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how much good you're doing. Wrote my old boss, Joe Chatman. You know, there is one in a million.

Well sir, I read and re-read those *Sooners* until now they resemble the proverbial wet sock. And they haven't been finished with for I mailed them home to my wife in Iowa that she may have the same pleasure.

Seeing names like Marks, Red Bone, Blankenship, Rex Edwards, Jack Rinn, Bill Thomas, all fellows you've known, lived with—it's good to know they're still "top-side" and doing a swell job.

I had two glorious days at Norman in April, 1944, and I'll tell you it's good to know there are towns and schools like that for us, when it's all over.

Thank you again for a fine job of work. It's almost like being home.

Sincerely,  
CHARLES E. BLACKWOOD, '37-'39  
U.S. Maritime Service  
At Sea.

29 June 1945  
France

Gentlemen:

A hasty note of appreciation for your efforts toward interesting alumni et al in education of a post-war nature.

As an information and education officer for a Field Artillery group, I am concerned with the various facets of such problems.

My first copy of *Riding the Sooner Range* reached me at St. Ingbert, Germany, and I found several Sooners who were pleased to note its contents. Any media which brings back a familiar incident, name or association is a morale-building factor. We are grateful for interests thus evidenced by various departments of O.U.

Sincerely,  
DON MILOE, '31-'33  
1st Lt., Field Artillery  
A.P.O., New York.

Germany  
27 June 1945

Dear Ted:

I receive your notes all along and needless to say, I much appreciate them. Suppose you think now that the fighting is over in the E.T.O. I could write more often, but damned if I haven't been going in circles. Immediately after the end I was put on security missions, and have been moved from place to place, so have been pretty busy.

Now I am in the Heilbronn area, but don't think I will be here much longer. As you noticed on my return address I am now in the 940th F.A. battalion. It is comprised of the same personnel practically that was in the 933rd and vice versa. The 933rd is a category two unit and the 940th is a four. So, I guess I will be home within the next six or seven months. I am sure as hell ready. Two years is a long time not to see your family.

I finished the war near Innsbruck, Austria. Was shooting up a storm when I received a cease-firing order. The troops facing my part of the Seventh Army surrendered before the general surrender. That was a happy day.

Ted, am always glad to hear from you. So let them keep coming, and here is hoping that soon I may drop in and talk it over.

Sincerely,  
LT. BOB BILLINGSLEY, '40  
A.P.O., New York.

# Association Progress

## Shawnee Alumni Meet

Application for an alumni club charter was made by Pottawatomie County alumni at a meeting August 7 in Shawnee and temporary officers were elected to serve until the election in early fall of permanent officers.

Officers elected were Kenneth Abernathy, '31law, president; W. Alva Wells, '36ma, vice president, and Mrs. Aline Pelphrey Christian, '17ba, secretary-treasurer.

Alumni signing the application for charter club status were as follows: Mr. Abernathy; Mrs. Mary Hopkins Taylor, '45phys.ed; Mrs. Christian; Evelyn G. Harris, '43soc.wk; Mrs. Charles F. Paramore (Louise Hall, '21ba); Mrs. Murl M. Shaw (Vivian Campbell, '23ba); Eugene B. Truscott, '37law; Mr. Wells; Dr. Charles F. Paramore, '24med; A. Willard Brokaw, '36ma; W. M. Bell, Jr., '23, and A. L. Burks, '32m.ed.

Dial Curran, secretary of the State Regents for Higher Education, spoke before the group of Pottawatomie County alumni, discussing the appropriations made to the University. Present at the meeting were Ted Beaird, executive secretary of the Alumni Association, and Jim Walker, special field representative.

## Attention, Class of '05

Following is a letter written by Dr. W. H. Austin, '05ph.c, Phoenix, Arizona, to fellow members of the Class of '05 after he was unable to attend the class reunion luncheon in Norman this summer:

"To the members of the Class of 1905, University of Oklahoma, greetings. Subject: life of Walter Henry Austin, Ph.C.

Immediately after graduating I entered the drug business in eastern Oklahoma. After four years I acquired some experience and a full load of malaria and took that and the drug store to western Oklahoma, where I got rid of the malaria in about two years, but it took me about ten years to get rid of the store.

Having decided that I had had enough of the drug business, I went to New Mexico and recuperated for three years, then took a course in

chiroprody and have been practicing ever since in Phoenix, Arizona.

I married Myrtle Willis, of Fairview, Oklahoma, in 1912, and have had one boy and one girl. Our daughter is married and we have one grandson. We moved to Phoenix, Arizona, in 1927, and the children finished school here. Our son is a radio engineer with KOY here in Phoenix.

We have had our share of the troubles of life and also about all the joys that one family is entitled to have.

I think it will be very interesting to have a short history of all the boys that are left. I regret very much the passing of classmates Campbell, Hunter and Mertes. They were all good boys and I think the three best in the class. It must be that the drug store is hard on the health of the druggists. I very much prefer the practice of chiroprody.

I have never attended an alumni meeting, but I still have hopes of attending at least one some time in my life.

Hoping to hear from all the members of the Class of '05, I am,

Sincerely yours,  
DR. W. H. AUSTIN,  
504 Goodrich Building,  
Phoenix, Arizona."

## Denver Alumni Meet

A group of Denver, Colorado, alumni met at the Hotel Cosmopolitan in Denver on August 9 and heard President George L. Cross speak on the University's future development and problems.

Those attending the Denver meeting were as follows: Jack E. Boyd, '24ba; Crawford Percefull, '45med; Clinton M. Shaw, '45med; J. E. Sater, husband of Mrs. Mary Creamer Sater, '30ba; Hale V. Davis, jr., '39-'45; Mrs. Lynn E. Barnett (Ulma Lee Sanders, '41journ); Rexina Hempler, '41lib.sci; Mrs. Gladys Scroggs Hawthorne, '10ba; Capt. Walter S. Murphy, '38-'40; Maj. Herbert Turk, '40ba; Robert B. McWilliams, '40journ; Hale V. Davis, '26ma; Ben McConnell, '39eng; Jess E. Schrock, '40-'41, and Mrs. Schrock (Jeanne Reardon, '43bus).

## Annual Audit

The annual audit of the Alumni Association by Charles H. Allen, certified public accountant, showed a balance in custody of the University as of June 30, 1945, of \$907.69. The audit covers receipts and expenditures of the Alumni Association and the Graduate Records Office, a division of the University.

The complete audit is available to any member of the Association who wishes to see it. Following is a condensed report giving the main features:

Balance July 1, 1944 . . . . . \$ 2,393.94

### Receipts:

Annual subscriptions, civilian, @ \$3.00	3,160.00	
Annual subscriptions, servicemen, @ \$2.00	2,818.00	
Annual subscriptions, senior fees, @ \$2.00	1,312.00	
Advertising in <i>Sooner Magazine</i>	2,697.19	
Miscellaneous Association Income	512.74	
Life Membership Service Fees	1,235.00	
Life Membership Trust, Cash Drawn	935.44	
Graduate Placement and Records		
Reimbursements	12,099.34	24,769.71*
		<u>27,163.65</u>

### Disbursements:

Salaries	13,855.96	
Office and Business Expenses	1,118.77	
Travel Expenses	1,271.59	
Printing and Supplies	1,884.90	
Postage and Mailing	1,484.90	
Printing <i>Sooner Magazine</i>	4,796.31	
New Equipment	875.62	
Other Expenses	967.91	26,255.96
		907.69
Balance June 30, 1945 . . . . .		<u>27,163.65</u>
Total Disbursements and Balance . . . . .		

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