Association

Toastmaster Congressman Carl Albert, '31ba, looks amused as Senator Elmer Thoma
takes the floor at the recent Washington, D. C., meeting of Sooner Alumni, President elect of the Washington chapter, Lt. Col. Merton Munson, '29ba, '31Law, and Mrs. Munson look on.

Washington—A Banquet

According to a recent letter from Elizabeth Parker Bascom, '22-'24, two-hundred and four Sooners from the Washington area (including nearby Virginia and Maryland) attended the banquet held in the Terrace Room of the Washington National Airport, Wednesday, May 4, 1949. Invitations were extended to all Oklahomans in the nation's capital and especially the Oklahoma Delegation and members of the Oklahoma State Society.

Congressman Carl Albert, '31ba, acted as master of ceremonies, and, according to Mrs. Bascom, "between Carl and our new president, Lt. Col. Merton E. Munson, '29ba, '31Law, there was never a dull moment."

The following new officers of the O.U. Alumni Association, Washington chapter, were introduced:

Lt. Col. Merton E. Munson, president, '29ba, '31Law.

Elizabeth Parker Bascom, vice-president, '22-'24.

Mrs. Ruth Irelan Knee, secretary, '41ba.


Among the guests were John "Bo" Rowland, former assistant football coach at O.U. (1932-35) and now coach at George Washington University, was present with his wife to talk about the time he spent at the University.

"Senator Elmer Thomas gave a most interesting description of a football game he attended at O.U. in 1900," she continued.

Also present was Brig. Gen. Bert Johnson, '24ba, '29Law, Tulsa, who was the first Sooner to be promoted to a general officer from all those integrated into the Regular Army after the war.

"Toby Morris performed in his usual efficient manner in leading the songs while Lynnen Mannen, '27ba, '38ma, got the show of the evening "The Sugar Bowl Game" set up and ready for the kick-off. The film was shown immediately after the banquet.

"Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the banquet and especially the color sound film of the Oklahoma-North Carolina Sugar Bowl game. We are indebted to Col. "Benny" Griffin, '17ba, the "Mayor" of the Airport, as it was through his cooperation with Paul A. Walker, '12Law, that we were able to get the Terrace Room of the National Airport for the banquet."

Mrs. Bascom concluded her letter with the statement that "Many distinguished Sooners were there but I am afraid to attempt to name them as I might omit some."

Los Angeles—Mayfield and Film

One-hundred Sooners of Los Angeles and environs assembled April 27 to greet Jim Mayfield, '28ba, manager of the University Book Exchange, and thrill to the spectacle of victory as portrayed in the Sugar Bowl film that is currently touring the alumni clubs of the country.

According to Glenn R. Watson, '39Law, "Old friends greeted old friends—"When did you come to California, Tom?" Going back to Oklahoma this summer, Joe?", and so it went."

Watson continued: "Jim Mayfield held forth for half an hour after dinner, and was swamped with demands for more of what is going on at O.U. I know Jim never talked more O.U. in one night before in his life. The crowd ate it up and still wanted more, until that wonderful game started. Hi Estes, '10eng, made a show of hawking soda-pop again back in the O.U. stadium and a good time was had by all."

Among the Sooner grads present were Ralph Brand, '33ba, '38ma; Wilma Keith, '25ba; Narcissa Bond Emmet, '27ba; Clifford B. Cole, '33-'36; Elmer Wade, '40ba; Delphia Clarke Wade, '40ba; William L. Kendall, '33ba; H. D. Herold, '11; Olive Loper, '11ba; Fred Lyman Tibbits, '16ba; '19ma and Fannie Inez Bell Norris, '19ba.

The pre-war prexy of the club, W. E. "Babe" Smith, '28, was present as was also Phillip M. Rea, '23, president of the Los Angeles Realty Board.

The Washington, D. C. group listed 204 alumni and friends present at their May 4 meeting. The Sooner shutter man caught many of them as they listened to one of the speakers.
Colorado Springs—Initial Meeting

The initial meeting of the Colorado Springs alumni was held on April 29 at a dinner in the Swiss Chalet in downtown Colorado Springs.

Seven visitors from the University campus including President Cross as well as several members of the Denver Alumni Club were in attendance.

Those present from Denver included Roscoe Walker, Jr., '40ba, '2Law, president of the Denver chapter, and Mrs. Walker; Irene Humble, former employee of the alumni office and now an administrative officer of Denver University; William M. Fleetwood, '21Law, and Mrs. Fleetwood; Robert B. McWilliams, '40journ, and Mrs. McWilliams; Major Charles W. Giffin, Jr., '46journ, Lower Field and Mrs. Giffin; Dr. Robert E. McCurdy, '41ba, '3med, and Mrs. Carolyn Faught McCurdy, '36ta; Frank H. Schaller, Jr., '48ba, and Mrs. Jane Fite Schaller, '42; Glenn E. Pottz, '37ba, '40journ, and Mrs. Pottz, and Charles B. Popkin, '35, and Mrs. Popkin.

From Pueblo came Dr. Dwight B. Shaw, '23ba, '24ba, '3med, and Mrs. Shaw; Dr. James E. Pollard, '43med, and Jeannette Pierce Pollard, '41ba; Jack M. Dempsey, '40bus, and Mrs. Dempsey.

Father Luke (James) Hallenbeck, '37ba, of the Holy Cross Abbey in Canon City was present.

Along with President Cross from the University were Ted Beaird, '21ba, executive secretary-manager of the alumni association; Hillyer Freeland, '38ta, operational manager of the Union; and Mrs. Dorothy Gish Freeland, '11ed; Mary Lou Stubbleman, '14ba, director of union activities, and George Cummings, '40bus, alumni administrative assistant, and Mrs. Cummings.

The sound-color motion picture of the Sugar Bowl game was shown after brief addresses by Dr. Cross and Beaird.

In the business session following, the group voted unanimously in favor of Colorado Springs and Pueblo alumni jointly petitioning for an alumni club charter.

The meeting was organized and sponsored by the following Colorado Springs alumni: Homa Wood, '15ma, '19Law, and Mrs. Wood; John R. Brown, '38ba, '39Law, and Mrs. Betty H. Brown, '38, and C. D. Rhonot, '21, and Mrs. Rhonot. Others from Colorado Springs present were William A. Blakely, '24md, '28bs, and Pearl Chapman Blakely, '29che; J. C. Kingsley and Maurine Rhoades Kingsley, '31na; Dr. Charles W. McCullum, '37ba, '38ma, '39ba, '39med, and Mrs. McCullum; Woodson Tyree, '26ba, and Ruth Chase Tyree, '26ba; Francile Clark, '37ba, Mrs. Eugene L. Kennedy, Sr., '18, and E. L. Kennedy, Jr., '42eng, and Mrs. Kennedy.

The Sooner camera snapped some of the alumni present.


2. Four Sooners from Colorado Springs are snapped: Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Kennedy, Jr., Mrs. E. L. Kennedy, Sr., and Francile Clark.

3. Hillyer Freeland and Irene Humble talk over the past and present Union.

4. Mrs. Maurine Kingsley looks at the birdie, but J. C. Kingsley looks as his wife.

5. More visitors from Denver having a good time are Mr. Roscoe Walker, Jr., Walker, Frank Schaller, Mrs. Schaller, Mrs. Charles S. Giffin, (Major Giffin is hidden in the background), Robert E. McCurdy and Mrs. McCurdy, Mrs. William M. Fleetwood, Mrs. Robert B. McWilliams and Fleetwood.

MAY, 1949
Everybody's Happy

When the Windy City alumni get together they have a good time and when friends from O. U. come calling it's a sure sign of a mass meeting. Alumni executive secretary-manager, Ted Beaird, '71ba, alerted the Chicagoans of the impending visit of Dean Fellows (story opposite page) and he in turn brought with him executive vice president and Mrs. Carl M. Franklin.

1. Nary a dull moment when these four huddle. Left to right are P. A. Robberson, '22ba; Dr. Rothwell Stephens, '26ba, '27ba, '29wva; Franklin, and L. W. Scranton, '22ba.

2. Mrs. Margaret Davis Van Dusen, '40i.ec, (second from right) laughs at the antics of her husband (to her right) and C. Willis Martin, '46ba, (to her left). Dr. Kelly M. West, '38med, and Leota Davis Horne, '39ba, join in the merriment.

3. Mr. Franklin (back to camera) holds the conversational floor while Wesley L. Nunn, '17, Mrs. Nunn's guest, Mrs. George Shallenberger, and Mrs. Nunn listen intently.

The fun flew thick and rapidly as is amply demonstrated by these photos. This type of meeting has been and is being held throughout the United States wherever alumni groups are located.


5. John R. Brown, '41ba, Dr. R. Gibson Parrish, '41ba, '4med, and Dr. Pamela Parrish, '44med; Mrs. Catharine Cooke Brown, '41ba, and Mrs. Franklin are deep in conversation.

6. Raymond D. Meade, Dean Fellows and Mrs. Mildred Noble Meade, '24ba, hash over things O. U.
Chicago—The Oak Room

On Monday evening, April 4, 1949, a group of alumni living in the Chicago area gathered in the Oak Room of Heinrici’s Restaurant in the Merchandise Mart, Chicago, to meet John E. Fellows, dean of admissions and registrar of the University.

"An unexpected but pleasant surprise came about when Dean Fellows brought with him Carl M. Franklin, executive vice president of the University, and Mrs. Franklin," the Sooner Chicago correspondent reports.

After dinner Dean Fellows and Mr. Franklin each gave a short talk on things happening at the University. The talks were followed by an informal discussion prompted by questions from the group—questions for the most part pertaining to landmarks (i.e., Mirror Pool, where pledges, etc. were "bathed," and now to be no more) and of pros and friends, such as Dr. Guy Y. Williams, ’06ba, ’10ma, professor of chemistry, and L. N. "Fess" Morgan, professor of English.

Those present included Dr. Rodwell Stephens, ’26ba, ’27ba, ’29ma, registrar and chairman of the mathematics department, Knox College, Galesburg, Illinois; Wesley L. Nunn, ’17, advertising manager, Standard Oil of Indiana and Mrs. Nunn. Mrs. Nunn brought with her as guest Mrs. George Schallenberger, Minneapolis, Minnesota, whose husband attended the University in 1916, P. A. Robertson, ’22, division manager, Standard Oil Company, Chicago; Mrs. Louta Davis Horne, ’38ba, Northfield, Illinois; Mrs. Margaret Davis Van Dusen, ’40ba, Evanston, Illinois; A. C. Van Dusen; Christine Squire, ’33ba, ’40ma, producer-writer, Schwimmer & Scott, Company, Chicago; Dr. Kelly M. West, ’48ma, intern, St. Luke’s Hospital, Chicago; Dr. R. Gibson Parrish, ’41ba, ’44med, with Passavant Memorial Hospital, Chicago and his wife, Dr. Pamela Parrish, ’43ma; Harold Pensky, ’46, technical assistant, Commonwealth Edison Company, Chicago; Mrs. Pensky; Arthur Veis, ’47ba, chemistry department, Northwestern University, Evanston; Raymond D. Meade, ’21ma, associate professor, education, Illinois Institute of Technology, Chicago; Mrs. Mildred Noble Meade, ’21ma; C. Willis Martin, ’46ba, who has just completed his work for a master’s degree at Northwestern and is associated with the investment banking firm of Kidd, Peabody & Company, Chicago, and John R. Brown, ’41ba, salesman for the Great Lakes Chemical Company, Chicago, and his wife, Catharine Cooke Brown, ’42ba.

Madison—Yesterday and Today

The following letter was written by E. E. Hatfield, ’36ma, bus, chairman of the department of secretarial science, to Ted Bealid, ’21ha, executive secretary of the University of Oklahoma (Alumni) Association.

"At last I am getting around to writing you concerning the meeting I had with a number of O.U. Alumni at Madison, Wisconsin on April 19.

"I arrived at Madison at 7:30 p.m., April 19. In accordance with your plans, Sam Smith, ’47ba, ’48ma, was there to meet me. He took me directly to the meeting of the Association which was being held in the Memorial Union building on the campus of the University of Wisconsin. The meeting was from 8 to 10 p.m.

"During the first hour, I spent a good deal of time discussing with the members of the Association, The University of Oklahoma Yesterday and Today. To the best of my ability I attempted to tell them all about the progress in our building program, our athletics, and our vocational programs on the campus. Dr. (Royden J.) Dangerfield, former vice president of the University, was present and helped to fill in the details in many instances.

"I have never talked to a more interested group than were those present. During the last hour of our meeting, we just had a regular family reunion. I am sure that all present enjoyed it very much.

"Unfortunately, I was at Madison during the vacation between quarters at the University. Accordingly, several of our members were out of town. Others were tied up in business engagements, and there was not as large a group present as Sam Smith had hoped for. However, we did have a total of ten people present—some of them were not former O.U. graduates.

"They were: Kathryn Jordan Gavin, ’55ba; Stephen E. Gavin; Mrs. Sam C. Smith; Sam C. Smith, ’47ma, ’48ma; Charles E. Martin, ’36ma; Helen Morrison Dangerfield, ’29ma, Dr. Dangerfield; Maire Reedt Mikyska, ’34ba and Edward J. Mikyska.

Ottawa County Gets Charter

Jack C. Brown, ’41ba, ’46Law, Miami, has been elected president of the newly organized Ottawa County Alumni Club, which will receive its charter sometime in May. Other officers elected by the group are John R. Wallace, ’34ba, vice-president; and Mrs. Mary Nesbit Harris, ’36ba, secretary-treasurer.

Brown was also recently elected national committeeman for the Oklahoma League of Young Democrats and attended the national committee meeting in Washington during April. He is active in the state Bar Association and the American Legion and is a member of the state board of directors of the Oklahoma Junior Chamber of Commerce.

The Ottawa County Club made application for an Alumni Charter on April 8. Charter members, other than the officers, include:

Ben Owens, ’40ma, ’47Law; Mrs. Mary Wallace Owens, ’33ba; Rex M. Graham, ’40ba, ’42med; Charles A. Neal, Jr., ’39-42; Thomas S. Bomford, ’44ba; Bruce E. Carter, ’52ma; Marion E. Zacek, ’54soc.wk; Helen K. Chambers, ’45ma; Robert E. Morgan, ’43ba; Charles L. Smith, business manager, Strormberg Time Corp., Chicago; Mrs. Ginger Van Dusen, ’30ba, division manager, Stornberg Time Corp., Chicago; Mrs. G. Davis Van Dusen; Catherine Brown, ’42ba, executive secretary, Stornberg Time Corp., Chicago; and Mrs. Margaret Davis Van Dusen, ’40ba, Evanston, Illinois.

Champaign—One Was Absent

Fifteen alumni out of sixteen in the Champaign-Urbana, Illinois, area were present at a dinner meeting with student representatives of the University who were attending the National Independent Student Association meeting at the University of Illinois, April 21.

William H. Butterfield, ’35ma, was in charge of the arrangements for a dinner which was held at the University of Illinois Men’s club.

Royce Timmons, ’37Law, director of registration, sponsor of the NISA delegation from the University, spoke on the growth of the University, the building program, the old times that were still on the campus and of the football prospects.


Also among the alumni present were Dugdale Ganzettanner, ’34ba, and Mrs. Ganzettanner of Norman.

Students attending the convention and dinner were: Marilyn Smith, arts and science junior, Guthrie; Neldaga Smith, arts and science sophomore, Oklahoma City; Wanda Lou Howard, arts and science senior, Marlow; Louis Awalt, business junior, El Paso, Texas; John Cooper, engineering senior, Duncan; Ken Meyer, law junior, Woodward; Wayne Barrett, fine arts junior, Norman; Garner Allen, arts and science junior, McAlester; Mike Crawford, speech junior, Baltimore, Maryland; Ken Lakey, law junior, Stuart, and Jim Smith, business sophomore, Oklahoma City.

Boston—Allphin Visits

Herbert G. Allphin, assistant professor of physical education at the University, recently was a visitor to Boston where he met with Tully Nettleton, ’23ba, and his wife Ruth, ’26ma. He also visited with Robert W. Daniels, ’43ba, and his wife, the former Barbara Ewing, ’43ma, in Cambridge.

The Boston Club plans a large get-together for September 23 when O.U. will be in Boston to play Boston College football. Plans tentatively scheduled for showing of the Sugar Bowl film during this weekend.

Fort Worth—Obstacles Overcome

In spite of the fact that it was Good Friday and many alumni had left town for Easter vacations or had made previous engagements, and, in spite of the opening of the Texas League baseball season that night, the Fort Worth Alumni Club mustered approximately 80 graduates and former students for its meeting April 15.

The affair which was held at the Fort Worth library was highlighted by the visit of Dr. Leonard Logan, ’34ba, professor of sociology and director of the institute of community development at the University.

The Class of 1914 was the oldest class represented at the meeting.
sented, and it also held the attendance record. Those present were Luther White, '14ba, Fritz Aurin, '13ba, '15ma, Bill Buttram, '14ba, and Dr. Logan, '14ba.

Among the group were also three members of the O.U. faculty. They were Dr. Ronald B. Shuman, professor and chairman of the department of business management; A. L. Cosgrove, associate professor and chairman of the department of business communication, and John E. Mertes, Jr., '35ba, associate professor and chairman of the department of marketing.

Introduced by Luther White, Logan talked to the group on the improvements and additions at the University and the meeting ended with the showing of the Sugar Bowl film.

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Longs Attend Inauguration

Frank M. Long, '38ba, '39ma, Roanoke, Virginia, and his wife, the former Fala Lee Kennedy, were in Blacksburg, Virginia, April 18 for the inauguration of Virginia Polytechnic Institute's tenth president, Dr. Walter Stephenson Newman.

As official representative of the University of Oklahoma, Long was among a group of officials representing more than 250 colleges, universities, learned societies, educational associations, state and federal departments.

According to Long, "The day was lovely and the crowd well behaved. Mrs. Long went with me, and we renewed many friendships—some we had not seen in quite some time."

Long, who was the first president of the student body at the University, has been prominent for many years through his work with the Y.M.C.A. and various schools throughout this country and South America. He moved to Roanoke about 14 years ago as general secretary of the Y.M.C.A. after a number of years in Brazil as a representative of the International Y.M.C.A. Upon his retirement from Y.M.C.A. service in 1942, he became associated with the U.S.O. in the Radford area, and in 1945 was appointed by the school board as visiting teacher.

Dean Snyder Elected President

Dr. Laurence H. Snyder, dean of the graduate college, has been elected president of the board of directors for Human Relations Area Files, Inc.

Nationwide in scope, this organization was set up as a non-profit corporation in a meeting at New Haven, Connecticut, last month, to collect, organize and distribute information of value in the development of the sciences and humanities.

The University of Oklahoma, Pennsylvania and Washington, and Harvard and Yale Universities, are participating in the project. Other qualified institutions are expected to be invited to join at a meeting May 7, when the group's directors will ratify a special program of action.

On Sunday, May 1, a special O.U. alumni committee of ten, headed by Clement B. Waterfield, '30ma, met at the University of Arkansas for the dedication of the carillon electronic bells recently installed by that institution.

Waterfield and his committee of nine were asked to meet and to supply to the management of the Oklahoma Memorial Union their candid criticisms and recommendations on the possibility of the carillon being installed in the Oklahoma Memorial Union Building when the expansion program for the Union plant gets underway.

Those who served on the committee and submitted reports were (front row) Mrs. Ruth B. Meyers, '28ms; Mrs. Louise Kayser Cummings, '34ba; Mrs. Frances Atwater Lindloff, '29ba, 30p.m.; Mrs. Ardeline Waterfield, '39ed, and Waterfield. (Back row) Mrs. Virginia Tollert, '41ba; Dr. Harold M. Hefley, '25ba, '26ms, '35phd; Mrs. Sara Harris Reynolds, '29cd; Mrs. Mattie Cal Gibson Mastro, '22ba, '34ma, and Wilson W. Kimbrough, Jr., '45-'46.