

# Association Progress

ALUMNI SECRETARY Ted Beaird was scheduled to meet with alumni in several state cities last month for the purpose of discussing charter club organization under the O.U. Alumni Club plan which is growing in popularity.

Mr. Beaird's agenda, which kept him traveling about the state most of May, opened with a county-wide meeting at Chickasha of Grady County alumni May 16. Also attending were U. S. army staff members and patients at the Borden General Hospital, Chickasha, who are alumni.

The following day, May 17, he journeyed to Sulphur for another assembly of alumni pointing toward the eventual chartering of a club for Murray County.

On May 18, he planned to work with a number of alumni committees in the city of Ardmore and later that day to discuss an extension of this project work in the city of Healdton.

Continuing the series, Mr. Beaird was to meet May 21 with alumni of Chickasha in Tulsa for the purpose of chartering the Tulsa County Alumni Club.

The tentative date of May 22 was set for a meeting in Claremore to work out the preliminary plans for the chartering of a county club there. On May 23, Mr. Beaird was scheduled to meet with alumni in Ponca City for the chartering of their official organization.

On May 25, the Alumni Club of Jackson County, with headquarters in Altus, was to assemble for an informal meeting. The Jackson area Club was one of the first organized under the Charter Club plan.

Winding up his travels in Oklahoma, Mr. Beaird was to appear as principal speaker at a memorial service on May 27 in Oklahoma City.

Alumni of Kansas City, Missouri, were to meet May 29 to perfect final details for the chartering of an alumni club there.

A meeting of alumni in and around Okmulgee, under the direction of A. N. "Jack" Boatman, '16law, was scheduled for May 31. Dr. M.L. Wardell, '19ba, acting director of the Extension Division, was to address the group. Later that day Dr. Wardell was to deliver the commencement address for the city schools there.

Following his full agenda of meetings with alumni groups in Oklahoma in May, Mr. Beaird left late in the month for Northwestern University, Chicago, Illinois, to attend a training school of instruction for officers of Rotary International. He recently was elected a district governor of Rotary.

## Maxwell Heads Club

Lloyd W. Maxwell, '12ba, economist in New York City, was elected chairman of the Metropolitan Alumni Club of New York at a meeting held May 3.

Other new officers are Robert H. Parker, '34ba, vice chairman; Mrs. Alec D. Baynes (Anna Mae Dearden, '24ba), secretary-treasurer; and Robert Gordon, '20ph.g., '20ba, '20eng, Mrs. Lillian Dooley Reed, '25ba, Shelley Tracy, '11ba, and Robert Calvert, '09ba, '10ma, directors.

Outgoing officers are Mr. Calvert, as chairman, Mr. Maxwell, vice chairman, Marian Morris, '44fa, secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Reed, recorder, and Mr. Parker, Mrs. Baynes, and Dr. Harry E. Slatkin, '13bs, all former directors.

Speaker for the occasion was President George Lynn Cross who brought the New York alumni up to date on the rapidly moving developments at the University. He discussed the facilities that will be needed to take care of the large enrolment expected when men and women return from service and the efforts being made to secure these facilities as soon as possible.



NEW STAFF MEMBER

*New field representative for the Alumni Association in the Oklahoma City area is Beth Feagles, '45ba, whose duties involve life membership development.*

## Miss Larecy New Editor

Elaine Larecy, '42ba, Norman, assistant editor of *Sooner Magazine* and war records secretary for the University, has been appointed editor of *Sooner Magazine* succeeding Edith Walker, '41ba, who resigned effective June 1.

Miss Walker planned to leave Norman in June for Philadelphia where she will be married to Ted Hefley, '39bs, '41ma, who is employed there with the Securities and Exchange Commission. She has been a member of the Alumni Association staff since graduating from the University in 1941.

Mavis Doughty, student in the School of Journalism from Talihina, was appointed for the summer months to serve as an assistant on the magazine staff and handle the war records work.

## Board Members Retained

Present members of the Executive Board of the Alumni Association have been frozen in their positions by cancellation of the regular annual election, T. R. Benedum, Norman, president of the association, has announced. Ordinarily, one third of the board is elected each year, with submission of ballots opening on April 15.

In a letter to members of the board explaining the move Mr. Benedum said, "In examining the records of the members of the Association, it is found that there are hundreds of our members who at the present time are in all foreign theaters of war. It was found that none of these members in case of submission of ballot even by first class mail could, in the allotted thirty days, receive their ballot, mark their ballot, and return it in time to be counted in the election. Therefore, in fairness to these several hundred members of the armed forces, it has been decided for the best interest of the Association and the organized alumni to retain the present board members until war conditions adjust themselves, and the entire membership has an opportunity to vote upon and determine the future policies of the Association."

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