

# Dallas Signs Beneke For Dinner-Dance; Pitt Plans Party



SAN FRANCISCO AND BAY AREA ALUMNI CLUB met May 3 in San Francisco. At the meeting were Dan Garrett, Jr., '39-'40, outgoing president; Mrs. Dan Garrett, Sr., (Minnie Potts, '17ba); Dan Garrett, Sr., '17 geol; Mrs. George England, and George England, '39Law. Clarence Cooley, '17, was elected to head the group during the coming year.

Summer left its mark on the activities of most of O.U.'s alumni clubs—only a few held “hot” meetings—but down Texas way, alumni in Dallas were busy whipping up the annual Dallas dinner-dance as a tuneup to the O.U.-Texas game.

The Oklahoma University Club of Dallas had signed Tex Beneke and his orchestra for the dance to be held Friday, October 9, and the Crystal Ballroom of the Baker Hotel for both dining and dancing.

Push Nelson, '43bus, president of the Dallas club, wrote the editor:

“Concerning the dance, it will again be held in the Crystal Ballroom of the Baker Hotel, beginning at 7:00 p.m. The orchestra will be Tex Beneke and he is bringing a good sized band with him. This orchestra should appeal to all Oklahomans since he spent so much time at Norman while at the Navy base (there) during the war. . . The ticket price is the same as last year, \$7.50 per person. This cost includes dinner, tips and the dance the same as last year.

“Of course, we are reserving each ticket guaranteeing those early purchasers an excellent location. We now have a regular Post Office Box No. 1321 so you can mention that orders can be mailed here to Dallas (c/o Push Nelson, P. O. Box No. 1321, Dallas, Texas) or to Norman (Alumni Office, University of Oklahoma, Norman.).

“... This year our club is starting again an old Alumni function which was formerly used and which we thought was a good idea. We are making plans to secure the picnic pavilion just outside the Cotton Bowl ramp and reserving it for a meeting place for Sooners after the game. We have been assured that the pavilion is ours. . . There is no program planned (at the pavilion), just the fact that Sooners can go there and be assured of seeing some of their

friends and renewing acquaintances. . .”

Last year's dinner-dance was a wonderful affair. Alumni who wish to attend should get their orders in early.

**Pittsburgh Alumni Club Party.** The O.U. Alumni Club of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, has made arrangements for a big Sooner get-together and luncheon before the O.U.-Pittsburgh game on Saturday, October 3, 1953. The party will be at the Schenley Hotel, located within easy walking distance of the Pittsburgh Stadium, and it will begin at 10:00 a.m. with luncheon being served at 11:30 a.m. This will give everyone plenty of time to arrive at the game early.

Officers of the Pittsburgh Club are Dr. Ernest E. Brown, '19ba, president, A. C. Meixer, '30bus, vice president, and Neal J. Mosely, '43eng, party chairman.

For tickets to the luncheon write Neal J. Mosely, 642 Kelso Road, Pittsburgh 16, Pennsylvania, or the Alumni Office in Norman. The price is \$3.00 each. (If you need tickets to the game, write Kenneth Farris, Athletic Department, Norman. Ken is in the happy position of having plenty of tickets at this time, however, he expects to be out by game time so rush your order to him. Game tickets are \$3.50 each—add 25c to your order for mailing costs.)

**Philadelphia Alumni Club.** “Sizzling steaks, hot dogs and hamburgers were included in the menu for the lucky members of the University of Oklahoma Alumni Club of Philadelphia and vicinity when they met for their second annual June meeting June 7.

“The picnic was held in the very comfortable garden of Chester E. Cordell and Mrs. Cordell, (Sara Hobbs, '32ba), in Penn Valley, just outside Philadelphia.

“During the business meeting it was decided to accept the invitation of the delegation from Wilmington, Delaware, to

hold the autumn meeting in connection with a luncheon at the DuPont Country Club, at which time officers for the club will be elected.

“The group also accepted the invitation of Paul D. Barton, '19ba, of Phoenixville, Pennsylvania, for a hayride to be held November 7.

“Several O.U. alumni from Philadelphia area hope to go to Pittsburgh for the O.U.-Pittsburgh game on October 3.” So read the very fine report from Philadelphia club reporter Mrs. Lucy MacKenzie Clancy, '37 journ.

The Philadelphia club also held a meeting April 26th at the Strawberry Mansion on the outskirts of Philadelphia.

**San Francisco Club.** The San Francisco and Bay Area Alumni Club held a dinner meeting in the Mont Claire Restaurant with a 7-course dinner ala Italian style May 3.

George H. Penney, '28-'30, wrote the Alumni Office:

“Meeting presided over by outgoing president Dan Garrett, Jr., '39-'40. Election of new officers as presented by nominating committee. President Clarence Cooley, '17; Vice President Belle Gough, '26ba, '31ma; Secretary George H. Penney, and Treasurer Josephine Paxton, '29ba, '32Lib.sci.

“Introduction of those present, which totaled 34. A group of Spanish dancers gave a number of their native dances. As our special guests, we were honored to have the Hon. Carlos H. Palmieri, consul general for Guatemala, Vice Consul Felipe Marquez, and the Hon. Fernando Arce, consul general for Bolivia. . .”

**Washington, D. C., Club.** Officers and directors of the Washington club met July 15 for a reception for Boyd Gunning, '37ba, '37Law, alumni executive secretary, and David Burr, '52ba, editor of *Sooner*

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house guest of E. E. Barberii, P.E. '44, and his wife, Nancy Kendall Barberii, Arch. '45. Adding to the pleasure of the Mexico City visit was an evening spent at the Capri Club with the Barberiis, Larry Guseman, Geol. '34, and Mrs. Guseman, and Bill P. Salas, Geol. E. '37. Like many other graduates in the States and other lands, these three men hold important positions in industry.

### Alumni Club Reports . . .

*Magazine.* The meeting was held at the home of John Gittinger, '38ba, '39ms, and Mrs. Gittinger, (Mary Ryle, '36h.ec), in Falls Church, Virginia. (Editor's Note: It was a fine informal get-together; one appreciated by the secretary and myself.)

**Bartlesville Alumni Club.** The Washington County Alumni Club met August 13 in the Burlingame Hotel in Bartlesville.

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At the business meeting, Ben Harned, '36ba, was elected president of the club, Laurence Varvel, '41bus, '49Law, vice president, and Pat Phillips, '51journ, secretary.

T. E. Weirich, '22geol, alumni executive board member from Bartlesville, discussed O.U.'s future as a religious and art center, and spoke on the importance of the University Library as a depository of first editions, initiated by E. GeGolyer, and suggested that other alumni should follow this example should their libraries contain valuable original writings.

### Tribute for Ten . . .

ogists, the Society of Economic Paleontologists and Meteorologists and a fellow of the Geological Society of America. He has published numerous articles and other writings on geological subjects and is a popular lecturer in his field.

Before joining the O.U. faculty in 1949, William N. Peach, professor of economics, served on the University of Texas teaching staff and was assistant manager in the research and statistical department of the Federal Reserve Bank in Dallas. He also taught economics at Syracuse University and during World War II served as an officer in the United States Navy. He is a graduate of both Loyola College in Baltimore and Johns Hopkins University. He is a member of the American Economic Association, the American Finance Association and the National Bureau of Research. His books include *The Security of Affiliates of National Banks*, *Basic Data of the American Economy*; in addition, he has written numerous articles for professional publications.

Winston O. Smith, associate professor of mechanical engineering, joined the O.U. faculty in 1941. He has a broad background of training in Engineering and has served the University effectively in various capacities, including an assignment as chairman of the School of General Engineering. Professor Smith studied at the

Georgia School of Technology, at MIT and Purdue. He has had practical engineering experience with the General Electric Company, The United Fruit Company and the Globe Indemnity Company of New York City. During the war he served as an officer in the U. S. Navy. He designed the power drive for the aeronautical wind tunnel at O.U. He is a member of various professional organizations and has been national secretary and treasurer of Tau Omega, national honorary aeronautical engineering fraternity. Professor Smith's hobby is firearms and in 1943 his book was published on the famous Sharps Rifle. This book is recognized as a standard reference on this historical weapon of frontier days.

Professor Lewis E. Winfrey of the department of modern languages came to O.U. in 1927. Because of his retiring nature few realize what a tremendous impact Professor Winfrey has, year in and year out, upon the students of French who have the privilege of studying with him.

After receiving a degree from the University of Arkansas, he went to Europe where he studied in Germany at the Universities of Marburg and Leipzig; then to France to the University of Nanay, and returning to this country he completed his formal studies at Columbia University and Chicago University.

He has done considerable research in the field of French Literature and is a regular contributor to the university publication, *Books Abroad*.

There are few alumni who will fail to recognize the name of Jewel Wurtzbaugh, professor of English and an outstanding member of the faculty for many years and the benefactor of many, many graduates. Although Professor Wurtzbaugh was originally a Texan, she received most of her formal collegiate education at Columbia University and at Johns Hopkins University. She has also done research in Europe and particularly at the British Museum. She is active and has been a leader in many professional literary organizations and has written extensively in the field of English Literature. Her studies of Spencerian scholarship was published by Johns Hopkins University Press under the title of *Two Centuries of Spencerian Scholarship*.

Professor Wurtzbaugh takes a personal interest in her students and they agree that studying English Literature with her is always an exciting and thrilling experience.

Although there are many other universities and colleges where salary scales are higher than at O.U., the Teaching Awards Program of the University of Oklahoma Foundation has helped to demonstrate that nowhere is the work of sincere and dedicated teachers more sincerely appreciated than in Oklahoma.