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The Cover

It's Dad's day off and the crappie are biting. "Grab a cane pole, grub some worms—we'll get the crawdads when we get there—Dad is going to take us fishing." The fishing trio headed towards Spring River in the northeastern edge of the state introduce another Sooner Special, "Spring Spectacle." See Page 10.

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On The Sooner Scene

The Alumni Executive Secretary reports on the Association's program of district alumni club meetings and on the in-state activities of the alumni club program.

By Boyd Gunning, '37ba; '37Law

Sooner alumni have held district meetings this spring in nearly every section of Oklahoma. The meetings have been attended by hundreds of loyal Sooners, and the one feature that is characteristic of them all is the enthusiasm with which alumni have discussed the future of the University.

The first district meeting was held in Muskogee, April 15, 1952, at the Severs Hotel. President Pete Smith, '34-'39, of Muskogee, was responsible for the arrangements and had able assistance from a number of loyal boosters in that part of the state, including Bill Hays, '39-'42, Muskogee; Janet T. Bower, '34Lib.sci, Muskogee;

Kirk Woodliff, '36ba, '37Law, Henryetta; James Frazier, '24ba, '32m.ed, Okmulgee; Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Washington, Tahlequah; Frank Spence, '41journ, Wagoner, and many others. The program for District 2 was informative and covered a wide variety of topics.

Two men attended most of the alumni meetings held in April and deserve our sincere thanks and appreciation for taking the time to discuss alumni and University problems at these important meetings. They are President G. L. Cross and Herbert L. Branan, '32ba, '38Law, president of the Alumni Association. Through the efforts of Herbert Branan the scope of the alumni

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1951-52 Representatives on the O.U. Athletic Council: Mart Brown, Oklahoma City; Frank Crider, Ada, and Bill Martin, Bartlesville.

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President G. L. Cross, Bill Hutchinson, '50, Alumni President Herbert L. Branan, '32ba, '38Law, Mrs. Shirley Baldwin McGugan, '49ba, Harry H. Diamond, '12Law, and Dudley Culp, '34Law, attended the Wewoka meeting. Culp organized get together.

program has been broadened and many new active members are taking part in alumni affairs. Although President Cross has very few hours which he can really call his own, he is never too busy to meet with alumni and to answer any and all questions about the University program.

Earl Wells, Henryetta, made a few remarks about college athletics at the Muskogee meeting which resulted in emphatic answers that the University athletic program is sound and does not call for "de-emphasizing."

From Stigler came Rex Pettyjohn, Hershel Smith, '50m.ed, and Dr. Gerald Bell, '39-'41. K. L. Myers, Jr., attended from Checotah and Ken Lackey, '51Law, from Eufaula. A number of people were there from Muskogee, including Harry D. Simmons, '24ba, and Mrs. Louise Orton Simmons, '25ba, W. M. Dodson, '29ba, '34 Law, R. H. Davis, '23ba, Dr. Ford Bishop, '34med, and Miss Parthenia Gregory, '16ba, well known highschool teacher who has had such a tremendous influence upon the students of Muskogee highschool for the past generation.

The district meeting held at Wewoka on April 22, 1952, was an enthusiastic gathering of former Sooners throughout the 3rd District. Dudley Culp, '34Law, member of the Executive Board of the Association, was in charge and did a wonderful job organizing the program and getting a large turn-out in spite of rainy weather.

A new club was organized at Wewoka. It is known as the HUGHES-SEMINOLE Counties Club. Officers elected at the meeting were Boyd 'All American' McGugan, '50geol, president. McGugan is football coach at Holdenville. Vice president and chairman of Hughes County is Harry H. Diamond, '12Law, Holdenville. Harry has held many alumni offices and is now chairman of the Alumni Development Fund. Vice president and chairman of Seminole County is Bill Hutchison, '50, Wewoka. In order to assure a good job from the new president, Mrs. Shirley Baldwin McGugan, '49ba, was elected as secretary-treasurer.

There were many old timers in alumni work present at the meeting, including Hicks Epton, '32Law, Wewoka; Fisher Muldrow, '22, Seminole; Rudolph Hill, '26ba, Wewoka; Judge Bob Howell, '26ba, '28 Law, Holdenville; Olan Evans, '23, Wewoka; Lawrence H. Pechacek, '25, Prague; Bat Shunatona, '27Law, Wewoka; Calvin T. Smith, '40m.ed, Wewoka, and Milt Phillips, '22, Seminole. Many of these Sooners had the good judgment to bring their wives.

It was impossible to get everyone's name. However, I remember seeing Mrs. Flossie Beckett, '51m.ed, Wewoka; Robert C. Best, '50bs, Wewoka; David M. Cook, '40ba, '42



Gene Corrotto, '39ba, '51m.ed, and Homer Simmons, '43ed, '50m.ed, head and assistant football coach at Seminole, were interrupted talking with varsity fullback Buck McPhail. McPhail was a member of the football contingent attending Wewoka meet.



Mrs. Elizabeth Trumbo Branan, '29ba, Alumni President Herbert L. Branan, '32ba, '38Law, Catherine Carter, '40ed, Executive Board Member Ed Fleming, '14, and Mrs. Laura Coughran Shores, '29bs, attended the Enid Garfield County meeting.

Alumni and football players attending the Garfield County meet included (standing) Steve Champlin, Eugene Champlin, '30Law, Billy Vessels, Jennings Nelson, Dr. Byron Cordonnier, '30bs, '32med, E. G. Wilmoth, '17, J. G. Crowley, '23ba, '26Law, (seated) Ed Fleming, '14, Mrs. Eugene Champlin, Mrs. Ed Fleming, and Mrs. Theresa Flanagan Crowley, '33bs. The alumni club organized and made application for a charter.



Law, Wewoka; Gene Corrotto, '39bs, '51 m.ed, and Homer Simmons, '43ed, '50m.ed, football coaches and former O.U. greats from Seminole; Joe N. Croom, Jr., '48ba, Wewoka; J. F. Dingee, '49eng, Wewoka; Ed Dycus, '50journ, Wewoka; Ben Floyd, '39bs, '40ma, Wewoka; Mort Glassner, '50 journ, Seminole; R. B. Hammond, '51bs, Wewoka; Bud McCollum, highschool football coach at Wewoka; Orville A Muir, '33bs, Wewoka, and Pat Murphy, '49bs, Seminole.

The organizational meeting of the Garfield County Club at Enid was held April 24, 1952, with new officers elected as follows: Ed Fleming, '14, president; C. E. 'Bud' Loomis, Jr., '40-'42, vice president, and Mrs. Theresa Flanagan Crowley, '33bs, '33m.ed, secretary-treasurer.

Presenting the program were Alumni President Branan, Mrs. Elizabeth Trumbo Branan, '29ba, Guy Brown, '42ba, '48ma, assistant alumni executive secretary, and O.U. footballers Billy Vessels, Steve Champ- lin and Jennings Nelson. Some of the lead- ers in organizing the Enid club were W. T. Buchanan, '33ba, and Mrs. Buchanan, Rich- ard D. Bell, '50bs, Dr. Byron Cordonnier, '30bs, '32med, and Mrs. Lavelle Harrell Cordonnier, '29, Catherine M. Carter, '40 bs, Ray Carroll, '37bs, Jere Crowley, '23ba, '26Law, Kelley DeBusk, '23-'30, former fish and game commissioner; Robert S. Frantz, '42bs, W. J. Hariss, '28, Park Lam- erton, '34ba, '34Law, Mrs. Madge Crow Loomis, '42soc.wk, Douglas McKeever, '40 ba, '42Law, Eldon Marshall, '40bs, J. Law- rence Muir, '30bs, '33ms, Lowell T. Saw-

yer, '49bs, '50Law, Howard Schuhmacher, '37bs, Laura Shores, '29bs, Clark Terrill, '50bs, Marilyn Waller, '50ba, L. V. Walters, '25bs, Mike Webber, '42ba, and Mrs. Lor- ing Loomis Webber, '41ba, E. G. Wil- moth, '17, and Carl L. Wright, Jr., '49ba, '51ma, and Mrs. Wright.

On April 29, a District 4 meeting was held at McAlester with Lloyd Puckett, '37 bs, and Mrs. DeAnn Brown Puckett, '37ba, as chief organizers. Serving on the com- mittee with Mr. and Mrs. Puckett were Don Kerr, '34-'37, Howard Cowan, '31-'32, and Dr. C. E. Lively, '30ba, '30bs in med, '34med.

General Jerome Waters, warden at the state penitentiary and long time member of the University ROTC staff, and Mrs. Wa- ters were guests at the meeting. Several towns were represented. Wilburton was represented by G. C. Arnold, '47m.ed, Clint Braden, '32Law, J. Stanley Callahan, '22bs, '24med, George Giacomo, '36, Sam Gold- berg, '21, and Mrs. Sylvia Joseph Goldberg, '30bs, and I. C. Gunning, '35m.ed, and Mrs. Thelma Mitchell Gunning, '48bs. From Poteau were Charlie Ward, '48journ, and Mrs. Ward, Paul Fincher and Mrs. Ella Sigmon Fincher, '29bs. Gwen Bynum Ford, '50fa, was there from Indianola and from Hartshorne came Dr. W. P. Ler- blanch, Jr., '42bs, '45med. The senior alumnus present was Roy Spears of Mc- Alester, who graduated in 1914.

On May 5 a meeting was held in Duncan at the Elks Club with approximately 200 present. Gordon Stephens, '39m.ed, presi- dent of the Stephens County Alumni Club

presided for the meeting. New officers elected were T. Howard McCasland, '16ba, president; R. L. March, '14, vice president; and Mrs. Will Hugh Willis, '33ba, '16ma, secretary-treasurer. Professor M. L. War- dell, '14ba, of the University department of history, was the speaker of the evening. Music was furnished by Roy Bogan, stu- dent of Professor Joseph H. Benton, '20ba, '21bfa, '41ma.

The final meeting of district series was held at Ardmore on May 6, 1952, at the Dornick Hills Country Club. President of the Carter County Club, Rhys Evans, '36 ba, '39Law, did an outstanding job or- ganizing this meeting for the 250 people in attendance. Seven towns were repre- sented and the meeting was followed by a dance. New officers were elected at the Carter County meeting as follows: Jack Smith, '28-'30, president, Martin Cassidy, '37-'39, vice president, and Mary Jane Noble, '46bs, secretary-treasurer.

A few of the celebrities who were pres- ent included Mr. and Mrs. Ward S. Mer- rick, chairman of the Board of Trustees of the University of Oklahoma Founda- tion, Mr. and Mrs. Quinton Little, of the University Regents, and Judges John Cald- well, '37ba, '37Law, Ben Williams, Bus Monrow, and Tom Norman.

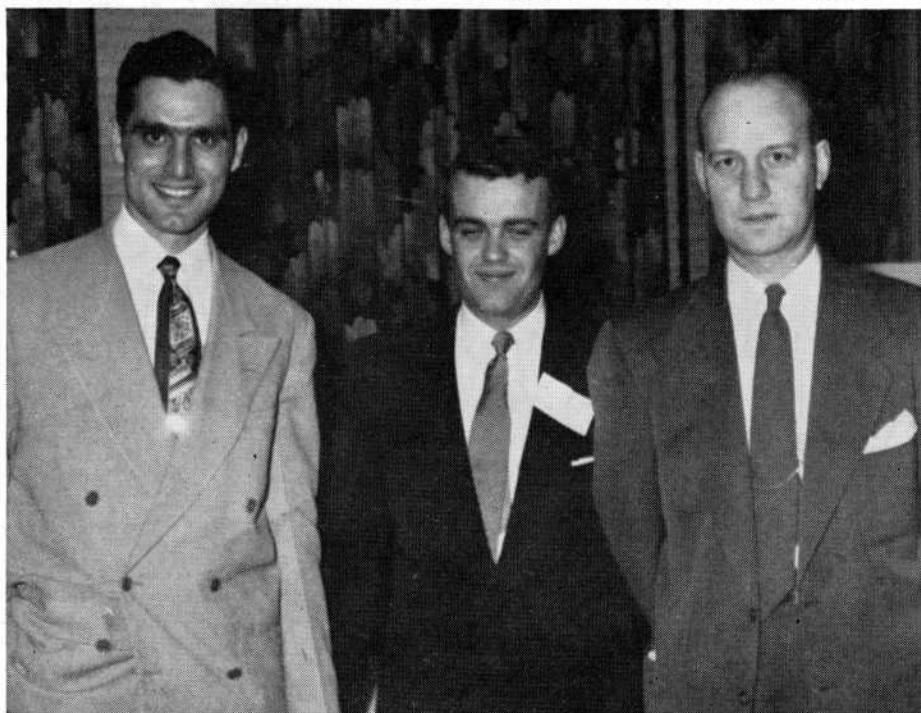
In addition to these meetings a num- ber of out-of-state meetings were held, in- cluding those at Borger, Texas, Philadel- phia, Los Angeles, Kansas City, Washing- ton, D. C., and Denver. A more complete account of some of these important meet- ings will be found below.

Out-of-State Reports

Sooners in other states get a nostalgic feeling towards spring and the general pat- tern of out-of-state club meetings consist of talks from "Bud"; questions about the old campus and people there about, and spring election of officers.

Forty members of the Kansas City chap- ter gathered in the Hotel President on March 1, to hear Bud Wilkinson speak. The occasion marked the annual meeting of the Kansas City Chapter which this year was jointly held with the local chapter of the Minnesota alumni group. (Minnesota is Bud's alma mater.) A large group of Sooners, Minnesotans, and guests, attended the luncheon, Bud spoke generally on the problems confronting college football to- day and cited recruiting and subsidization as the basic evils. He also said that the coaches must abide by the spirit rather than the letter of the rule and compared the coaches recruiting of athletes to filling

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Officers of the Kansas City club were elected at their annual meeting recently. They are George Souris '47ba, president; Gerald A. Talbert, '47ba, '50Law, secretary- treasurer, and John L. Craig, '33bus, vice president. Souris was a former editor of Sooner Magazine. The Kansas City club heard an address by Coach Bud Wilkinson.

Association . . .

out your income tax—both a matter of integrity.

Following the luncheon the Sooners held a short business meeting and elected the following officers: George A. Souris, '47ba, president; John L. Craig, '33bs, vice-president; and Gerald A. Talbert, '47ba, '50 Law, secretary-treasurer.

President Cross addressed the Denver, Colorado, Chapter of the University of Oklahoma Association, held in Denver March 14. During his speech he outlined the University's progress and activities in current years.

An election of officers was held at the meeting. Robert McWilliams, '40ba, was elected president of the Colorado group. Other officers chosen were Dr. Robert E. McCurdy, '44bs, '46med, vice president; Wilburta G. Congdon, '44bs, secretary; and Robert Seymour, '36-'41, treasurer. Retiring officers are Harry B. Kniseley, '26ba, '29ma, president; John H. Tippitt, '38ba, '40Law vice president; and Keith Bennett, '49bs, secretary-treasurer.

The Los Angeles Club held a dinner March 21. Following the meal Charles Forbes, '22ba, '25ma, conducted an informal question and answer session on the prevailing conditions in Soonerland. Thirty-three alumni attended the meeting.

Some Sooner Texans down Border way have grounds for two legitimate brags. They influenced Bud Wilkinson to visit Texas without the protection of "Bid Red" and were correct in estimating the size head it took to consistently produce winning teams. Bud was presented a "Stetson" as a token of the appreciation of his coach-

ing record by the North Plains Chapter and it was a perfect fit.

Bud addressed the group April 14 giving a short talk on his opinions of the real facts behind the present collegiate athletic demerit and athletic subsidization problems. Following his talk Bud narrated accounts of the recent O.U. Varsity-Alumni football tussel while showing the group a film of the game.

The Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Club honored Dr. John E. Fellows, dean of admissions and registrar at the University, and Mrs. Fellows at a meeting April 26. The group met at a buffet supper given by Dr. Elden Magaw, '28ba, '31Law, and Mrs. Mildred Hilloway Magaw, '35ba, in their home in Lansdowne.

The buffet featured Oklahoma dishes and was climaxed with Oklahoma pecan pie.

Following the supper Dean Fellows told the group of the new developments on the campus and described some of the work being done by other alumni clubs throughout the country.

The club has planned a family picnic on the last Sunday in June to be held in the Phoenixville home of Paul Barton, '19bs, and Mrs. Rosetta Briegel Barton, '15ba, '16ma.

Help!

The magazine needs alumni help. A news item concerning a birth, marriage or change of address tells 10,000 alumni the event in one mailing. All stories should be mailed to the Roll Call editor, *Sooner Magazine*, University of Oklahoma, Norman.

Achievement . . .

rial and business control, with the privilege of using the net earnings to purchase the stock. In appreciation of the generosity of these men, I have always felt that the paper belongs to the community. I have been able to separate myself from ownership, and to devote its columns to the interests of Oklahoma, and, more particularly, to Ardmore and Southern Oklahoma. . . .

"With great sincerity of affection and reverence for the University of Oklahoma, its president, and for the University of Oklahoma Association and its president, I shall ever be grateful for your kind consideration of me and for statewide honors you have bestowed upon me."

Dr. Cross

"The next recipient of the highest honor which the University of Oklahoma and the University Association can confer has had a most extraordinary career. He was a cowboy and rancher from 1896 until 1901. He taught in rural schools in Oklahoma from 1901 until 1905. . . . He has been with the University since 1914 with the exception of a brief period spent at Harvard working for the Ph.D. Degree which was conferred on him in 1922.

"He was always able to charm his students, and he married one of them, Rosalie Gilkey, '17ba, in 1919. . . .

"His first love has always been American history, particularly the history of Oklahoma. His scholarly works are numerous—too numerous to be mentioned at this time. But in the minds of many, his greatest talent has been his ability to make history available and meaningful to non-historians. . . .

"But far more important than his academic and professional accomplishments is the manner in which he lives. His kindly attitude toward all of his fellow men, his geniality, his ready wit, but above all his gracious willingness and ability to do practically anything for anyone at any time were doubtless uppermost in the minds of the committee which selected him for this award.

"I am very happy to present to Research Professor Edward Everett Dale, '11ba, this certificate (Distinguished Service Citation)."

Dr. Dale

". . . My philosophy of achievement can be expressed very briefly since it contains nothing new. It is simply true achievement comes only from hard work devoted primarily to unselfish service to others. Perhaps the need for unselfishness and consideration for other people is no greater today than in the past, but it seems greater in the complex society of the densely popu-



Borger, Texas, alumni heard Coach Bud Wilkinson as principal speaker at their spring meeting. Shown with Bud are Sam Naifeh, '39eng, '49eng, Larry Keaton, '45eng.