Present for Woodward County’s Alumni Club organizational meeting October 10 were William R. Burkett, ’50 Law, Mrs. Burkett, Tom Hieronymus, ’33 Law, and Mrs. Maxine Cullen Hieronymus, ’42 drama, all of Woodward. Tom Z. Wright, ’29 bus, ’35 Law, was elected president.

Garfield County Alumni held a football meeting September 21 in Enid. At meeting were Don Atkinson, ’48 bus, Dr. E. A. Abernathy, C. E. ‘Bad’ Loomis, ’40-’42, and Harry Frantz, ’41 bus, all of Enid. Ed Fleming, ’14, president of the alumni club, was in charge of the meeting.


Alumni club meetings in September and October were predominated by a football seasoning. (See “Sooner Scene” for Dallas and Pittsburgh report on pre-game parties.)

The East Texas Alumni club held a pre-season, kick-off meeting at Tyler, Texas, September 16. The program consisted of a screening of the 1952 O.U.–Notre Dame game and a panel of ‘Grandstand Quarterbacks,’ representing Notre Dame, Texas, Colorado and Oklahoma, who gave reports on their respective schools’ football prospects. E. L. Howard, ’31bs, served as master of ceremonies. Officers were elected at a brief business meeting. New officers are Ray Youngmeyer, ’26-’27, president; Tom C. Jobe, ’49bs, ’51ms, vice president, and Joe Leguenec, ’41bs, secretary-treasurer. John L. Read, ’49bs, retiring president, was in charge of the meeting.

A similar panel meeting with alumni representatives of O.U.’s football opponents giving their school’s prospects was held at Altus September 10. The Jackson County club also saw the O.U.-Texas film. The Altus group held a follow-up meeting October 5 for a screening of the O.U.-Notre Dame film. In charge of the Jackson County club’s program this year is Maurice Willis, ’42pharm, Altus, club president.

Three organizational meetings were held in September and October. Liberal, Kansas, and surrounding towns held a meeting in Liberal October 6 to organize an O.U. Alumni club. Granville McElroy, ’49pharm, was elected president; Clyde D. Towery, ’47eng, vice president, and Mrs. Mary Hanson, ’47-’48, secretary-treasurer.

Woodward County alumni met October 10 in Woodward for organizational purposes. Tom Z. Wright, ’29bus, ’34Law, was chosen president; Mrs. Geraldine Speyers Cockerill, ’35ba, vice president, and Mrs. Lucy G. Nemeczek, ’36hec, secretary-treasurer.

Beckham County alumni held their initial meeting in Elk City September 23. The group saw two football films and elected officers. Donald Roysie, ’35 Law, Elk City, was named president; W. J. Bacon, ’24, vice president; Carl Rizley, ’48 Law,

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of the requests are most interesting and amusing," Mrs. Thurston said.

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Football Flavors . . .

secretary, and Ferrill Martin, ’46m.ed, treasurer. Bacon, Rizley and Martin are from Sayre.

Garfield County alumni held a football meeting September 21 in Enid. Paul ’Buddy’ Burris, ’49bus, All-American football performer at O.U., gave the packed house his impressions of the current O.U. football team. The meeting was called by Ed Fleming, ’14, club president.

Wichita, Kansas, Alumni club held a late summer meeting and elected officers. They are Clifton L. McCown, ’38geo1, president; Ernest Snell, ’32bus, vice president, and Dorothy J. Swinney, ’27fa, secretary-treasurer.

By This We Live . . .

"No person has ever held the remedy for the ills of the world, no one ever will—even Christ was crucified and He was the Son of God! But at least a part of the naughtiness of humanity can be bettered by individual Christian uprightness; hence, one of the tenets of my own creed is a variation upon the Golden Rule: 'Do unto others as you would have them do unto you, but you do it first.' The assurance of having done this simple yet difficult act is a reassuring comfort when the work of my long day is done."—Joseph H. Benton, ’20ba, ’21fa, ’41ma, professor of music.

The Greatest Discovery. "A. E. Housman, the English scholar and poet, once wrote, 'Whosoever will save his life shall lose it, and whosoever will lose his life shall find it.' That is the most important truth which has ever been uttered, and the greatest discovery ever made in the moral world.

"Housman, who was not a Christian, makes a characteristic omission from the passage, the words, 'for my sake.' Yet these words are important to the believer and the unbeliever alike; for they indicate its essential meaning. Devotion to something outside oneself to a person, to a job, to an institution, to an ideal—to such an extent that one actually would lay down his life for it—is the only escape from the kind of spiritual dryness which afflicts the man who is wholly centered in himself.

"I suppose that this passage is the one which I have chiefly tried—not very successfully, I fear—to live by."—Dr. John M. Raines, professor of English.

Walk Humbly. "As a religious believer, I trust in the concept of God and the universe evolved through the Judaic-Christian search after truth. Our Great Teacher said that its essence was to love God with all one's heart, soul, mind and strength and to love one's neighbor as one's self. Its practical application is summed up in the counsel of Micah, 'to do justice and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God.' These injunctions are for day-to-day living. I see no distinction between so-called secular and religious activity. To be absorbed at useful tasks to which he feels a vocation; to achieve a happy family life; be a good neighbor; to leave the world better for having been in it: thus does a man serve God and fulfill his mission here. This may not be profound philosophy, but by it I try to live."—Dr. Maurice H. Merrill, ’19ba, ’22Law, research professor of law.