



In the picture at the left, two members of the Okfuskee County Alumni Club are pictured at the club's recent meeting. They are Bill Jones, '49Law, and Boyd Bibb, '39-'41, club's vice president. At the right Wagoner County alumni members divide their attention. They are Jack F. Grimm, '50bs, Mrs. Jackie Crane Grimm, '46, W. W. Van Noy, '13, and Mrs. Mary Fowler Van Noy, '21ba.

### The Association

# For 1950, a Bumper Club Crop

When Alumni leaders took inventory in July, they decided that the best way to take the University to the alumni was to organize an alumni club program to the fullest extent. Alumni clubs, they reasoned, would make it easier to visit with the alumni and easier for alumni to hear and meet

the University headliners that could be made available through an organized program.

It was not a new idea. In January of 1950, 28 active clubs were meeting across the United States. These 28 were showing the results that might be expected from more

club activity. So alumni representatives began to set up meetings anywhere former students were interested and from the results of the first month of the program, it became evident that alumni were interested.

Going into 1951, 47 clubs were on the active list. Of this number 22 were instate

At the Pontotoc County meeting in early November three doctors and one teacher had their picture snapped. Left to right they are Dr. Ollie McBride, '37med, Dr. C. F. Needham, '22bs, '24med, Dr. C. P. Taylor, '47med, and E. A. Stewart, '50m.ed.



Sherman-Denison, Texas, officers include Mrs. O'Wanah Pickens Shelton, '44-'47, Flo Hughes, '35ed, Bill Morgan, '27ba, Delmar Sroufe, '42eng, '47m.eng.





Judge Earl Foster, '12ba, '13Law, holds the floor while the banquet hall is being cleared for dancing at the Oklahoma County Club meeting. Also pictured are Mrs. Ralph Boggess, Mrs. T. Murray Robinson, L. E. Sizemore, '41eng, '49Law, and wife.



After the Oklahoma County dinner, Justice Harry Halley, '15ba, '17Law, Joe Curtis, '20ba, '22Law, offer congratulations to club prexy Richard Virtue, '44ba.

clubs and 25 were out-of-state. In the in-state category, the greatest success had been achieved. At New Year's 1950, there were only 6 instate clubs. Out-of-state clubs have increased their number by 3 during the year.

The greatest source of pride and comfort for President D. H. Grisso, '30geol, Norman, and executive secretary Boyd Gunning, '37ba, '37Law, must have been the way alumni in areas not yet organized clamored for a representative to meet with them and help them charter a club. The program is still in its infancy. More than 50 counties instate do not have clubs and many cities throughout the U. S. are still on the to-be-chartered list.

During the period from November 10 to December 1, four clubs applied for charters and three others held regular meetings. Chronologically:

**North Plains of Texas alumni clubbers**



Looking at their club charters are Louis K. Sharpe, '42bus, chief of the McIntosh club, and Herschel E. Smith, '50m.ed, president of the Haskell County alumni.

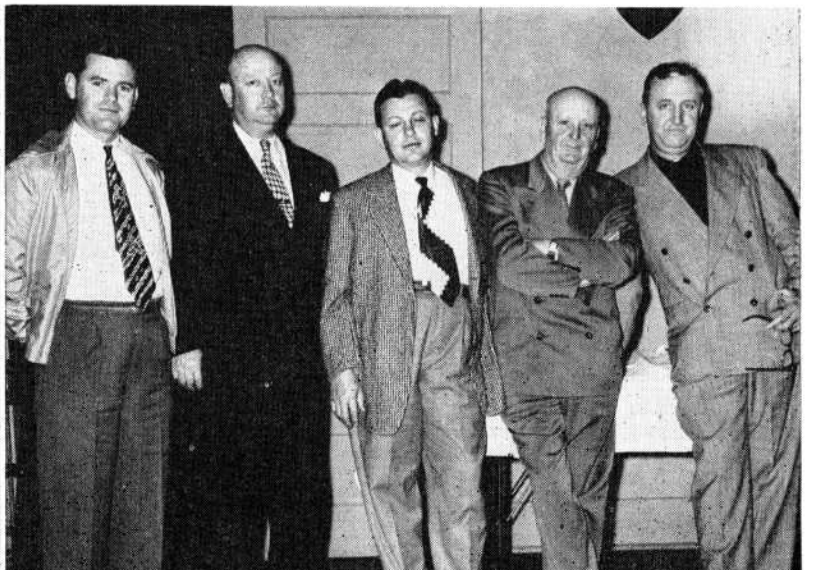
met November 10 in the Bunavista grade school auditorium. New officers were elected. Sam Naifeh, '38eng, '49m.eng, was chosen president; Donald Means, '48mus, '49m.mus, vice president, and James Koger, '49bs, secretary-treasurer.

Alumni representative George Cummings, '49bus, attended the meeting and unwound the Sugar Bowl film.

**Topeka, Kansas**, alumni club met November 10 on the eve of the K.U.-O.U. football game at nearby Lawrence in the Jayhawk Hotel, Topeka. Boyd Gunning led the delegation from O.U. attending the meeting and the game. As a warmup for the next day's activities, the Texas-O.U. film was shown.

After the dinner and film, officers were elected for the year. Bill Simpson, '36eng, Lawrence, was named president; L. John Rives, '49eng, was selected vice president from Lawrence. Ed Goldsmith, '49bus, was

Sapulpa alumni members turned out en masse for their November organizational meeting. At left are pictured two doctors from Sapulpa—Dr. Sam Badeen, '42ba, and Dr. T. J. Toma, '39bs. In photo at right are Winfield S. Hall, Herb Johnson, '30bus, Streeter Speakman, Jr., '40Law, Curt D. Edgerton, '16Law, and Marcus Horn. The club presented an application for charter.



named vice president from Topeka, Martha Harvey, '36mus, was named secretary-treasurer.

**Sherman-Denison** area alumni met November 15 in the Hotel Grayson, Sherman, Texas, to make application for a charter and to organize their club.

Cummings attended with the much traveled O.U.-Texas film. Officers for the infant club were named. W. R. Morgan, '27ba, Sherman, president; Delmar Sroufe, '42eng, '47m.eng, vice president from Sherman; Flo Marie Hughes, '35ed, vice president from Denison, and Mrs. O'Wanah Pickins Shelton, '44-'47, secretary-treasurer, were those selected.

**Haskell-McIntosh** alumni clubs met in a joint meeting at the New Sigmon Hotel in Stigler November 16. The purpose of the joint meeting was to better acquaint the clubs of the two counties with their neighboring alumni. Also, charters for the two clubs were presented at the meeting. Receiving the charter for the McIntosh group was club president Louis K. Sharpe, '42bus. Herschel E. Smith, '50m.ed, president, accepted the charter for the Haskell club.

**Oklahoma County** clubbers unrolled the red plush carpet for their pre-game dinner-dance November 17 before the Missouri game. More than 500 alumni gathered at the Biltmore to hear such top talent as Bud Wilkinson and Missouri Coach Don Farout. A radio broadcast emanating from the meeting room brought the opposing coaches to the party. Mike Monroney, '24ba, and



Mike Monroney, '24ba, holds the spotlight as Boyd Gunning, '37ba, '37Law, lights a cigar at the Oklahoma County dinner-dance before the Missouri game.



Recently elected officers of the Pontotoc County Alumni Club hold the club charter. From left to right they are Harry E. Morris, Jr., '37ba, secretary-treasurer; Miss Sarah Boswell, '31ba, vice president, and Dr. Orange M. Welborn, '46med, president.

Boyd Gunning, served as co-masters-of-ceremonies. The meeting was arranged by club president Dick Virtue, '44ba, and officers and alumni in the club area.

**Okfuskee County** alumni met November 20 in Okemah to organize a club and make application for charter. George Cummings showed the Sugar Bowl film in the Okemah highschool auditorium.

Officers were elected during a short business meeting. Darrell Robison, '50pharm, was elected president; Boyd Bibb, '39-'44, was named vice president, and Mrs. Margaret Tolle, '40h.ec, was chosen secretary-treasurer.

**Wagoner County** alumni met November 29 to organize a club and to elect officers. The Texas film was unreel. Frank Spence, '41journ, Harry Fender, '47bs, '48 Law, and Fred H. Boatright, '29bus, were chosen president, vice president and secretary-treasurer, respectively.

**Sapulpa** alumni gathered November 28th for an organizational meeting at the Y.W.C.A. banquet room in Sapulpa.

Cummings attended the meeting and accepted the club's application for charter. Clyde Patrick, '38ba, '39Law, was elected president; Peggy Bartlett Sherwood, '44, was named vice president, and Sam T. Allen, III, '50ba, '50Law, was chosen secretary-treasurer.

During the middle of December alumni club activity began to settle down for the Christmas holidays. The work would begin again as soon as 1951 blew in.

## An Innovation

The University of Oklahoma Alumni Association introduced a new idea calculated to keep alumni more abreast of the latest alumni news when school began in September.

Called "Sooners in Action," the Association is presenting a 15-minute roundup of each week's news over radio station WNAD. Each week at 4:30 p.m. the spotlight is turned on the graduates and former students. Throughout much of the fall the emphasis has been on reporting the club meetings that have been conducted across the U. S.

In addition to clubs, the program has concerned itself with general alumni news, interviews with visiting alumni and the *Sooner Magazine*.

Boyd Gunning, '37ba, '37Law, alumni secretary, and his two assistants George Cummings, '49bus, and Guy Brown, '42ba, '48ma, have been in charge of the programs.

In addition to the spot news coverage and feature items picked up along the trail of alumni, the Alumni Association has sponsored throughout the fall the football broadcasts emanating from WNAD. The Association is continuing this service with broadcasts of basketball games. Alumni are invited to listen and to submit any suggestions they may have for the program.