

An Impressive Record

The 1950-51 president could report a sizeable increase in clubs and club activities

When the out-going president of the Alumni Association, D. H. Grisso, '30geol, Norman, started his report to the Executive Board at their June 4 meeting, it was apparent he had much to say. And high on the list of accomplishments of his year in office was the results of the program to emphasize the organization of Alumni Clubs—both on a state and national level.

Borrowed from his report, the figures are impressive. Grisso could tell board members that 68 clubs were now organized throughout the U. S. Twenty more areas had applications on file for club status. Nineteen clubs had been chartered within the state during the year and two in neighboring areas. A record 107 club meetings had been held and interest in the club program was at an all time peak. The statistics indicate a year of activity and to a fair degree the progress and success of the club program.

The type of meetings and individual club projects was beginning to become more diversified. A strong feeling was prevalent that the clubs should be something more than mere social groups. As most clubs took a breather for the summer, late spring meetings were still being reported to the magazine office.

Atoka County alumni met in the Atoka gradeschool cafeteria April 26 for a dinner



Washita County alumnus Jess Wesner, '27Law, Cordell, (with apron) provided the food after an O.U. troupe had entertained the Washita County alumni. Seen eating are George Cummings, '49bus, Don Cohimia, Barbara Johnson, Wesner, Mrs. Wesner, Dennis Brown, George Ann Hicks, Charles Wesner and Ronald Wesner.

meeting with Dr. George L. Cross as the principal speaker. The Atoka club, the only county club to ever reach 100 percent membership status, also heard Boyd Gunning, '37ba, '37Law, executive secretary of the Alumni Association, and saw the O.U. Personalities film.

Washita County alumni club met the same night as Atoka County to receive their club charter. The meeting was held in Cordell. Guy Brown, '42ba, '48ma, alumni field representative, discussed the club program and presented several O.U. students who entertained the group. The O.U.-Texas film was shown also. Lockwood Jones, '30, served as chairman of the planning committee. Following the organizational meeting the public was invited to see the football flicker.

Washington D. C. club member Don Eaton, '47-'49, supplied the following:

"Meeting in the Cloud Room of the Washington National Airport April 28 for their annual spring banquet, 96 O.U.



Gordon Stephens, '39m.ed, Tommy Jones, '26, and T. Howard McCasland, '16ba, all of Duncan, check the alumni club charter presented the Stephens County Club.

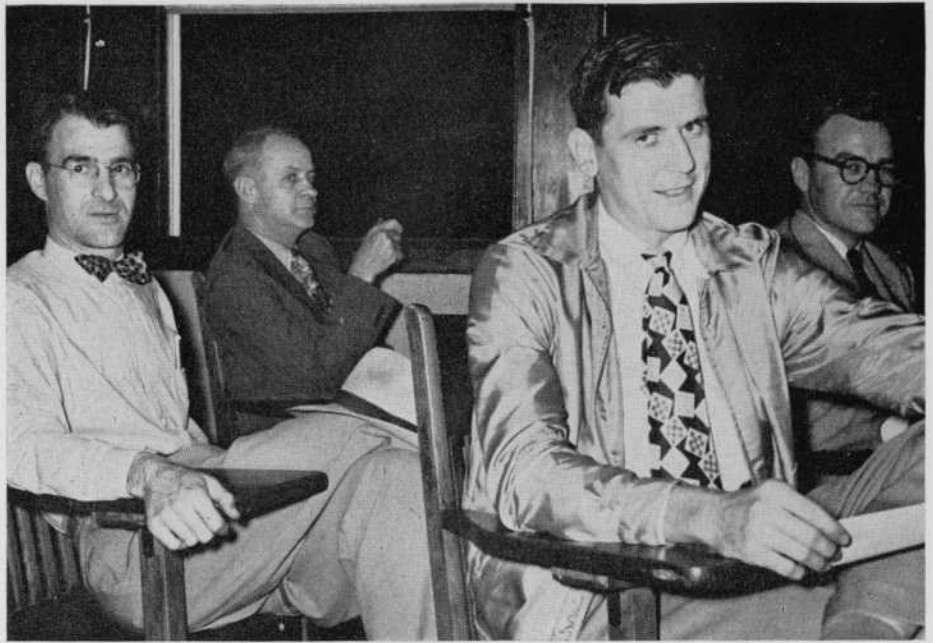
alumni chose officers for the coming year and heard Oklahoma's Junior Senator, A. S. "Mike" Monroney, '24ba, give the principal program address. Site for the dinner was arranged by FCC Commissioner Paul A. Walker, '12Law and Col. B. H. 'Benny' Grinnin, manager but better known as the 'mayor' of the national airport.

"Senator Monroney spoke on the current international situation and the return of General MacArthur.

"O.U. Vice President Verne Schnee, now on leave of absence with the National Academy of Science in Washington, reported on present progress and problems of the University, and conveyed the greetings of President Cross to the dinner group.

"At the speaker's table were Congressman Carl Albert, '31ba, and Mrs. Albert; CAB member and former U. S. Senator, Josh Lee, '17ba, and Mrs. Lee (Louise Gerlach, '23.) Commissioner and Mrs. Walker (Myra Williams, '12), Dr. and Mrs. Schnee, Senator and Mrs. Monroney, and retiring club president Charles L. Brodersen, '29ba, '31Law, and Mrs. Brodersen.

"New officers elected for 1951-52 include Mrs. Elizabeth Parker Bascom, '22-'24, Norman, secretary to the deputy commandant of the National War College, who was chosen president. Vice president is Russell Chapin, '48Law, formerly of Perry, a trial attorney for the Justice Department. Miss Mary W. Wingate, '48ba, a member of Congressman Tom Steed's staff at the capitol, is new secretary. She is formerly of Wewoka. Lt. Col. William R. 'Bob' Clark,



Osage County alumni held two reorganizational meetings in Pawhuska. Jesse J. Worten, Jr., '47Law, G. B. Hatchett, '47m.ed, Ralph S. Tolson, Jr., '50eng, and H. Clay Hudson, '26, all from Pawhuska, were among those attending the meetings.

'35ba, Norman, a member of the Advanced Study Committee of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, is treasurer. New assistant secretary is Barbara Dodd, '49ba, of Enid, a member of Congressman Page Belcher's staff.

"Executive Board Members elected for 1951-52 are Commissioner Walker, Lt. Col. Merton E. Munson, '29ba, '31Law, Brodersen, Mrs. Mary Ryle Gittinger, '39ba, Mrs. Ruth Ireland Knee, '41ba, Clee Fitzgerald, '49ba, '51Law, Comdr. Albert L.

O'Bannon, '34ba, '36Law, and W. R. 'Bill' High, '31ba.

"Committee chairmen appointed by the new club president are: Paul W. Bigbee, '39-'40, entertainment; Fitzgerald, membership; Eaton, public relations, and Mrs. Zoe Hyde, calling."

Stephens County alumni met April 30 in Duncan. The cub charter was presented by Boyd Gunning and was accepted by club president Gordon Stephens, '39m.ed. Pete



Wichita Falls, Texas, alumni had an excellent turnout for their May Banquet. The club received its charter at the meeting. Club officers and guests snapped are Ann Riner, Joe Jones, '49geol, Mrs. Betty Cook Burckhalter, '45fa, Hoyt Burckhalter, '49geol, president, A. L. McAlister, '38eng, vice president, Francis Harris, '50journ, secretary-treasurer, Jim Weatherall, Dee Andros, '50ed, Bert Clark and Mrs. Clark. Andros spoke to the group about Sooner football prospects for the coming season.



Okmulgee County alumni picked new officers recently. Pictured are George R. English, '38Law, past president; M. S. Douglas, Jr., '38ba, '38Law, president; Joyce Mann, '49ba, secretary-treasurer, and J. D. Gibbs, '21Law, vice president.

Elliott, assistant football coach, narrated the O.U.-Kentucky film.

Wichita Falls, Texas, alumni club was presented with a club charter at a banquet in the Forum May 2. At a short business meeting, the members discussed club dues and suggested projects for the club. Dee Andros, '50ed, assistant football coach, narrated the O.U.-Texas film and talked about football prospects for 1951. George Cummings, '49bus, assistant alumni secretary, spoke briefly on the growth and development of the University.

Osage County alumni club was reorganized at a May 3 meeting in the Duncan Hotel in Pawhuska. John R. Pearson, '29ba, '29Law, was in charge of the meetings. The O.U. Kentucky film was shown. On May 14 the group re-assembled at Pawhuska highschool to see the Sugar Bowl film and to hear O. D. Roberts, counsellor of men at the University. A short business meeting was held also. Club officers elected were Pearson, Pawhuska, president; J. L. Martin, Jr., '46-'47, Barnsdall, vice president, and Jeanne Mullman Loy, '41Lib.sc, Pawhuska, secretary-treasurer.

Cherokee County alumni met May 7 in Tahlequah for a dinner meeting at the Williams Cafe to receive their charter and to view the O.U. Personalities film strip. Boyd Gunning was present to present the charter to club president O.W. Jones, '39 m.ed.

Pittsburg County club met with the Mc-Alester Rotary Club May 8 to honor Jay Puterbaugh, recipient of a Distinguished Service Citation at the annual Achievement

Day in April. Lloyd Puckett, '37bus, Rotary president and secretary of the county alumni club, and Dr. C. E. Lively, '30 pharm, '30bs, '34bs in med, '34med, alumni club president, arranged the meeting. President Cross explained the citations to the group. Kenneth Harris, '39ba, '49Law, senior public relations assistant, and Gunning also represented the University.

Okmulgee County held a dinner meeting at the Adams Hotel May 15 in Okmulgee. Dr. Glenn C. Couch, '31bs, '37ms, dean of the University College, was the principal speaker and the O. U. Personalities film was shown. As an outcome of the meeting the following editorial appeared in the

Henryetta Daily Free-Lance. It was written by Editor J. Leland Gourley, '40.

"Last week when the Okmulgee County Chapter of the University of Oklahoma Alumni Association met, the accent was on providing scholarships for deserving and able highschool graduates who want to go to college.

"As Dr. Glenn Couch . . . pointed out to the group assembled there, one of the most tragic things he knows of it a highschool graduate who has the ability to meet college requirements and who has the desire and ambition, but who does not have the economic means.

"There are a lot of young people who fall in this category. This should not be . . . At that young age, before they have really embarked upon life's career, the kids are not responsible if they do not have the opportunity. . . .

"So, it becomes the responsibility of adults who can afford to help just a little, especially college-trained adults, to help see that qualified and deserving students get to attend college. . . .

"One plan now under discussion by Henryetta members of the O.U. Alumni Association calls for setting up two annual scholarships to help deserving students. . . .

"There are few nobler things than helping young people get an education. We hope the O.U. Alumni scholarship fund program goes over. . . ."

Washington County alumni met in the YWCA in Bartlesville June 5 to see the Personalities film and the Sugar Bowl game. An added attraction was the appearance of All-American Frankie Anderson. Gunning and Brown were present to meet with Mark Meister, '38ba, '38Law, club president, and members of the group.



Among those present at the Washington County meeting in Bartlesville were Mark Meister, '38ba, '38Law, Mrs. June Milburn Floren, '42, Mrs. Rayburn Foster, and Sig Floren, '41ba, '47Law. At right is Wesley Gamble, '49bus, '50geol. Meister is prexy.