen Eades, '28he), are Albert D. Plagmann, '20-'21, vice president and chairman of program committee; E. J. Merritt, '33law, treasurer, and Mrs. Stautsman, secretary.

Mr. Plagmann appointed Louise Wilkonson, '24ba; Beth Louise Akers, and R. M. Sayre, '20ba, to assist him on the program committee.

## Law Alumni Meeting

Articles of incorporation for the recently organized University of Oklahoma Law School Association were approved at a meeting of the group held May 15 at Oklahoma City, with President Travis I. Milsten, '22ba, presiding.

Nine directors, each representing one of the Supreme Court districts of Oklahoma, were elected. They are Justice Thurman S. Hurst, '12law; Justice Ben Arnold, '25law; Justice Fletcher Riley, '17ba; Justice Monroe Osborn, '04; Justice Earl Welch, '11; Justice Wayne Bayless, '20law; Justice Denver Davison, '15law; Frank Watson, '25law, and A. O. Manning.

Maurice H. Merrill, '12law, addressed the meeting on "Opportunities of the Law School Association."

The Association created a membership for senior students in the Law School.

President Milsten announced committee appointments as follows:

*Julien C. Monnet Scholarship Foundation*—Nathan Scarritt, '23, Enid, chairman; Victor H. Kulp, Norman, faculty advisor; Joseph Looney, '22, Wewoka; Judge Royce H. Savage, '27, Tulsa; Judge A. P. Murrain, '28, Oklahoma City; Justice Monroe Osborn, '04, Oklahoma City; John H. Cantrell, '24, Oklahoma City; Justice Denver N. Davison, '15, Oklahoma City; John Rogers, '14, Tulsa; William L. Eagleton, '19, Tulsa; Raymond A. Tolbert, '13, Oklahoma City.

*Vocational Guidance*—Judge William Leslie Webb, '20, Tulsa, chairman; Dean John G. Hervey, '25, Norman, faculty advisor; Gov. Leon C. Phillips, '16, honorary advisor; Earl Foster, '13, Oklahoma City; Justice Earl Welch, '11, Oklahoma City; Judge Frank P. Douglas, '16, Oklahoma City; Justice Thurman S. Hurst, '12, Pawnee; Judge Clarence Mills, '23, Oklahoma City; Elton B. Hunt, '13, Tulsa; Lewis R. Morris, '15, Oklahoma City; Dixie Gilmer, '24, Tulsa; Garrett Logan, '23, Tulsa; J. Claude Monnet, '22, Oklahoma City; Rex H. Holden, '29, Oklahoma City; Courtland M. Feuquay, '10, Chandler; S. K. Abrams, '36, Oklahoma City; Tom Benedum, '28, Norman; Maurice F. Ellison, '24, Tulsa; Roscoe E. Harper, Tulsa.

*Placement*—William M. Taylor, '23, Tulsa, chairman; Maurice H. Merrill, '22, Norman, faculty

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# Oklahoma Books

WHEN AN able historian combines wide information, a sense of humor, first-hand experience of his subject, and a genuine, life-long enthusiasm for the kind of the life and the kind of people he is writing about—the reader can expect something unusual-ly fine.

And *Cow Country*, by Edward Everett Dale, '11ba, long-time head of the University's history department, is just the kind of meaty, flavorsome book that friends of this salty professor would expect.

Just published by the University of Oklahoma Press, *Cow Country* is based on material which Ed Dale has used in essays and lectures. Somewhat less scholarly and factual than his *Range Cattle Industry* (University of Oklahoma Press, 1930), this new book gives a broad, many-sided picture of the cow country and the people who lived in it.

Ed Dale was raised in Texas, learned to be a cow puncher in Texas and in old Greer county, and operated his own cattle ranch for five years before turning school teacher.

Since then he has accumulated a doctor's degree from Harvard University, a Phi Beta Kappa key, membership in Acacia fraternity, the Boston Authors Club, member of the Indian Survey Commission that visited all Indian Reservations, is a trustee of the Frank Phillips Historical Collection, is active in most of the historical associations, has taught summer courses at many lead-

ing universities, and had turned out about a dozen books.

Some of the best known books are *Territorial Acquisitions of the United States*, *Tales of the Teepee*, *Letters of LaFayette*, *Frontier Trails and Cherokee Cavaliers*. *The Range Cattle Industry*, written after a year as research collaborator in the United States Bureau of Agriculture, is now a collector's item, bringing premium prices.

In spite of these solid, scholarly achievements, Ed Dale doesn't look the part of a professor. His weathered face appears accustomed to the winds of the Great Plains, and his pungent manner of speaking is equally appropriate for the lecture platform or the side of a camp fire.

Because he has had a life-long enthusiasm for all the interesting phases of the cow country, he is able to tell his story in the new book in a lively manner.

The period that he describes was the comparatively short time between the end of the Civil War and the fencing of the free range in the late eighteen eighties. The country, the "empire of grass," extended from the Rio Grande to the Canadian border, and west to the base of the Rockies.

It was in this time and this place that the tradition of the western cow country—a potent influence on American culture—had its development.

Chapter headings illustrated with pen sketches by Richard G. Underwood add character to the book.

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advisor; Mac Q. Williamson, '10, Oklahoma City, honorary advisor; Joseph W. Howard, '22, Tulsa; Justice Wayne Bayless, '20, Oklahoma City; Major Bert E. Johnson, '29, formerly of Tulsa, now Washington, D. C.; Matthew J. Kanc, '32, Pawhuska; R. M. Cohen, '22, Tulsa; Oron S. Ellifrit, '24, Ponca City; J. Ronald Johnston, '26, Tulsa; Rutherford H. Brett, '22, Ardmore; Lt. Col. Harry L. S. Halley, '17, formerly of Tulsa, now Fort Benning, Georgia; M. Darwin Kirk, '25, Tulsa; J. W. Levin, '36, Seminole; A. Camp Bonds, '29, Muskogee; A. N. Boatman, '16, Okmulgee; John F. Conway, '22, Tulsa; Hicks Epton, '32, Wewoka; James A. Rinehart, '23, El Reno; M. R. Belisle, '21, Oklahoma City; Albert G. Kulp, '34, Oklahoma City; A. S. Berry, '20-'21, Tulsa.

**Membership**—Welcome D. Pierson, '22, Oklahoma City, chairman; G. Ellis Gable, '26, Tulsa; Ernest R. Brown, '22, Pryor; Leonard Carey, '24, Shawnee; Perry Dornaus, '39, Tulsa; Reuel W. Little, '27, Madill; Charles R. Fellows, '37, Tulsa; Jack Foster, '28, Norman; Q. D. Gibbs, '21, Okmulgee; Louie C. Gossett, '23, Antlers; Elbert Hinds, '27, Muskogee; Aubrey M. Kerr, '28, Ada; Hawley C. Kerr, '25, Tulsa; Milam M. King, '23, Checotah; Joseph S. Lewis, '21, Ponca City; Roy Lewis, '13, Tulsa; C. A. Kothe, '38, Tulsa; Dan Mitchell, '23, Enid; Nelson Rosen, '32, Oklahoma City; Harlan Trower, '32, Tulsa; Phil J. Kramer, '21, Tulsa; Joe A. McCloud, '29, Oklahoma City; Hardin Ballard, '27, Oklahoma City; William M. Fleetwood, Jr., '31, Tulsa.

**Meetings**—John A. Brett, '28, Oklahoma City, chairman; Floyd Rheam, '29, Tulsa, vice chairman; Floyd Wright, Norman, faculty advisor; Scott P. Squyres, '24, Oklahoma City; Bruce B. Potter, '24, Blackwell; John R. Pearson, '29, Pawhuska; John A. Cheadle, '27, Tulsa; Harry Atkinson '27, Oklahoma City.

**Endowment Fund**—Floyd Noble, '21, Ardmore, chairman; Harry H. Diamond, '12, Holdenville, vice chairman; William B. Swinford, Norman, faculty advisor; Justice Ben Arnold, '25, Oklahoma City; Ed Waite Clark, '25, Bartlesville; Fisher Ames, '30, Oklahoma City; Coleman Hayes, '26, Oklahoma City; Charles E. France, '23, Oklahoma City; Neal A. Sullivan, '24, Newkirk; Tom W. Garrett, '24, Oklahoma City; Claude H. Rosenstein, '13, Tulsa.

**Hall of Fame**—Don Welch, '19, Tulsa, chairman; Richard T. Pendleton, '26, Norman, vice chairman; John B. Cheadle, Norman, faculty advisor; John F. Butler, '22, Oklahoma City; A. G. C. Bierer, Jr., '21, Guthrie; Raymond B. Everest, '22, Oklahoma City; C. O. Hunt, '39, Purcell; Wilbur J. Holleman, '20, Tulsa; Frank L. Watson, '25, Muskogee.

**Necrology**—William N. Randolph, '12, Tulsa, chairman; A. H. Huggins, Norman, faculty advisor; John Barry, '16, Oklahoma City; Lewis J. Bicking, '17, Tulsa; Angus Woodford, '23, Holdenville; Forrest M. Darrough, '23, Tulsa.

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