

The Success Story of The Alumni Association

and of The Men Who Guided Its Destiny

For the First 50 Years Tells How

A Vision Is Fulfilled

By Paul A. Andres

Five men with one idea. That's the beginning of the history of the Alumni Association. But it doesn't begin to tell the story of the Trials and Tribulations that accompanied the idea. Here in a brilliant history, the author begins to relate the train of events that led to the present Association.

"Thursday night, June 9, 1898, marked a milestone in the progress and growth of the territory; an epoch in the history of the educational institutions of Oklahoma, for upon that night at the University of Oklahoma, the first graduates of the regular college course received their degrees of Bachelor of Arts. They were:

CARLETON ROSS HUME, B. A.

ROY PHILSON STOOPS, B. A.

"In honor of the occasion and as a distinctive mark of progression, the president, faculty and graduates donned caps and gowns, the garb of the Collegian the world over, thus emphasizing the fact that the University was entering the ranks of the real colleges of the land and that the first fruits were about to be given.

"The costumes were very becoming—especially to the lady part of the faculty."

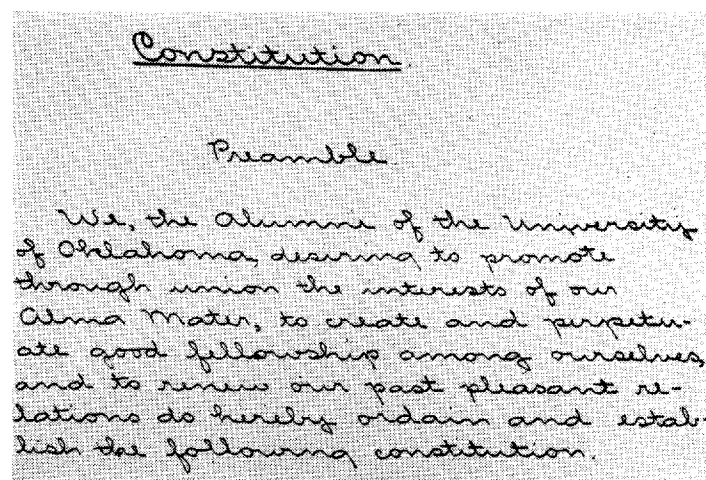
Thus, the first real commencement at the University of Oklahoma was recorded in the *Umpire*—then the student publication of the University.

The Territorial University of Oklahoma was a real school now. It had alumni—two of 'em!

There was only one more thing to be done. An alumni association was needed. O.U. had one within a year after its first commencement.

C. Ross Hume of the first graduating class and Jesse L. Hefley of the class of 1899 spoke from their hearts on June 9, 1899 as they sat down with pen in hand and proclaimed—

"We, the Alumni of the University of Oklahoma, desiring to promote through union the interest of our Alma Mater, to create and perpetuate good fellowship among ourselves and to renew our past pleasant relations do hereby ordain and establish the following constitution."



The "Vision" speaks—And seeks fulfillment.

These memorable words constituted the original preamble or *beginning* of an infant association that has grown today until it has well over 100,000 disciples scattered throughout the entire world spreading the lore and doctrines of Soonerland.

As I sat here at my desk digesting the countless and almost yellowed pages of minutes and proceedings of the alumni association from the first entry in June of 1899 to the last entry in the first book dated June 5, 1917, I wonder what inspired the original five graduates of the University to form such an association almost on the day of their graduation. They must have felt that their one little building standing on the barren plains—indeed a pioneer in a pioneer territory—had become an integral part of their lives. They must have felt the tremendous bulging muscles of the vast prairie; they must have been motivated by the horizon-searching urges of the famed '89ers.

In truth, they must have been the first to feel the Sooner spirit.

The minutes of the first meeting on June 9 relate that "Pursuant to a call the following named persons: L. W. Cole, '99ba (30m.ed); R. S. Helvie, '99ba; Jesse L. Hefley, '99ba and C. Ross Hume, '98ba, ('00ma), met and organized the Alumni Association of the University of Oklahoma. On motion of Mr. Hefley, Mr. Cole was made temporary chairman.

"The following officers for 1899-1900 were then elected:

President	Lawrence Wooster Cole
Secretary	Carelton Ross Hume
Treasurer	Roscoe Shively Helvie
Orator	Jesse L. Hefley."

R. L. Stoops, who with Hume received the first Bachelor of Arts Degree ever given at O.U., was the fifth member of the first alumni order. He is listed in an article by Hume as a charter member and also as vice-president, but is not to be found in the minutes of the group that first organized.

Indeed the above mentioned men were both unique and distinguished—for being an alumnus of the University of Oklahoma was a distinction that could be claimed by only these five men in 1899.

In prowling through the tremendous stacks of *Sooner Magazines* that line the walls of this office, I ran on to an article in Volume 1, Number 4 where Hume relates:

"There were just five of us who organized that first association in June, 1898—just five—and just enough to fill the various offices. The two graduates of the class of '98 and the three members of the class of '99 were the charter members. When we met we found afterwards that all of us had an office."

As far as perfection can go, Utopia was reached from the very beginning of this early association for, as Hume further states, "Every graduate of the University was a member of the association, and every member was an officer—an ideal way to start things in Oklahoma!"

When the constitution was drafted and put into the first minute book, the members (all five of them) began the custom of securing the signature of each graduate as he left school.

Very few left school though!

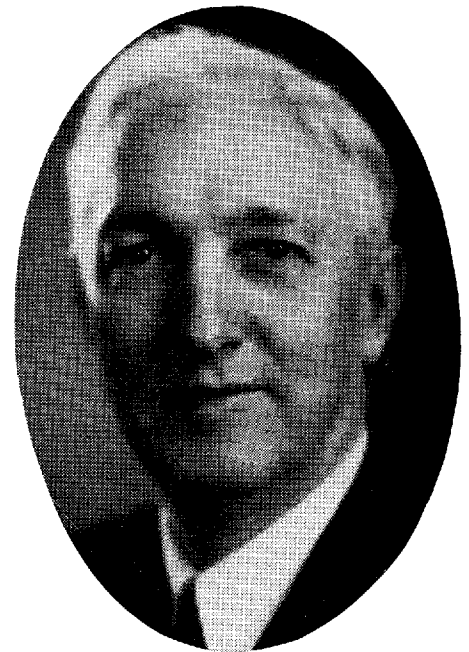
It was a difficult process to set up an alumni association in those days—not because of lack of enthusiasm or interest, but simply because the grad-



LAWRENCE W. COLE
1899-'01



CLYDE BOGLE
1902-'03



ROY GITTINGER
1903-'04

uating classes were not big. In fact, they weren't even small—they were minute.

An interesting anecdote, also related by Hume, recalls that "When the first alumni meeting convened to hear the orator, Jesse L. Hefley, the audience was so small that he refused to function. Possibly that unspoken address now lies at the bottom of his barrel of sermons, as our orator afterwards became a Methodist minister." He now lives in Oklahoma City and is the author of many books, among them *Apache Prophet*.

In 1900 three men graduated. They were Jacob J. Hertz, B. F. Hayden and C. Ross Hume again. This time Hume received his Master's Degree and the total membership was increased to seven.

In 1901, the climb up the ladder began in earnest. This year was an eventful one because Fantine Frances Samuels signed her name to the roll of active members of the association and thus became its eighth member. She now lives in San Francisco where she is married to J. F. Paxton, a former professor at the University.

But let's pause a moment before the alumni association gets too big! Here we are up the year 1901 and we've only mentioned LAWRENCE WOOSTER COLE'S name a few times. He's important because he served as the first president of our association.

He was important in a lot of other ways, too. Dr. Cole's record is an amazing one to be sure. The wisdom shown in choosing him to serve as the "prime-mover" of the association proved to be quite an asset to the University and the alumni in many ways.

Beginning his educational work in 1897, he served as superintendent of schools at El Reno even before he attended the University. After graduation with a Bachelor of Arts Degree, he became an instructor in psychology at O.U. and in 1904 was named full professor.

An early 1900 issue of the *Umpire* states in a serious tone that "Professor Cole is taking hold of the work with his usual aptness and energy and is *interesting* all his classes."

His sphere of work branched out from the University early in his career and he served as a member of the Norman board of education from 1901 to 1907.

Starting on the road to pre-eminence in his field in 1904, he attained his Master's Degree from Harvard and, in 1910, his Ph. D. Degree from the same institution.

In 1910, after serving as instructor of experimental psychology at Wellesley College, he was appointed professor of psychology and education at the University of Colorado where he translated Dupart's *Psychologie Sociale* and served as the head of his department. Prior to January of 1945, Cole served six years as a member of the Colorado Board of Regents for Higher Education. He died in April of 1946 at his home in Boulder.

In tribute to him, the *Camera*, a University of Colorado publication, is quoted as saying that, "An author as well as an educator Dr. Cole has brought national attention to Boulder with his textbook, *Factors in Human Psychology*, a work which has been recognized by the American Associa-

tion for the Advancement of Science in which Cole was a fellow. He also belonged to the American Psychology Association, Sigma Xi (national scientific research society), Phi Beta Kappa and Sigma Nu social fraternity.

1902-03—Possibly the most picturesque man I have run across is MAXWELL CLYDE BOGLE, '02ba, who succeeded Cole to the presidency.

As president of the Alumni Association he provided for the collection of dues for four years at the meeting in June, 1902. The one dollar assessment (twenty-five cents a year) was immediately put into the treasury and plans were made for a gathering at commencement time the following year. The group pledged themselves to meet annually at commencement time and thus, the wheels of the association began to gain momentum, even though slowly.

Bogle's life and his association with the University is not only interesting but worthy of quoting for the interest of all readers. It is a story typical of the times and reminiscent of the days when getting a college education involved a lot more than merely attending classes:

"When I enrolled in the University, my assets were an average mind, a sturdy body and a strong determination.

"In looking about for some way to work my way through school I decided to go into the dairy business.

"So I started on January 1, 1897, with three cows, two of which I owned and the other one was borrowed. My rolling stock was a one horse buggy. By my side on the seat was a ten gallon milk can with a brass faucet and the delivery process consisted of driving up in front of a customer's door and ringing my hand bell. When they came out to get their milk, I would draw it from the faucet into a tin quart measure and pour it into their vessel. The price was five cents a quart and, to make change with pints, we used milk tickets. My business grew steadily and when I got my degree in 1902, I was operating dairies in Norman, Anadarko and Apache and owned and was milking about one hundred cows. For some twenty odd years I continued in the dairy business. In 1907 I built the first silo in this part of the state.

"In 1910 I built the first creamery in Norman and besides handling milk we manufactured ice cream, butter and cheese. About 1913 I built a milk plant in Oklahoma City and for a while we did a thriving business there.

"A few years later I began to buy and ship Holstein dairy cows from Wisconsin, Michigan and Ohio into Oklahoma and resold them. Besides selling at public auction sales in different parts of the state, I did quite an extensive mail-order business and shipped to customers in Colorado, New Mexico, Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana and Alabama.

"In connection with the dairy and pure-bred stock business, I made many friends over the state and at Oklahoma A. & M. College in Stillwater. I was active in the organization and work of the State Dairy Association of which I was president about 1918. Also I sometimes served as judge of the dairy products at the State Fair in Oklahoma City.

"In 1924, I sold all my stock, my dairy farms, and went into the wholesale and retail oil and gas business in Norman. When World War II came I

Inscribed Report for year 1903-1904

Report of C. Ross Hume, Treas.
Oklahoma University Alumni Assn.

C. Ross Hume, Treas. in acct. with

Oklahoma Alumni Assn. Treas. Exp.	Dr.	Cr.
L. W. Coley dues to June 1902	\$ 3.50	
Jesse S. Hefley " " " 1902	.50	
R. S. Helton " " " 1902	.50	
C. R. Hume " " " 1904	1.00	
C. C. Roberts " " " 1902	.25	
P. P. Marchay " " " 1902	.25	
M. J. Perquimans " " " 1902	.25	
Expense of Sec'y Book		\$ 1.00
Bal on Hand		\$ 2.25
	\$ 3.25	\$ 3.25

I certify that the above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.
C. Ross Hume
Treas.

Thirteen bits! They were important ones though. Today they stand as the foundation of a financially stable self-supporting Alumni Association that ranks with the best in the world.

closed all my stations and have since been engaged in the real estate business."

Bogle's athletic record is a truly impressive one—especially for the days around the turn of the century. According to Harold Keith's *Oklahoma Kickoff*, Bogle was "a hard-twisted medium-sized boy who could box and wrestle and was tough as hickory. Bogle must have liked football. Operating his own dairy, he would arise at four o'clock in the morning, milk his cows, ride in on horseback to attend classes, practice football, then gallop home again and work far into the night."

This fact is further born out by a statement in which Bogle says, "During my years in school if there was a sport I loved more than football, it was boxing.

"After the Spanish American war in 1898, boxing got to be quite a fad here. For several years under the seat of my milk wagon I carried two pairs of boxing gloves and after making my deliveries in the afternoon, I would find a group of boys and we would exchange ideas.

"On one occasion I met C. C. Roberts ('01ba) who was captain and pitcher of our baseball team. He had definite ideas and a lot of ability and soon the battle was fast and furious. At the end of one round he said, 'You are going pretty strong, aren't you, Bogle?' I replied, 'That's what I thought about you.' Then we slowed down some and took it moderate for a little while but soon were going again like wild fire and he broke the thumb on his right hand. There we were with the state championship baseball game to be played at Guthrie and our pitcher with a broken thumb.

"For my activity at that time President Boyd called me up on the carpet. He asked, 'What is all this I hear about your boxing and bruising and crippling our boys?'

"I explained to him that they took part in the contests voluntarily, that I let them set the pace, that I never took unfair advantage of any of them and if they hurt themselves I was sorry. I said that 'many of them had tried but I never let any of them whip me yet!'

"During my fifteen years taking part in the sport, I believe I boxed in a thousand contests. For my vacation one summer I traveled with a wild west show and took all comers.

"To this day when I meet a young Goliath strutting down the sidewalk something whispers to me, 'Old boy how I would like to show you how I can turn you upside down!'

Bogle turned them upside down hundreds of times, too, especially as captain of the 1902 football team. Still a native of Norman and still an active citizen at the age of 72, he is indeed an outstanding leader in Okla-

homa and especially a renowned past-president of the Alumni Association.

The alumni year 1903-04 proved eventful in numerous ways. ROY GITTINGER, '02ba, was elected president and three women filled the other offices. Three women and one man—even before Oklahoma was a state or women were allowed to vote—guided the helm of the alumni ship of state! These unique and famed Sooner belles were Elizabeth "Bessie Pearl" Bell, '03ba, vice-president; Florena Williams Hadsell, '02ba, secretary-treasurer, and Fantine Samuels Paxton, the first woman graduate, who held the newly created office of corresponding secretary to the college paper.

In line with this new office, it might be said that herein was born the idea for the magazine you are now reading for it was the duty of the corresponding secretary "to correspond with the members of the association and submit items of interest from such correspondence to the college paper for publication." Added to this statement of duties was a very interesting provision which stated that "The correspondent may make requisition on the treasurer of the association for necessary money to pay for stamps and stationery. The stationery bill for that year amounted to \$10.15 while the postage was only eighty-five cents!

This is quite a contrast to the thousands of dollars that are being spent currently on correspondence, long distance and Western Union and the more than \$18,000 spent annually on *Sooner Magazine* as it goes forward from alumni headquarters twelve months a year to be placed in the hands of readers scattered throughout the world.

During Gittinger's term of office, the first alumni participation in commencement exercises began and was complete with banquet et al. Twelve new members were added to the ever-growing list immediately after the seniors received their diplomas. They wasted no time!

The president of the association in this particular period was later to be known as Dean "Gitt" to thousands of University of Oklahoma students. The story of his life to date is indeed one of advancement and consistency of purpose.

He became a member of the University faculty in 1902 when he received his B. A. degree. He had prepared to teach and was added to the history staff but almost immediately was given administrative duties to handle in addition to teaching.

During 46 years he has served as principal of the preparatory school, dean of undergraduates, registrar, acting dean of the graduate school, dean of administration and dean of admission.

He is the only University administrative officer to serve under all eight O.U. presidents from David Ross Boyd to George L. Cross.

Upon resigning his deanship during 1946 to devote full attention to teaching, Gittinger was made a "Regents Professor of History" the first such title to be conferred by the board of regents. The new title was given as a special honor for "outstanding service in administrative and instruction fields over a long period of time" and for "notable achievements in the interests of education in the state and nation."

When the University was younger, Dean "Gitt" could call the entire student body by name and was the confidant and counselor of many students. Now 70 years of age, Gittinger never faltering during the troublesome war years or the post-war rush of new students who wished to enter the University.

He received his Master's Degree from the University of Chicago in 1906 and his Ph.D. Degree at the University of California in 1916. In 1929 the University of Tulsa honored him with a Doctor of Laws Degree.

During his busy years at the University, he has squeezed in time enough to write numerous articles and two histories—*The Foundation of the State of Oklahoma* and *The University of Oklahoma, a History of the First Fifty Years, 1892-1942*.

Gittinger, who has contributed to several editions of the *Encyclopedia Britannica*, is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, the Society of American Historians, the Mississippi Valley Historical Association, the Oklahoma Historical Society, and state and national educational associations. In 1945, he was honored by being inducted into the Oklahoma Hall of Fame.

Always in demand by many groups, he served as a member of the Norman city council from 1906 to 1910 and was chairman of the Cleveland County Council of Defense in World War I.

He is still a very active and enthusiastic member of the Sooner faculty and, holding him in the highest esteem, it is with great pride that we pay tribute to a man who has devoted almost fifty years of his life to the education and advancement of Oklahoma youth.

1904-1905—Following the dean was ROY PHILSON STOOPS, whom you will remember was fifty percent of the first graduating class in 1898. As the fourth president of the Alumni Association and the first recorded vice-president he holds a distinction not only as a charter member, but also as a long-time alumni of the University.

He was elected by acclamation and the minutes record that with a total of \$28.50 in the treasury, the group immediately started getting ideas about throwing a banquet at commencement time. The great argument

of the year concerned itself with whom was to be invited to this affair, and, if the minutes are any authority, nobody ever got there because no decision was made.

However, a 1904 *Umpire*, the semi-monthly publication of the University at this time, recorded in a serious tone during commencement week that "From every class except one—1900—the University has retained a member or called him back after he has gone out to work under her direction. Every class, except one, has a married member or more. In this respect 1901 is in the lead with five out of a possible six. *The effect of the co-educational system is very evident; it seems to be the exception for a college man or woman not to marry a school mate or, that failing, an instructor. I might suggest to the theorist the possibility of such a system solving the divorce problem; taking the alumni of the University of Oklahoma as a basis of reasoning is as infallible as patent medicines are advertised to be.*"

With the graduation of the class of 1904, the total number of alumni jumped to 41. It must be remembered that only members of the College of Arts and Sciences were permitted to become members at this time, although the University had more graduates in pharmacy and music.

Any biography of Roy Stoops would certainly have to conclude with the fact that he has been a successful doctor and has served his profession well. Now retired and living in Napa, California, he entered the medical profession after receiving his degree in medicine from the University of Illinois in 1903. Returning to his Alma Mater, he taught various courses in anatomy and bacteriology until 1908 when he went to the University of Chicago to do post-graduate work.

Specializing in eye, ear, nose and throat work, he served as examiner for the East Bay Transit Company of Oakland, California, for three years, and his record shows that he also practiced medicine at Crosbyton, Texas, and Scottstown, Nebraska. He belonged to the Athens Club in Oakland, California and served as a Captain in the Medical Corps during World War I.

1905-06—The term of George A. Bucklin is characterized by both sadness and progress.

A member of the Alumni Association died. I can almost see the seriousness of the situation as I read the minutes of the time and hear outgoing president Stoops appointing a committee to draw up a resolution "concerning the death of one of our first alumnae, Mrs. Ruth House Daniels, '02ba."

Progress was made when L. W. Cole, the first president of the association, was appointed to the newly created office of historian. Provision was also made to open wide the doors of the association to anyone who had graduated from the University in any and all departments offering a four-year course. This was the third time that the eligibility for membership clause of the original constitution had been amended.

Today, with some 100,000 former students and graduates, as a member of the American Alumni Council the Alumni Association considers any former student who has completed as much as one summer term in the University an alumnus of this institution and eligible for membership in the Association.

The alumni also began their first relations with the athletic association

during this progressive year of 1905. They passed a resolution commending the athletic association "for its clean management of athletics in the University during the year" and pledged themselves "to co-operate with the athletic association toward the end that professionalism shall not enter athletics in the University."

These embryo relations beginning almost 50 years ago are responsible for the excellent co-operation and privileges that the athletic association accords the alumni today.

Under a plan worked out almost 20 years ago, three alumni are selected annually by the executive board of the Association to serve on the O.U. Athletic Council to represent the interests of the alumni.

But let's look at the man who was the prime-mover of the progress made during these still formative years.

He is GEORGE AUGUSTUS BUCKLIN who attended Southwest Kansas College and worked in a law office before receiving his B. A. Degree from the University in 1903.

He's really got an amazing record. One which I'm sure would be envied by many students today because, in the days of yore, Bucklin was, at the same time, student, university secretary and registrar. He also served as managing editor of the *Umpire* during his undergraduate years. After graduating in 1903, he went to Yale to receive his Master's Degree and then returned to his Alma Mater as head of the department of economics and sociology.

He left the University in 1906 to accept an appointment as American Consul at Glauchau, Germany. As a diplomat he has traveled far and wide. He was consul at San Luis Potosi, Mexico from 1908-10 and consul general at Guatemala City, Guatemala from 1910 to 1914.

He was transferred to Bordeaux, France, in that year to take charge of special war activities in conjunction with the U. S. military and naval operations in that area. It was not long until this outstanding graduate was promoted to assist the Consulate-General in the important Paris area. Colbenz beckoned him in 1920 and he became the consul in charge of the American community there until 1922. Acapulco, Mexico; Victoria, British Columbia; Canada and New Zealand have been under his hand since 1922 and he now is retired and living at his home in Lynn Haven, Florida.

He is a member of the Wellington (New Zealand) Philosophical Society, the British Music Society and Phi Beta Kappa.

1906-08—Information about the progress of the Association during the period 1906-08 is scanty to the point of almost a complete blank. But the story of MILTON J. FERGUSON, '01ba, '06ma, is one indicating that everything just naturally ran smoothly.

He not only saw that things ran smoothly in the Alumni Association, but was one of the many original *Sooners* who "made the run" in '89.

As a boy earning his way through school, he helped build the first structure of the University, driving a mule that hauled and hoisted bricks. In 1901 Ferguson was graduated with honors from the school he helped to build. He had worked his way through college partly by acting as student assistant in the library, and he returned as head of that library after a year's preparation at the New York State Library School at Albany.



ROY P. STOOPS
1904-'05



GEORGE A. BUCKLIN
1905-'06



MILTON J. FERGUSON
1906-'08



Behold the only two men that carry a '98ba after their name. C. Ross Hume, left, and Roy R. Stoops, the first graduates of the University, with three other degree winners of the class of '99 started the Alumni Association.

An additional source of income to the student Ferguson was in correspondence for the Kansas City newspapers, and for a time he wavered between journalism and library work as a career. The first job of his life had been on a country newspaper as a printer's "devil" and, as he said, "Once you get your fingers into printer's ink, it never rubs off."

One of the legacies of those early days of struggle is a love of fine printing, which he carries into the selection of rare books for the Brooklyn Public Library. He is an honorary member of the Print Makers Association of California.

Another extraneous feature of Ferguson's active career is a knowledge of law, symbolized by his membership in the California Bar Association and his editorship of *American Library Laws*. He was in charge of law books at the California State Library and, becoming weary of being asked in a challenging tone "Are you an attorney?" simply decided to be one. Shortly afterwards he became the State Librarian of California, a post he held from 1907 to 1930, when he went to Brooklyn to assume his duties as Chief Librarian for the Brooklyn Public Library.

A man of Ferguson's ability is certainly not the dull type of librarian who remains cooped up in his office with musty books about him uttering hundreds of parables of the sages of the past. In short, he might be called a "living librarian," because he has demonstrated his ability as a library planner and organizer not only in Louisiana, California and Brooklyn, but in other far-flung fields. He was chosen by the Carnegie Corporation of New York to make a library survey on the Union of South Africa, Rhodesia and Kenya Colony in 1928-29. Recently he made a survey of conditions in Concord, New Hampshire, preliminary to the building of a new library, and now is being approached for other undertakings of a similar nature.

There is a certain literary flavor to everything Dr. Ferguson writes that imparts an informal charm to cut-and-dried material. He is anything but pedantic. His sense of humor, which is apparently one of the delights of his staff, will burst through the solemn facts and figures of an annual report to bemoan the passing of the library's sedan, "which, like Queen Mary's hats, stood up in the crowd;" or to note without regret that during the summer the library cannot compete with the public swimming hole or bank night at the movies. In referring to the quarter century of delay in building Brooklyn's central library, he said in a speech at Chicago that the structure had "more long distance records than all the Marathon runners since the time of Pheidippides."

In addition to the above mentioned honors and accomplishments, Fer-

guson received a certificate from the New York State Library School in 1902 and a Doctor of Literature Degree from New York University in 1933. He also served as a member of the Memorial American Library Association's executive board during the years 1925-26 and 1933-37. He was president of the California Library Association (1918-19; 1926-27); president of the National Association of State Libraries from 1918 to 1919; president of the New York Library Association (1932-33); and president of the New York City Library Club, 1932-33.

Ferguson has not always won scholastic honors and positions even though he is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, the Carteret Book Club, the Rembrandt Club of Brooklyn and an honorary member of the California Society of Etchers. In civic affairs he has also made a mark for himself. He served as president of the Sacramento Council of the Boy Scouts of America in 1923 and as president of the Sacramento Rotary Club during 1921-22.

Truly a great and distinguished man in his chosen field, Ferguson is a fine tribute to the University and especially to the Alumni Association.

1908-1909—The minutes for 1908 and 1909 are filled with interesting action-packed proceedings of the Association under the direction of ROY HADSELL, '04ba, now deceased.

He was unanimously elected president of the alumni group on June 11, 1908, and the first recorded action of the Association under his direction was to "do all they could to get the new building named Boyd Hall." In searching through the many records and also consulting some of the members of the faculty who have been at the University for many years, I was unable to find out just what Boyd Hall was or, for that matter, where it was. Maybe it wasn't! But, nevertheless the Alumni Association and the Board of Regents both "did everything in their power to get the new building named Boyd Hall."

Another interesting incident was the proposal by Lawrence W. Cole, the first president of the Association, which "brought up the question of agitation for an alumni member of the Board of Regents." Talk about spirit—these gentlemen really had it. And they got their wishes too!

In making their proposal to the governor, they not only provided for a committee to draw up the resolution, but they also provided for a committee to think about the proper time and method to present the resolution and also a committee to get all "the graduates, their parents and influential friends of the members of the Association to write to the Governor on this matter."

It is reported in the June 9, 1909, minutes, that "The excellent result of the committees work was seen in the appointment of J. Wallace Perry, '07ba, on the Board of Regents in November, 1908."

An interesting anecdote can be gleaned from the formal minutes of the meeting. It seems that Mrs. Guy Y. Williams (Ella Thomas, '06ba) was acting as treasurer in place of her husband who could not attend the meeting. After she read her husband's report to the group, she was unanimously elected treasurer for the coming year!

The father, or should I say mother, of the idea for *Sooner Magazine* was



Reverend Jesse L. Hefley, '99ba, right, poses very proudly with his two children who have the distinction of being the first son and daughter of a Sooner alumnus to attend the University. They are Edwina M. Hefley, '25ba, and Marion W. Hefley, '27eng.

also born with this meeting. It was to be called the *Alumni Journal*, but the first issue appeared the following year under the name *Alumni Quarterly*.

Under the sponsorship of the Press Club, the ink was broken over her bow in June, 1910, and the always versatile Dean "Gitt" topped the masthead as editor with Clyde Bogle, '02ba, the second president of the Association, immediately under him as business manager. Both men were very active in University affairs at this time and the editorial column of this 16-page magazine stated a purpose which would certainly hold true today as the reason for the existence of *Sooner Magazine*.

They said: "To supply a means for the exchange of ideas among the

graduates, to keep alive the memory of old days, to bring the widely scattered alumni in touch with the University and with each other, to re-awaken their interest and to renew their loyalty to their Alma Mater that the University may have the undivided and energetic support of former students—such are the aims of the association in establishing this quarterly."

Ed's Note: This is the first installment of the history of the Alumni Association and of the men who guided her. The second installment will appear in the September issue of Sooner Magazine.

ASSOCIATION

Life Membership, Like Topsy Just Grows and Grows

Listed on this and the following pages are the names of the people who have demonstrated their long range enthusiasm in the Alumni Association and the University. They are the Life Members of the Alumni Association. The Association can well be proud of them.

1905

Chester Reeds, Ghent, New York

1906

Guy Y. Williams, Norman
(Ella Thomas Williams, '06)

1907

Charles D. Johnson (deceased)
C. H. Newell, Austin, Texas
Wallace Perry, Las Cruces, New Mexico
(Lena Stubblefield Perry, '04)

1908

Tom F. Carey, Oklahoma City
Lloyd B. Curtis, Lander Wyoming
Clement O. Gittinger, Tulsa
(Elva McFerron Gittinger, '08)
Edgar L. Harris, Norman
Lena Corn Keator, Oklahoma City
Frank M. Long, Roanoke, Virginia
Errett R. Newby, Oklahoma City
(Lola North Newby, '14)
G. B. Parker, Washington, D. C.
(Adelaide Loomis Parker, '06)
Arthur R. Wolfe, Kansas City, Mo.

1909

J. C. M. Krumtum, Weatherford
Pierce Larkin, Tulsa
(Clara Koepke Larkin, '04)
Roscoe Walker, Pawhuska

1910

B. C. Belt, Houston, Texas
Frank Buttram, Oklahoma City
(Merle Newby Buttram, '06)
Frank A. Herald, Austin, Texas
Robert W. Hutto, Norman
Ernest C. Lambert, Okmulgee
William N. Randolph, Tulsa
Jessie Newby Ray, Edmond
Fred E. Tarman, Norman

1911

May Melvin Browne, Ponca City
Howard S. Browne, (deceased)
E. E. Dale, Norman
(Rosalie Gilkey Dale, '17)
John F. Harris, address unknown
Earle S. Porter, Tulsa
(Pearle Goodrich Porter, '08)
Shelley E. Tracy, Santa Barbara, California
Earl Welch, Oklahoma City
Robert H. Wood, Tulsa

1912

Hubert Ambrister (deceased)
E. P. Davis, Phoenix, Arizona
(Grace Norris Davis, '17)
Harry H. Diamond, Holdenville
Alma Watkins Dowd, Norman

Edward A. Evans, Washington, D.C.
Earl Foster, Oklahoma City
(Alta Sawyer Foster, '30)
Charles W. Hamilton, Upper Montclair, New Jersey
Thurman S. Hurst, Tulsa
Earl D. McBride, Oklahoma City
V. E. Monnett, Norman
Louis Roark, Tulsa
(Edna May Webb Roark, '11)
Lewis S. Salter, Norman
(Reaves Alford Salter, '20)
Raymond Tolbert, Oklahoma City
Paul A. Walker, Washington, D. C.
(Myra Williams Walker, '12)

1913

Junia Williams Brown, Tulsa
Crawford Cameron, Marietta
Fred Capshaw, Oklahoma City
Glenn C. Clark, Ponca City
(Vera Gorton Clark, '13)
Paul G. Darrough, Oklahoma City
(Margaret Archdeacon Darrough, '18)

B. A. Garside, New York City
Leo H. Gorton, Tulsa
Elton B. Hunt, Tulsa
(Olive Eagleton Hunt, deceased)
Owen Owen (deceased)
Winifred B. Robey, Santa Fe, New Mexico
Claude H. Rosenstein, Tulsa
Earl Sneed, Tulsa
(Nellie Johnson Sneed, '10)
Frank N. Watson (deceased)
W. K. West, Oklahoma City

1914

William J. Armstrong, Oklahoma City
(Minnie Burrus Armstrong, '15)
Fritz L. Aurin, Fort Worth, Texas
A. N. Boatman, Okmulgee
Harry J. Brown, (deceased)
Orel Busby, Ada
William A. Buttram, Fort Worth, Texas
Walter L. Ditzler, Dallas, Texas
William L. Eagleton, Tulsa
(Pauline Dellinger Eagleton, '19)
R. D. Eaton, Dallas, Texas
(Gail Parker Eaton, '14)
Virginia Tolbert Fowler, Shreveport, Louisiana
Florence Van Buskirk Graham, Montebello, California
Lloyd J. Hibbard, Wilkinsburg, Pennsylvania

Leonard Logan, Jr., Norman
Edgar D. Meacham, Norman
(Ray Ferrell Meacham, '13)
Charles B. Memminger, Atoka
(Ruth Moore Memminger, '20)
C. V. Nichols, Anadarko
John Rogers, Tulsa
H. V. L. Sapper (deceased)
T. O. Westhafer, Downer's Grove, Illinois
(Addie Maloy Westhafer, '14)
Luther H. White, Fort Worth, Texas
Carl Whiteman, New York City

1915

Claude E. Aikman, San Angelo, Texas
Chester O. Davison, Poughkeepsie, New York
Denver N. Davison, Oklahoma City
J. J. Gable, Vista, California
(Alice Herron Gable, '22)
Joseph C. Gordon, Dallas, Texas
Harry L. S. Halley, Oklahoma City
E. J. Hendon, Ardmore
Louis H. Hoskins, Anaheim, California
Hiram Impson, McAlester
Neil R. Johnson, Norman
(Florence Wagner Johnson, '16)
Robert Keenan, Gladewater, Texas
Grace Williams McInnis, Atherton, California
Lewis R. Morris (deceased)
(Isabel Duffy Morris, '24, Oklahoma City)
Seward R. Sheldon, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio
(Zue Mac Bronaugh Sheldon, '16)
Charles B. Steele, Okmulgee
(Alice Penn Steele, '12)
Roy St. Lewis, Washington, D. C.
Don E. Walker, Tulsa
Homa Wood, Colorado Springs, Colorado

1916

Clark M. Cunningham, Oklahoma City
(Chloris Dale Cunningham, '30)
John Jacobs, Norman
Claude L. Johnson, Kansas City, Missouri
J. C. Karcher, Dallas, Texas
Robert S. Kerr, Washington, D. C.
L. W. Kibled, Memphis, Tennessee
(Lois Harris Kibler, '16)
L. W. Kitchens, Norman
(Maude M. Kitchens, '23)

Dave M. Logan, Okmulgee
T. H. McCasland, Duncan
Finley McLaury, Snyder
(Neola Jarrett McLaury, '18)
Crofford W. Norman, Big Spring, Texas
Harry S. Odermann, Detroit, Michigan
Paul W. Reed, Oklahoma City
Helen DeBarr Runge, San Luis Obispo, California
Fred L. Tibbitts, Los Angeles, California
(Ruth B. Tibbitts, '24)
Chester H. Westfall, Tulsa
Lee Roy Wilhite, Perkins
E. V. Woolsey, Luling, Texas

1917

L. E. Beattie, Ardmore
E. F. Boylan, Venezuela, S. A.
(Marie Campbell Boylan, '28)
Norman Brillhart, Madill
(Mildred Colby Brillhart, '22)
Albert S. Clinkscales, Oklahoma City
Floy Elliott Cobb, Tulsa
C. A. Cooley, address unknown
Eugenia K. Kaufman, Norman
Josh Lee, Washington, D. C.
(Louise Gerlach Lee, '25)
Clifford K. Logan (deceased)
D. D. Mosher, Seminole
Marion J. Northcutt, Oklahoma City
(Ella Jones Northcutt, '15)
Wesley I. Nunn, Chicago, Illinois
Frank R. Pauly, Tulsa
Irvin G. Richardson, Oklahoma City
Fletcher S. Riley, Oklahoma City
(Carolyn Guthrie Riley, '17)
Hazel Beattie Rogers, Tulsa
J. Barney Whisenant, Fort Worth, Texas

1918

Walter L. Berry, Memphis, Tennessee
(Clover Gorton Berry, '18)
Carl L. Brundage, Oklahoma City
John F. Burton, Oklahoma City
(Naomi McCasland Burton, '19)
Elise Potterf Chapman, Ardmore
Grady D. Harris, Alex
Robena Dillinger Harris, '20)
Roy E. Heffner, (deceased)
Loyal B. Holland, Norman
Emil R. Kraetli, Norman
C. P. McGaha, Dallas, Texas
(Clara Waltrif McGaha, '24)
R. Frank Madden, Oklahoma City
W. T. Mayfield, Norman
Edna Brockway Muldrow, Weatherford
Carrie Will Praeger, Washington, D.C.
Hedwig Schaeffer, Norman
Ned Shepler, Lawton
Charles C. Victory, Tulsa
W. S. Warner, Muskogee

1919

Lauretta Mae Beaubien (deceased)
Richard H. Cloyd, Oklahoma City
(Agnes Chase Cloyd, '14)
Garner Collums, Norman
Fayette Copeland, Norman