

Association Progress

ELGIN GROSECLOSE, '20ba, former member of the University of Oklahoma faculty now a consulting economist in Washington, D. C., was elected president of the O. U. Alumni Club of the District of Columbia at a dinner meeting April 19.

Other new officers of the Washington club are Walter B. Emery, '34law, special assistant to Federal Communications Commissioner Paul A. Walker, vice president, and Frances Hunt, '29ba, of the Farm Security Administration staff, secretary and treasurer.

Retiring officers are Commissioner Walker, '12 law, who has served as president of the group during the last year; Roy St. Lewis, '13, former U. S. district attorney, who served as vice president, and Dr. Emery, former secretary and treasurer.

Approximately 110 Sooners in the District of Columbia area attended the dinner held at Pierce Hall. The principal address was delivered by Lt. Jim Lucas, Marine Corps combat correspondent, who told of his experiences in the invasions of Tarawa, Iwo Jima and other Japanese islands in the Pacific. Lieutenant Lucas was a newspaperman at Muskogee and Tulsa before entering the Marine Corps.

Short talks were made by Maj. Gen. William P. T. (Tom) Hill, '32ba, who was recently promoted to his present rank, and Congressman Jed Johnson, '15, who will resign his seat in Congress soon to become judge of the U. S. Customs Court in New York. His commission was said to be the last signed by the late President Roosevelt.

Members of a nominating committee appointed by Commissioner Walker prior to the dinner nominated the slate of officers which was subsequently elected. Members of the committee were Col. Bryce Harlow, '36ba, '42ma, Col. C. Guy Brown, '23ba, Mrs. M. Lynden Mannen (Patricia Lyon, '34ed), Mildred Hosford, '34bus, and Maj. Henry D. Rinsland, '20ba, '24ma, who served as chairman.

Mr. Groseclose, nationally known economist and author, formerly was a member of the business administration faculty at the University. He is author of the prize-winning novel and best-seller *Avarat, The Persian Journey* and *The Fire Drake*, background for which was drawn from his experiences in Iran from 1920-23 while serving as a teacher in a mission school and secretary of the Near East Relief Commission for Persia.

In the field of economics, he has contributed *Money, the Human Conflict*, which was published by the University of Oklahoma Press when Joe Brandt, '21ba, now director of the University of Chicago Press, was director.

In 1943, Mr. Groseclose served as a member of the American financial mission to Iran, which was headed by Dr. A. C. Millspaugh, senior associate of the Brookings Institution. He and Mrs. Groseclose have three children, Jane, Nancy and Hildegarde.

Muskogee Club Organized

Application for status as a charter club was made by Muskogee County alumni and officers were elected at a luncheon meeting in Muskogee on March 20.

Granville Norris, '29ba, U. S. marshal at Muskogee, was elected president of the organization. Other officers elected were Mrs. S. F. Ditmars (Jewell Risinger, '19ba), vice president, and Mrs. Solon Bower (Janet Johnson, '34lib.sci), secretary-treasurer. A board of seven directors will be elected later.

Those present at the Muskogee meeting were Mrs. W. J. Kline (Helen Berg, '21ba); Martha Jennings, '31ba; Dr. E. P. Davis, '12med; Lt. Col. Clarence E. Bates, '20med, and Mrs. Bates; Mrs. Ditmars; Mrs. Patricia Kelley Goins, '44m.ed; Betsy Browning Cook, '44fa; Mrs. Dorothea R. Peters, '26bus; E. F. Reed, '25-'27; Dr. Marvin Elkins, '38med, and Mrs. Elkins (Juanita Bell, '38nurse); Claud L. Dean, '29ba, '36m.ed; Crystal Risinger,

'27ba; Mrs. Chapman Bartleson (Georgia Shutt, '18ba); Mrs. Bower; A. Camp Bonds, '29law; Mrs. Stacy Brown (Frances Rosser, '20), and Bill Warner, '18ba.

Kunsemuller Elected

Carl Kunsemuller, '20ba, who is connected with the Vocational Rehabilitation Office in Wichita, Kansas, was elected president of the Alumni Club of Wichita at a dinner meeting late in March in the Shirkmere Hotel.

Other officers elected were Richard C. Findeiss, '40eng, vice president, and Alice Quesenbery, '36 geol, secretary-treasurer.

Retiring officers are C. C. Counts, '27, attorney who served as president during the last year; John Paynter, '26ba, former vice president who is now in Egypt with the Red Cross, and Jacqueline Webb, '42ba, secretary-treasurer.

University President George L. Cross attended the Wichita meeting and addressed the group. Others who made short talks were Dr. Stratton D. Brooks, president of the University from 1912 to 1923, and Ted Beard, alumni secretary.

The Alumni Club of Wichita was chartered in November of 1943 as the second group of Sooners organized under the new charter club plan.

Mr. Kunsemuller was connected with the Social Security Board in Oklahoma before his transfer to Wichita.

Tulsans Make Plans

Travis Milsten, '22ba, Tulsa attorney, was elected temporary chairman of the Alumni Club of Tulsa County at a meeting late in March after alumni from that area voted unanimously to establish the club.

Mr. Milsten appointed a committee of five persons to make recommendations on officers and submit a report. Members of the committee are Phil Kramer, '21law, chairman, John Rogers, '14law, Elton Hunt, '13law, Mrs. John Freeman (Panthea Evans, '39ed), and Kenneth Harris, '39ba. Mrs. Freeman was elected temporary secretary.

Present for the organization meeting of the Tulsa County group was President George L. Cross who reviewed the activities of the University since the beginning of the war and pointed out ways in which Tulsa alumni could help the University.

Dr. Cross explained that the University had made the usual contribution to the war effort in manpower and in training Army and Navy personnel, especially in the field of engineering, but emphasized that the main contribution had been the research studies in the field of basic scientific research which have resulted in technological advancements and improvements in the war industries of the nation.

Morse Is President

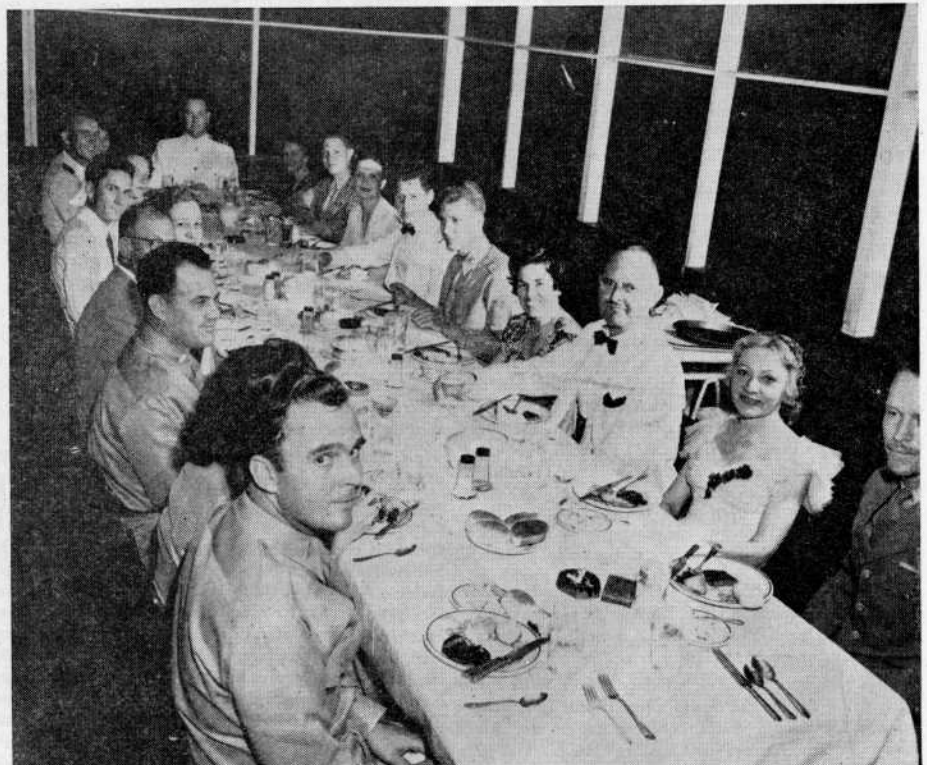
Wilbur Morse, '30law, St. Louis attorney, was elected president of the Alumni Club of St. Louis at a meeting held late in March at the home of Dr. Dee Eades, '30med, and Mrs. Eades.

Other officers elected are Mrs. Eades, vice president, and Mrs. Pearl Paxton Morris, '32ba, '34ms, secretary-treasurer.

Retiring officers are Fred S. Milam, '22ed, who served during the last year as president; Mrs. E. J. Merritt (Rosa Osmond, '33), former vice president, and Mrs. Wilbur Morse (Edna Goodner, '29ba), secretary-treasurer.

The group discussed and approved the plan for crediting bonds bought by University of Oklahoma alumni towards a B-29.

Mr. Morse is senior attorney with the Department of Agriculture in St. Louis. Before going to Missouri, he practiced in Oklahoma at Vinita, Oklahoma City and Henryetta. The Morses have two children, Susan Gay and David Edward.



CANAL ZONE CLUB DINNER

This photograph was made at the meeting of the Alumni Club of the Panama Canal Zone when the charter was presented by Lt. Herbert Scott, '26ba, president, at head of table. Those on his right, coming forward, are a guest, Lt. (jg) W. W. Scheerer, Mrs. Forest Brown, Dr. Brown, Mrs. Gladys Knox, Mr. Knox, Lt. Col. Orville Tackett, guest, Lt. Norman Powers. On his left, coming forward, are Rebecca Davis, Capt. Harold Hermes, Mrs. Herman Mertes, Mr. Mertes, Lt. Col. Eugene B. Dodson, Mrs. Subert Turbyfill, Mr. Turbyfill, guest and Maj. N. M. Newport.