

Association Progress

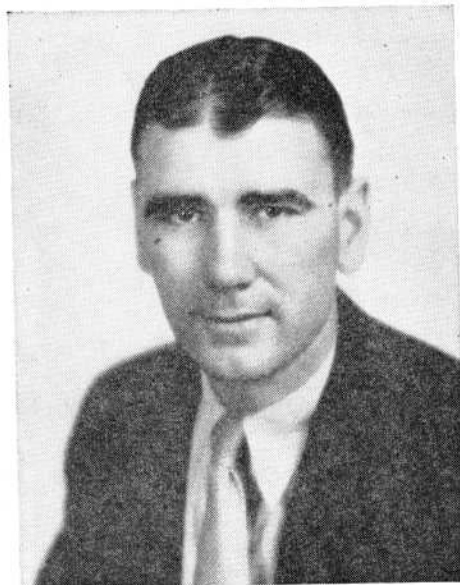
J. W. McColl Is Club Prexy

J. W. McColl, '38ba, '38law, was elected president of the Washington County University of Oklahoma Alumni Club at a meeting held May 20 in Bartlesville. McColl, Bartlesville lawyer, succeeds R. L. Foster, '16law. Twelve Sooners attended the meeting.

Other new officers are G. M. Roberts, '27ba, '28ma, vice-president, and Joan Jenner, '46bus, secretary-treasurer.

The organization's by-laws were amended to provide for the annual meeting to be held in May.

Those present included McColl, Foster, Joan Jenner, Winifred Small, '18; J. P. Jones, '31bs, '33ms; Mary Fran Antrim, '46lib.sci; Darall T. Hawk, '28law; W. F. Absher, '20ba; W. H. Dougherty, '26ba; Lois Straight, '35law; L. N. Plunkett, '22-'23, and Ed Kane, '35law.



HAL MULDRON, JR., '28bs . . .
Alumni Association's new president.

Hal Muldrow Elected Alumni President, To Succeed 'Bill' Cox

Hal Muldrow, Jr., '28bs, Norman insurance man and commanding general of the Oklahoma National Guard's 45th Infantry Division Artillery, was elected president of the University of Oklahoma Association at the recent annual meeting of the Association's Executive Board.

Muldrow succeeds William V. Cox, '21ba, '24ma, Ponca City. Other new officers include Grady D. Harris, '18, Alex, first vice-president, and Herbert Branan, '32ba, '38law, Oklahoma City, second vice-president.

Also attending the meeting were newly elected members-at-large on the Board, who will serve for three years. The three at-large members were chosen by ballot recently in a mail election. They are Horton Grisso, '30bs, Norman; C. Guy Brown, '23ba, Oklahoma City and Milt Phillips, '22, Holdenville. Other new members of the Board include William M. Dodson, '29ba, '34law, Muskogee, elected from District 2; Frank Crider, '30ba, Ada, District 4, and Harry Hughes, '04-'06, Weatherford, District 7.

Outgoing members of the Executive Board are C. V. Nichols, '14pharm, '14bs, '17ba, Anadarko; William F. Absher, '20ba, Burt; Jim Robinson, '32ba, '32law, Tahlequah; Jim Frazier, '24ba, '32m.ed, Wewoka, and Mrs. June Durkee, '42fa, Mangum.

The new president, Muldrow, will serve a one-year term. He was graduated from the University in 1928 and played football from 1925 to 1927. During the war he served as a lieutenant colonel with the 45th Division Artillery in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. He was a special instructor on the faculty of the College of Business Administration during the spring semester.

"Bill" Cox, superintendent of Ponca Military Academy, Ponca City, is the retiring Association President. He succeeded George D. Hann, '36m.ed, Ardmore, to the post a year ago. Cox was director of athletics and head coach at Missouri Military Academy for four years before opening his Ponca City school four years ago. He was an outstanding basketball and baseball player while attending the University during the early '20s.

The Association Board endorsed the University of Oklahoma Foundation and pledged itself to participate actively in raising funds for it. The formal resolution follows:

"The University of Oklahoma Association endorses the University of Oklahoma Foundation, based on its aims and objectives, and we hereby pledge the Association's whole-hearted support to the accomplishments of this Foundation."

Trustees of the foundation, recently completed to accept gifts for the University include: C. A. Vose, Oklahoma City; O. C. Schorp, Tulsa; Ward S. Merrick, Ardmore; Tom F. Carey, '08ba, Oklahoma City; Dawson Houk, '14ba, '14bs, '21law, Fairview; Fred Tarman, '10ba, Norman, and ex-officio members President George L. Cross, Hal Muldrow, president of the Alumni Association, and Joe Looney, '20ba, '22law, Wewoka, president of the Dads Association.

Announcement of an awards and citations project was also made at the Association meeting. Achievement recognitions, to be sponsored jointly by the Board of Regents and the Executive Board, will be made during the Career Conference in the spring of 1948.

Other action included the appointment of a special committee to consider a proposal to increase the Association's life membership fee which now stands at \$60. The committee, chosen by President Cox, is composed of Tom Carey, chairman; C. Guy Brown, Hal Muldrow, Horton Grisso, Kenneth Harris, '39bs, Norman, and Andy Crosby, '39ba, '41law, Lawton.

Monroney Addresses Seniors, Cites Need for U. S. Leadership

Congressman Mike Monroney, '24ba, addressed the 1947 senior class at its commencement program in what may be regarded as one of the significant speeches of the year.

The fifth district congressman, winner of the *Collier's Magazine* award for distinguished congressional service told the graduates that the U.S. must send abroad technicians and experts to direct the disbursement of American aid and to establish a "beachhead of freedom." His words were directed to the second largest graduation class in the University's history. It was O.U.'s 55th commencement day program.

Monroney, a former editor of the *Oklahoma Daily*, drove straight to the point of the demand today for leadership in the U.S.

"Our programs of help for rehabilitation must be geared to the leadership we can furnish," he said. "Loans beyond the limit of proper administration . . . will be in default within a short time."

Entitling his address "Unwanted World Leadership," Monroney sharply criticized recent congressional action.

"In the Congress we see increasing signs of backing away from this world leadership. Efforts to free world trade from the burdens of prohibitive tariff walls are being sabotaged even while international conferences are going on."

There is no margin for error in world policy, the congressman declared after stating that either political party can muddle through on domestic affairs.

"The die will be cast for a world at peace—or a world at war—within the next 24 months.

"In plain, simple terms, we are again about to lose the peace because of ourselves . . . because we are unwilling to furnish the comparable leadership for peace and reconstruction that we furnished to win the shooting phase of the war."

Toward the close of his speech, Monroney pleaded again for a policy of exporting American "know-how." He advocated the sending of engineers to revive mining, doctors and sanitary engineers to combat disease, agriculture experts to fight undernourishment.

"You can't export the theories of liberties and freedom via mail order catalog with a set of blue prints on how to assemble it.

"You must deliver it in person and remain on the scene until the new user has fully learned how to use and protect it."

Alluding to the war veterans among the graduates, Monroney said he doubted if the University will ever graduate another class which individually includes so much actual and practical knowledge about the world.

Following the address, President Cross disclosed that the 1947 commencement would probably be the last that would be held in the Fieldhouse.

Future classes are expecting to be so large that University officials are planning to conduct the services in Owen Stadium.

Attending the exercises was Dr. Stratton D. Brooks, oldest living former president of the University. Dr. Brooks, who served as O.U.'s head from 1912 until 1923, was on hand to watch his grandson, Walter Cralle, '47eng, receive his degree.

Graduates Hear Rev. Alexander

His enjoyable combination of informality, wit and logic that has made him one of the outstanding ministers in the Southwest was demonstrated by the Rev. William Alexander when he delivered the baccalaureate address before the University of Oklahoma's 1947 graduating class on June 1.

Emphasizing a need for a change in the minds and hearts of nations, the youthful pastor of the First Christian Church of Oklahoma City said that without such alteration the world will be destroyed within 15 or 20 years.

The United States must assume leadership in ironing out the world's ills, he said. "America is on a plateau by itself, standing alone, surrounded by countries who have less than they've ever had before. . . . If we don't answer their outstretched hands, they'll become clenched fists."

"Youths today are faced with greater problems than they've ever faced before," he remarked before naming "a questing mind, a co-operative spirit and a crusading spirit" as the prerequisites for personal achievement and leadership.

Alexander cited the general change of attitude of scientists toward religion. Science was once considered "taboo" by religion, later was in competition, then looked down to religion. Now scientists don't deny religion but demand it, he said.

Appealing for racial tolerance in America, the speaker asserted dramatically "You can't keep a man in a ditch without getting down with him."

Concluding his sermon directed to the 1,190 O.U. graduates, Alexander warned that a third world war is inevitable unless leaders of today get together with a peaceful and co-operating spirit.

Several thousand books and other publications have been donated to the University of Oklahoma School of Geology by Dr. Charles N. Gould, first director of the Oklahoma Geological Survey.