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Association Progress

IN A NATIVE hut on an island in the Southwest Pacific, a group of Sooners met October 31 to formally organize the O. U. Alumni Club of the ——— Islands, the third club formed since establishment of the new charter club plan. The first charter was granted to St. Louis alumni, the second to Sooners in Wichita.

Announcement of the organization was air mailed to the Alumni Office by Col. Lee B. Thompson, '27law, of the Air Corps, who was elected president by the group.

"The meeting was held in my bure (the name of these native huts, in one of which I live)," Colonel Thompson wrote. "We are to meet once a month, on the last Sunday evening of each month in my bure. . . . There are no dues. We are on the lookout for any new members, but this list includes all that any of us know about so far.

"We had quite a session exchanging experiences, discussing mutual friends among the student body, alumni and faculty, etc., and passing on to each other whatever we had been able to pick up concerning our football team and any other news of the University or of any of its graduates or faculty. We really had a fine time. . . ."

Colonel Thompson requested that a charter be made out for the club and kept in the Alumni Office until the war is over.

Other officers elected were Maj. James R. Sommerfrucht, '34bs, vice president; Roy B. Hudson, '42-'43, seaman first class, secretary; Lt. Bernard L. Gordon, '37law, treasurer; Lorraine Cansler Lieurance, '40-'41, of the American Red Cross, chief morale builder-upper; Capt. Joseph G. Casey, '39bus, ambassador at large, and Lt. William H. Power, '39, historian.

Other charter members besides the above named officers are Maj. Elmer G. Schoggen, Jr., '37-'39, Lt. Norman R. Haskell, Capt. Glen Houston, '37bs, Lt. Robert Larson, '38-'39, Capt. Francis Turner, '26-'29, Capt. Glen Armstrong, '37bus, and Lt. J. T. Stone, '37.

Altus Club is Fourth

The University of Oklahoma Club of Altus was organized at a dinner meeting in the New Orient Hotel December 2 as the first charter club established by alumni in Oklahoma and the fourth to be granted a charter.

Harrington Wimberly, '24ba, Altus newspaper publisher and former member of the University Board of Regents, was elected president of the club. Other officers are Paul Pearson, '23, druggist, vice president, and Mrs. Mattye Wilson Wil-

liams, '25ed, manager of the Altus Chamber of Commerce, secretary-treasurer.

The group of about twenty alumni voted to apply for a club charter from the University of Oklahoma Association, and petition was filed a few days later.

Principal speaker at the organization meeting was John G. Hervey, '23ba, '25 law, dean of the University School of Law, who discussed the University's wartime program with particular reference to the Army and Navy training units.

Roscoe Cate, '26ba, acting alumni secretary, and Sue Starr, '43ba, Alumni Association field representative, also attended the meeting.

State Senator Burr Speck was a special guest at the dinner program.

Visitors

Just home from Guadalcanal, Lt. Bill Wright, '42, Okmulgee, visited the Alumni Office last month to deliver a group picture of Sooners stationed on the island.

The picture, which appears in the "With the Armed Forces" section of this issue, was entrusted to his care for delivery when he left for his leave in the U. S.

Other visitors in the Alumni Office were Capt. Harold J. Reedy, '42, and Mrs. Reedy (Ruth Henry, '42), Camp Livingston, Louisiana; Lt. Elmer Capshaw, '42 fa, Camp Adair, Oregon; Henderson Leake, '37fa, formerly associated with radio station WNAD now on the faculty of Oklahoma A. and M. College at Stillwater.

Lt. Bob Naifeh, '42, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; Lt. Jack Bowers, '39fa, '41m.fa, Camp Maxey, Texas; Ensign John W. Lesch, '43eng, San Francisco, California, and Mrs. Lesch, a lieutenant in the WAC and sister of Mickey Parks, '33-'37, who was stationed at Kelly Field, Texas; Arthur L. Long, '43ba, Fort Sill.

Lt. William A. Bender, '43ba, Fort Sill; Charles D. Van Dyck, '42law, with the Navy in Oklahoma City, and Mrs. Van Dyck (Carroll Greer, '42ed); Emil F. Stratton, '42bs, of the Army unit in the University of Tennessee Medical School, and Mrs. Lois Calvin, '39-'41, Oklahoma City.

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WAVES

Sylvia Adams, '37-'38, '41, Wyandotte, Oklahoma, seaman first class, was on duty in the Navy Hydrographic Office in Washington, D. C.

Ensign Katherine DePuy, '27ba, Tulsa, was assigned to duty at the Naval Hospital in Brooklyn, New York.

Lucille Morrison, '42, Norman, aviation machinist's mate first class, was on duty at the Navy Base at Kingsville, Texas.