Association Progress

Japland Charter



One of the newest alumni clubs to be granted a charter by the University of Oklahoma Association is the Mobile Japland Chapter. Their request for recognition came by air mail from Tokyo and traveled to most sections of the world before reaching Alumni headquarters on the O. U. campus. The chapter was chartered immediately upon receipt of the following application in the Executive Office as Number double O-Oh-Oh-double O.

MOBILE JAPLAND CHAPTER ALUMNI ASSOCIATION UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

17 October, 1945.

From: Mobile University of Oklahoma Alumni, JAPLAND.

To: University of Oklahoma Alumni Association, SOONERLAND.

Subject: Mobile Japland Alumni Chapter, chartering of.

References:

- (a) Aging transcripts.
- (b) Sooner Magazine
- (c) Bar conversations

Enclosures:

- (A) Our best wishes to all Alumni.
- (B) Special greetings to the Executive Secretary and Board of Governors.
- (C) Spirit of the Americanized rice paddies to President Cross and Faculty.
- In accordance with reference (a), by authority of reference (b), as inspired by reference (c), it is requested that addressee charter the Japland Alumni Chapter of the University of Oklahoma Alumni Association.
- 2. Our continuing love and loyalty for our school are attested by enclosures (A), (B), and (C), all in keeping with the highest traditions of the Sooner life.
- 3. Chapter organizational details are:
 - (a) Membership and meetings are open to all ex-Sooners located in or visiting Marine Barracks, Ainoura, Kyushu, Japan, who are members of the Armed Forces of the United States or can otherwise establish bona-fide political relations of a friendly sort.
 - (b) Meetings shall be held regularly upon call or upon assembly of two or more members; any member may call a meeting.
 - (c) Officers are:

President—member present at any meeting who has highest number of discharge points.

Secretary—member present at any meeting, with highest number of pencils.

Treasurer—each member is individually entrusted with his share of the treasury.

(d) Password—"Greater East Asia"; Countersign—"American Co-Prosperity."

- (e) Place of meeting—in a mobile outfit, determined by higher authority.
- (f) Colors-White and Caucasian.
- (g) Emblem—Prairie Schooner over Rising Sun.
- 4. In the event this request is approved, the Charter granted shall be photostated, framed, and entrusted to the Special Service Officer, Fifth Marine Division, for safekeeping, display, and preservation.

(Signed)

William N. New Charter Member (MD-'34) John S. Oldfield Charter Member (BS-'35) Penrod W. Harris Charter Member (Law '41) Joe A. Ihle Charter Member ('41-'43) Thurman J. White Charter Member (MS '41)

O-F-F-I-C-I-A-L:

/s/ FRANK C. DE SANTIS Lieutenant Colonel, U. S. Marine Corps Reserve, Special Service Officer Fifth Marine Division.

Annual Executive Board Meeting

The annual Homecoming meeting of the University of Oklahoma Association Executive Board was held Saturday, November 10, beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the Oklahoma Memorial Union Executive Board Room.

A large representation not only of the Executive Board members, but of Past Presidents and other interested officials, were present for the assembly. The records show that the following were in attendance at this particular meeting: George D. Hann, President, Ardmore; T. R. Benedum, immediate Past President, Norman; Ted Beaird, Executive Secretary-Manager, University of Oklahoma Association, Norman; Major Bill Cox, Ponca City; Granville Norris, Muskogee; Earl Porter, Tulsa; Harold Belknap, Norman; Fred Tarman, Norman; Jim Robinson, Tahlequah; Bill Hodges, Bartles-ville; Sue Starr Virtue, Norman; Mary Lou Stubbeman, Norman; Betty Abbott, Durant; Kenneth Harris, Oklahoma City; President George L. Cross, O. U.; E. R. Newby, Past President George L. Gross, O. U.; E. R. Newby, Past President and Trustee of Life Membership Fund, Oklahoma City; Dave McKown, Past President, Oklahoma City, Raymond Tolbert, Past President, Oklahoma City; Paul Walker, Past President, Washington, D. C.; Roscoe Cate, Assistant to the President, O. U., Norman; Clyde Bogle, Past President, Norman; Colonel Hal Muldrow, Jr., Past Executive Board Member, Norman; O. F. Muldrow, Past President, Ard-more; Jack Boatman, Past President, Okmulgee; Dean E. D. Meacham, Past President, Norman; Ross Hume, Past President, Anadarko; Tom Carey, Past President and Trustee of Life Membership Fund, Oklahoma City, and Earl Foster, Past President, Oklahoma City.

Among the items of business transacted by the Executive Board in its meeting was the authorizing of the sending of the immediate Past President T. R. Benedum of Norman to represent the Association on the President's Panel at Kansas City, Missouri, for the Regional American Alumni Council Meeting which was held December 3. President George L. Cross of the University addressed the Board and in his annual President's appearance before the Executive Board, discussed in detail the plans and proposed programs of the administration for the University proper. President Cross, in this meeting, made his first public announcement of the plans for placing into operation the University of Oklahoma Foundation.

Roscoe Cate, assistant to the president, went into more detail dealing with the University of Oklahoma Foundation and concluded his remarks by stating, "late in November or early in December, the plans for the University of Oklahoma Foundation and its proposed program will be released to 27,000 alumni and several thousands of interested citizens of the state." The Executive Board set up a special committee to co-ordinate and work with a committee from the University administration to establish preliminary plans for citations to outstanding alumni and state citizens based on the plans similar to this type of work that is carried on by the University of Kansas alumni and Ohio State University.

The Executive Board of the Oklahoma Memorial Union joined the O. U. Athletic Council in awarding to the Honorable Jack Harts, an O. U. Athletic Council blanket as a tribute to Mr. Harts for being the individual who coached the first University of Oklahoma football team and placed them on the field to meet their opponents fifty years ago.

Other routine business carried forward by the alumni executives in this annual meeting was a special report and action of the standing committee on advertising rates for Sooner Magazine and alumni publications. A report was given as to the progress on the proposed "Shrine" room to be added in the addition now being planned for the Oklahoma Memorial Union.

In a rather lengthy discussion of a resolution presented to the Executive Board by the University administration and the Executive Secretary-Manager dealing with alumni participation in the proposed University of Oklahoma Foundation, it was decided to defer action on the adoption of the proposed resolution. President George Hann issued a call for a special meeting of the Executive Board to meet with the Past Presidents of the Alumni Association who reside in the State of Oklahoma at 10:00 a. m. on the morning of November 24. The meeting was for the purpose of taking final action on this joint Alumni-University Administration project.



Prior to the annual fall dinner meeting of the O. U. Alumni in Washington, D. C., the recently elected Federal Power Commissioner, Harrington Wimberly (left), O. U. President George L. Cross, (center), and Josh Lee, former United States Senator from Oklahoma, get together for a little exchange of ideas.

Those "District" Sooners Again

More than 150 O. U. Alumni assembled for the annual fall dinner meeting of the O. U. Alumni Club in Washington, D. C. on Friday night, November 16.

The highlight of the meeting was an address by President George L. Cross. In President Cross's address, he gave a general account of University progress, discussing the important contributions which the University had made to war research, the general expansion of University facilities plans, and, for the first time out in the nation, gave the alumni assembled in Washington, D. C., the details of the recently announced University of Oklahoma Foundation.

The master of ceremonies for the Washington Alumni Club dinner, was Dr. Elgin Groseclose, who is the current president of the Alumni Club in the District of Columbia. The chairman in charge of general arrangements was Mr. Guy Woodward, who is executive assistant to Senator Moore, of Tulsa. News dispatches from Washington state: "To Guy Woodward, who was general chairman of the program committee and to his efficient committee members goes the entire credit for the interesting program which was presented for the University of Oklahoma Alumni."

Dr. Charles Lowry, rector of All Saints Episcopal Church, gave the invocation. Mrs. Esther Holden, accompanied by Mrs. Paul Bigby, sang a number of Sooner songs. Both are former students of the University of Oklahoma. At the conclusion of the meeting, it was announced by President Groseclose that the O. U. Alumni group would have a luncheon on the first Tuesday of each month at 12:30 at the Hay-Adams House in Washington.

A number of well-known O. U. Sooners were at the Washington dinner including the Honorable Josh Lee, member of the Civil Aeronautics Board, and Mrs. Lee; Congressman and Mrs. Victor Wickersham; Dr. and Mrs. Walter B. Emery; Colonel and Mrs. Guy Brown; Dr. and Mrs. 'Henry Rinsland; Lieut. and Mrs. Lynden Mannen and Frances Hunt, former staff member of the School of Journalism at the University, who is the secretary of the O. U. Alumni group in Washington.

Committee for Registration and Reception At Homecoming

Members of the homecoming registration committee for the 1945 Homecoming was headed by Dr. F. F. Gaither and Mrs. Dolly Smith Connally as co-chairmen.

Registration of graduates and former students who returned to the campus for the homecoming game between O. U. and Iowa State began at 9 a. m. Saturday in the main lobby of the Union Building and continued until game time at 2:30 p. m. Registration was resumed after the game. 450 alumni attended the annual reception in the main lounge of the Union following the game.

Members of the registration committee were:

Serving from 9 to 10:30 a. m.—Mr. E. E. Hatfield, chairman; Mrs. Blanche Ratliff, Miss Ruth Elder, Dr. Glenn C. Couch, Dr. Leonard Logan, Dr. Dixie Young, Miss Ima James, Mr. James C. Powell, Mr. Bruce Wiley, Dr. Maurice Merrill, Dr. Fayette Copeland, Miss Virginia Reinecke and Miss Dorothy Cram.

Serving from 10:30 a. m. to 12 noon—Mr. Raymond White, chairman; Miss Genevieve Kern, Mr. Joe Keeley, Mr. Joe Smay, Miss Barbara Bennett, Mr. Boyd Gunning, Dr. Frank A. Balyeat, Mr. William Butterfield, Dr. J. L. Rader, Miss Ruth Collier McSpadden, Mr. Harold Smith, Dr. Ralph Bienfang and Miss Catherine Holman.

Serving after the football game during the annual reception—Mr. Sam Holland, chairman; Dr. and Mrs. Vern Thornton, Dean and Mrs. D. B. R. Johnson, Dr. and Mrs. William Schriever, Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Cate, Mrs. Rosamonde Dandridge Miller, Mr. Boyce Timmons, Miss Grace Ray and Miss Wilda Griffin.

Mrs. E. E. Dale was general chairman of the Homecoming reception committee. Committees assisting Mrs. Dale were, receiving in the lobby of the lounge, Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Cate, Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Graham, Mr. and Mrs. Graham B. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Bratton, Dr. and Mrs. R. L. Huntington, Dr. and Mrs. V. E. Monnett and Mr. and Mrs. William Butterfield.

Those who poured coffee were Mrs. William Bennett Bizzell, Mrs. George L. Cross, Mrs. T. M. Beaird, Mrs. George L. Hann of Ardmore, Mrs. Charles Memminger of Atoka and Mrs. Dave Mc-Kown of Oklahoma City.

Mrs. R. W. Hutto, Mrs. Ralph Bienfang and Mrs. Lloyd Swearingen were in charge of the refreshment tables. Miss Hedwig Shaefer and Mrs. William Schriever were in charge of refreshments. Assisting at the tables were Mrs. Eugene Kendall,



Reading from left to right are guests at the head table at the alumni dinner in Washington, D. C., recently; Mrs. Opal Lee, Mrs. Walter B. Emery, Mr. Guy Woodward, Mrs. Victor Wichersham, the Honorable Josh Lee, Mrs. Harrington Wimberly, Dr. George L. Cross, Dr. Elgin Groseclose, Dr. Charles W. Lowry, the Honorable Harrington Wimberly, Mrs. Josh Lee, the Honorable Victor Wichersham, Mrs. Guy Woodward, Mrs. Charles Lowry and Mrs. Elgin Groseclose.

Mrs. C. C. Beaird, Mrs. Bruce Wiley, Mrs. Phil Haddock, Mrs. Raymond White, Mrs. J. L. Farmer and Miss Ruth Elder.

Co-hosts with the Alumni Association were all members of the general faculty of the University of Oklahoma, faculty wives, and Norman friends of the University.

Mrs. T. M. Beaird Hostess to Wives

Mrs. T. M. Beaird entertained wives of members of the Executive Board, wives of past presidents of the University of Oklahoma Association and wives of Union Board Members at a coffee from 11 a. m. to 1:30 p. m. on Homecoming Day, November 17. The coffee was at the Beaird home, 930 Lindsay Road.

Assisting at the coffee were Mrs. W. B. Bizzel;, Mrs. George L. Cross, Mrs. Jack Boatman, Okmulgee; Mrs. Neil Johnston and Mrs. Fred Tarman, Norman.

Those who assisted in the reception room included Mrs. Guy Y. Williams, Mrs. E. E. Dale, Mrs. E. D. Meacham, Mrs. Harold Belknap, Mrs. Bennie Owens, Mrs. Warren Mayfield, Mrs. Roscoe Cate and Mrs. T. R. Benedum, all of Norman.

Woods County Holds Preliminary Meeting

On Monday evening, November 5, at the Northeastern State College in Alva, a special committee of fifteen O. U. alumni met with Executive Secretary-Manager Ted Beaird of the Association for the purpose of completing O. U. World War II casualty reports for Woods County and for making corrections on the Alumni addressograph list of citizens residing in this County.

The special planning committee was headed by Miss Jean Holland, dean of women at the college in Alva. Among others present for the meeting were Dr. and Mrs. John B. Stout, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Denner and Bob Lee Kidd, Jr.

It is anticipated that in the course of the next few weeks there will be a special call meeting for the purpose of organizing the O. U. Charter Club of Woods County.

Grady County Alums Assemble

On the evening of November 15, Executive Secretary-Manager Ted Beaird of the Alumni Association, accompanied by Roscoe Cate, assistant to the president, and Dean Glenn Couch, met with the Grady County alumni at their headquarters meeting room in the city of Chickasha.

The entire evening was spent in a discussion of "The University—Its Future and Its Problems." Mr. Cate discussed in detail the financial outline and the plans of applying the appropriations granted the University from the twentieth Oklahoma Legislature. He also touched briefly upon construction problems in the building of the proposed new facilities for the University and the preliminary details for the University of Oklahoma Foundation.

Dean Couch discussed "What Happens to Your Freshman Son or Daughter When They Enter O. U." The dean, in his discussion, went into detail as to the various tests applied to students entering the University, as to the counciling system established under his guidance and as to the methods wherein social, economic and other adjustments were discussed in detail by he and his staff in preparing and adapting students to University life.

A question and answer period was spent and for more than an hour questions were asked by the many O. U. alumni assembled for the occasion. Mr. Cate, Mr. Couch and Mr. Beaird answered the numerous questions from the interested group.

Among those in attendance were Grady D. Harris, '18, Alex; Arthur W. Nunnery, '44, Chickasha; Lottie Mae Bailey, '35ed, '39m.ed, Chickasha; Mary Hewett Bailey, '30ba, '37ma; Helen Collar, '40m.m; Mabel E. Boggess, '38m.ed, '40m.soc.wk; Mary Nyswonger, '39g.n; Erda Owen Emanuel, '23ba, '30fa; Roy Emanuel, '24bs, '26med; R. R. Coates, '37med; Dan Proctor, '36m.ed, '43d.ed; Olen C. Jeffries, '38ba, '40lib.sci; Joe W. Mosley, '39m.ed; Aaron Slutzky, '30pharm, '30ph.c; J. Lawrence Muir, '30geol, '33m.geol; William Fletcher Ward, '27fa; Ralph L. Lea, '34m.ed, Minco; Ida High, '32-'33, Chickasha; Ralph E. Brand, '33ba, '38ma; C. C. Chastain, '21ba, '24law and Mrs. (Jessie Clarkson) Boyd Gilky, '27fa.