

When Gov. Johnston Murray looked around for a good man to name to the University Board of Regents to replace Dr. Oscar White, '21bs, whose term was expiring, his eye settled on W. D. "Dick" Grisso, Oklahoma City oilman.

President of the Van-Grisso Oil Company and one of its founders, Grisso looked like a good choice from every direction. A native Oklahoman, Grisso was born and raised in Seminole. He graduated from the University in 1926 with a BA degree and two years later completed his law degree. He married Mary Elizabeth Davies, a fellow graduate of the class of 1926.

Since graduation he has kept in close touch with the University and in particular with the members of his law class. Recently he prepared a booklet, "The O.U. Law Class of 1928," which presents the accomplishments of the members of the class in brief form, for distribution at the law groups 25th Anniversary reunion held in Oklahoma City June 6.



MRS. W. D. GRISSO



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Grisso's appointment for a 7-year term on the Regents by Governor Murray was announced in early Spring.

For his contributions to the University

of Oklahoma in the past and for the many additional services he will perform as a Regent, the *Sooner* salutes W. D. Grisso.

## The Sooner Salutes

### ACHIEVEMENT DAY HONOREES A NEW UNIVERSITY REGENT

Four outstanding Oklahomans were honored April 8 by the University of Oklahoma and Alumni Association for outstanding achievement at the University's sixth annual Achievement Day banquet.

The four—Dr. Isaac N. McCash, Enid, former president of Phillips University; Ward S. Merrick, Ardmore oilman; William S. Hamilton, Pawhuska, pioneer attorney, and Dr. Morris L. Wardell, David Ross Boyd professor of history at O.U.—were presented distinguished service citations, the highest awards presented by the University.

Dr. McCash, 91, served as president of Phillips from 1916 until 1938. Since that time he has been interim pastor of 16

churches in six states and has dedicated 76 churches throughout the nation. During his term as president, Phillips was accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. He is a member of the Oklahoma Hall of Fame and is a former president of the Oklahoma Education Association.

Merrick, director of the Ardmore chamber of commerce, has held various posts in the independent Petroleum Association of America. He has served as trustee on the University of Oklahoma Foundation board since 1947 and is currently chairman of the board. He has been chairman of the Southern Oklahoma Memorial foundations since its organization in 1950.

Hamilton is a former president of the Oklahoma Bar and Osage County Bar Associations and is chairman of the state general code committee. An Oklahoma resident since 1902, he has combined teaching and church activities with a career in general law practice.

Dr. Wardell received a BA degree from the University in 1919. He returned to O.U. to teach and is now a David Ross Boyd professor of History. Working chiefly in the fields of Oklahoma history and international affairs, Dr. Wardell speaks to hundreds of audiences each year and is active in state and community affairs.

To four of Oklahoma's finest citizens—the *Sooner* extends its snappiest salute.

FOUR OUTSTANDING OKLAHOMANS were awarded Distinguished Service Citations at Achievement Day, April 8. Recipients and officials taking part were Dudley Culp, '34Law, Wewoka; president of Alumni Association; President G. L. Cross; Dr. M. L. Wardell, '19ba, Norman; Dr. Isaac McCash, Enid; William S. Hamilton, Pawhuska; Ward S. Merrick, Ardmore; T. R. Benedum, '28Law, Norman, president, O.U. Regents.

