Henryetta Leads the Way

Members of the Henryetta Alumni Chapter added a special touch to commencement night at Henryetta when they entertained graduating high-school seniors, their parents and friends of the University at a reception following graduation exercises May 25.

Honored guests at the reception and dance were President Cross, who addressed the graduating class, and Mrs. Cross.

Held in Henryetta's Teen Town building, the reception was attended by more than 300 persons during the evening. The rooms were decorated in red and white, University colors.

In the receiving line were Dr. Carlton E. Smith, '30bs, '34med, president of the Henryetta Chapter, Dr. Ed Battles, '26ba, '39m.ed, superintendent of Henryetta schools, Dr. Cross, Mrs. Battles, Mrs. Cross and Mrs. Smith.

Serving as hostesses were Mrs. J. Leland Gourley, Mrs. T. A. Throw, Mrs. Ernest W. Smith and Mrs. M. S. Douglass, Jr.

The reception was arranged by Alice Dean Booth, '49bs, and Ann Sullins, '49bs, who served as general chairman. Mrs. Gourley supervised decorations.

The event represented the first time any entertainment feature has been provided on commencement night for graduating Henryetta seniors. Chapter members expressed their desire that the occasion be made an annual event in which Henryetta Sooners provide special entertainment following each commencement.
Washington, D. C., Alumni Club held a luncheon meeting April 14 in honor of President and Mrs. George L. Cross. The meeting was held in the Vandenberg Dining Room of the Senate.

A night meeting was also held and George Cummings, '49bus, assistant executive secretary of the Association, unreeled the 1950 Sugar Bowl film.


Muskogee Alumni Club met May 23 in the Sever Hotel ballroom to elect officers and to hear assistant football coach George Lynn narrate the Sugar Bowl film.

George Cummings, '49bus, assistant executive secretary of the Alumni Association, was on hand as was Guy Brown, '42ba, '48ma, field representative of the Alumni Development Fund.

Okmulgee Alumni Club held an April 27 meeting at the Ranch Coffee Shop. Gomer Jones, line coach, showed the O.U.-Texas football film and narrated the play. Present officers were re-elected at the business meeting. Some of the participants are pictured above. In the photo at left are Mrs. James Frazier, Ernest Lambert, '10, Mrs. Lambert, James Frazier, '24 ba, '32 med, Jewel Rone, '33 ma, George Inglish, '38 Law, club president, A. N. Boatman, '16 ba, '16 Law, Mrs. Inglish. At right are Richard Bailey, '46-'48, Ed Boann, Mary Lou McCullough Bailey, '48-'50, and Ben Harney, Jr., '36 ba.

Custer County Alumni Club held a dinner meeting May 31. Following dinner the meeting adjourned to the Clinton highschool auditorium for a screening of the Sugar Bowl film. New officers were elected at a business meeting. Vic M. Thompson, '48 bus, Thomas, was elected president. Arch R. Gilchrist, '48 eng, and Paul Flick, Jr., '39-'42, were selected vice president and secretary-treasurer. Both are from Clinton. Pictured above are Gilchrist, Dr. Ralph Simon, '44 med, F. A. Luke Sewell, Jr., '47 ba, and Thompson.

San Francisco Bay Alumni Club turned out 75 strong for a buffet supper May 31. Meeting at the Fox Hostess House the group saw the technicolor Sugar Bowl film. Picture above is club president George Penney, '28-'30, as he bids farewell to active clubber Belle Gough, '26 ba, '31 ma, who sailed to teach in the Philippines.

-Biography-

Davis Funderburk, '32, has become news editor of the Daily Oklahoman, replacing Carl Jenkins, who resigned to take a job on the Miami (Florida) Herald.

Funderburg has been employed by the Daily Oklahoman and Times for several years. He has worked as a reporter for the Mangum Daily Star and news editor and business manager for the Clinton Daily News.

-Biology Building Named-

June 13 the structure was known as the Biology Building. But not for long thereafter. When the Regents met June 14, they approved a recommendation by President Cross and the Campus Planning Committee to change the name to Richards Hall.

The name switch was made as a tribute to Dr. Aute Richards, former head of the department of zoology. He retired from the University staff June 4.

Richards Hall was completed in 1936. Dr. Richards helped lay the preliminary groundwork for the project. Now it bears his name. He retired with the title of professor of zoology after 30 years service.