

Five Clubs Hold Joint Meeting

Pryor was host city to a five county alumni meet last January. The five county rally included Mayes, Wagoner, Craig, Delaware and Rogers county.

Ernest R. Brown, Jr., '49Law, introduced President Cross who was principal speaker at the meeting. Other University guests in addition to President Cross were Mrs. Cross and Guy Brown, '42ba, '48ma, alumni office representative. Mrs. Dorothy Settle, '47bus, was in charge of registration.

Alumni attended from Jay, Claremore, Chelsea, Pryor, and Vinita. County chairmen present were: Tom Brittain, '48med, Craig; Frank Spence, '41ba, Wagoner; Mildred Foster, '37bs, '38ba, Rogers; Ernest Brown, Jr., Mayes, and Dr. W. T. Wright, '50med, acting chairman for Delaware county.

Tulsa Alumni club members meeting in early February, elected a new slate of officers for 1952. The officers are Hal Cumberland, '47bus, president; Benton Ferguson, '31ba, vice president, and Preston Woodruff,



After addressing the Five County Alumni Rally at Pryor last February, Dr. George L. Cross, president of the University, confers with Mrs. Virginia Haizlip Smith, '30ba, '38ms, '39soc.wk, and Mrs. Mary Fowler Van Noy, '21ba, both from the Wagoner club.

'34ba, '36Law, '37ma, secretary-treasurer.

The newly elected Board of Directors includes O. H. Hill, '33bs, W. B. Sinclair, '30; Robert J. Stanton, '35ba, '37Law; Morris Bradford, '28-'29; Jack Copass, '27bs; Ralph Bogart and Frank Smith.

Appearing on the evening's program were Herb Branan, '32ba, '38Law, president of the Alumni Association, Harry Kornbaum, '33, Rainbow Travel Service, Boyd Gunning, '37ba, '37Law, alumni

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Chatting with Mrs. George Cross at the Five County Alumni Rally held in Pryor is Richard L. Wheatley, '22Law, Vinita.



Roy Z. Johnson, '29ba, president, James E. Jarvis, '27-'33, vice president, T. E. Weirick, '22geol, secretary-treasurer, are new officers of the Washington County Alumni club.



Sooner Scene . . .

from Chicago this morning, where in a meeting with Richard Mason, '29eng, '31ba, '32pro.eng, President of the Chicago Alumni Club, and other officers and leaders of that group, plans were completed for what may be the biggest Alumni meeting ever held outside of the state of Oklahoma. This will be the OKLAHOMA JAMBOREE sponsored by the Alumni Association and the Chicago Alumni Club. The place is the Grand Ballroom, Sheraton Hotel, on Saturday night, November 8, 1952. The price of tickets is \$4.00 each. There will be a full evening of entertainment consisting of the finest professional talent in the Chicago area, and including a "big name" orchestra. The Chicago Committee on Arrangements includes Robert Yoder, '44ba, Chairman, Wesley Nunn, '17, Homer R. Heck, '35, Jack Marks, Willis Martin, '46ba, Christine Squire, '33ba, '40ma and Richard Mason. Alumni headquarters for the weekend will be the Sherman Hotel. There is a limit of 1,500 tickets available for the OKLAHOMA JAMBOREE and all "traveling Sooner fans" are urged to order their tickets to this party as soon as possible from the Alumni Office in Norman.

Alumni activities during the past month have been crowded, interesting, and constructive. The Executive Board held one of the longest Alumni Board meetings on record, January 17, at the Biltmore Hotel, Oklahoma City. The meeting lasted from 3:00 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. Under the able leadership of President Herbert Branan fourteen items were covered on the agenda. Two "experts," Alumni who are members of the official University family, contributed a great deal to the discussion; Roscoe Cate, '26ba, Financial Vice President of the University of Oklahoma and Glenn Couch, '31bs, '37ms, Dean of the University College. The results of this meeting will be important in guiding the policy of your Association in the coming months.

The Executive Board adopted as a major objective for the coming year a program of scholarships for freshmen students. This will consist of at least one scholarship from each organized Alumni Club to be awarded by that club locally to the student they select in their own highschool as the most outstanding and most deserving graduate of the class of 1952. We have been notified by several clubs that a number of these scholarships are already available and in many cases the clubs members have not been satisfied to stop with one scholarship, but

rather, have set up several. It is recommended that scholarships so awarded be fixed at from \$100.00 to \$300.00. Individual contributions to this scholarship program have been most generous.

Members of the University Chapter of the American Association of University Professors spent an interesting evening on Monday, January 28, 1952, when three alumni were invited to present their frank opinions of the University program. The meeting was organized by A.A.U.P. campus officers, Professors Howard Larsh, President, and Paul Duncan, Program Chairman.

Alumni appearing on the program were: Herbert L. Branan, who discussed the topic "The Responsibility of the University to the State"; E. T. Harrison, '24, Oklahoma City, who was assigned the subject "An Evaluation of O.U. Graduates coming to our Company." Mr. Harrison is Personnel Director for the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company; and Leland Gourley, '40, publisher and Editor of the *Henryetta Daily Free-Lance*, who discussed University Public Relations. As Guy Brown, '42ba, '48ma, said after the meeting "The speakers were sympathetic, critical and informative; the professors were receptive; and everybody had a profitable and enjoyable evening."

There is at least one point on which Alumni everywhere are in unanimous agreement. That is we have the finest College President in America. President G. L. Cross has provided a sound and imaginative leadership in a period when colleges and universities are confronted daily with difficult and changing problems.

Following the February meeting of the Board of Regents, President Cross announced a new scholarship program which will have a tremendous influence upon the most worthy high school graduates of the state. This consists of a University scholarship for the valedictorian of each accredited high school in Oklahoma. These scholarships will provide for the payment of University fees for the first semester, in the amount of \$48.00, and will be renewed for the second semester of the school year provided the student maintains an academic standing during the first semester to meet the requirements of other scholarships granted by the University.

The Regents' action also provides that if a valedictorian of a high school is unable to take advantage of the scholarship, the salutatorian may be given the award. The scholarships are for the freshman year only.

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executive secretary, and Coach Gomer Jones, representing the University Athletic Department.

Ralph Bogart, '36Law, the out-going president, gave a review of the year's activities and the new president, Al Cumberland, outlined several projects for 1952.

Washington County club met January 9 in Bartlesville YMCA to elect their 1952 officers.

Those elected were: Roy Z. Johnson, '29ba, president; James E. Jarvis, '27-'33, vice president and T. E. Weirich, '22bs, secretary-treasurer. Retiring officers were Mark G. Meister, '35ba, '35Law, president and Gene Weirich, '22bs, vice president.

The club decided to assess each family member \$1 per year.

The group discussed the manner of future meetings, possible appearances of University speakers, films, number of meetings, obtaining an up to date list of Bartlesville alumni and a general promotion program of O. U. in Bartlesville.

There's a new club on the Sooner scene.

A group of alumni from Springfield, Mo., and vicinity have been meeting regularly and at present are awaiting their charter which will be presented in the near future.

Officers elected to head the new club are Mrs. Roxey Fitch Tallant, '31bs, president; Dr. W. O. Cralle, '15ba, '22ma, vice president and Mrs. John Ramirez, '46m.ed, secretary-treasurer.

Wagoner County club met in the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Penn February 14. Filling the entertainment bill on St. Valentine's day was the showing of the O.U.-Colorado game. The club is supporting a scholarship program and has pledged \$53 to date.

The club plans to sponsor a recital for their March meeting.

During February the Alumni Office was visited by Jim Langham, '35bs, representing the Dallas Alumni club. He told of the plans being made by the Dallas Alumni for a big dinner-dance in the Crystal Ball Room of the Baker Hotel the night before the Texas game (Friday, October 20, 1952). Fans who attended the dinner-dance sponsored by the Dallas club last year will be anticipating another enjoyable occasion.

Oklahoma City Alumni club holds a luncheon on the 2nd Monday of each month at the Oklahoma Club. Any alumni who are visiting in Oklahoma City on a luncheon date is invited to attend and meet with the Oklahoma City group.