Gene Kendall, '32ba, '34ma, Norman insurance man, was elected president of the University of Oklahoma Alumni Club of Cleveland County at the organization meeting held March 14 in the Union Building. Charter No. 17 was presented to the club at the same meeting.

Other officers elected are Raymond White, '41 med., of the College of Business Administration faculty, vice president; and Mrs. C. C. Beard (Elise Kelley, '39ed), Norman, secretary-treasurer.

A board of seven directors chosen includes Mrs. Paul Updegraff (Ruth Foreman, '28ba, '40ma); Leonard Logan, '14ba, professor of sociology; J. B. Koch, 26en, state commander of the American Legion; Mrs. Phil Haddock (Emmette Jones, '34 ba, '37pharm); Ida Sloan, '35ba, and Harold Belknap, '25ba, both of the Norman Transcript staff, and Mrs. Clyde Smith (Lottie Mills, '24-25), Noble.

Noble.

Groundwork for the organization of the Cleveland County Alumni Club was started late in February by Dr. Logan who sent out letters to the 1,122 alumni in the county calling the meeting.

Speakers on the program at the organization meeting were Dr. Logan, Tom R. Benedum, '28 law, president of the Alumni Association; University President George L. Cross, and Mr. M. Beard, '21ba, executive secretary of the Alumni Association.

Mr. Benedum said that the Cleveland County Club, situated as it is on the University's doorstep, should have been the first club chartered, but since that is now impossible, members of the group will endeavor to make it '4 club No. A-1.'

President Cross told how alumni clubs could help the University through support, financial and otherwise, and particularly in regard to the University's building program and need for an increased operations budget. He commended alumni clubs already established for services performed for the University and their willingness to cooperate.

Mr. Beard pointed out that the only way that an alumni organization can be effective is through united alumni effort, and that the main purpose of the Alumni Association is to help in the building of a greater University.

As an example of what alumni can do right now, Mr. Beard said all-out alumni support is needed for the project now underway to get $600,000 in bonds earmarked for a B-29 Super Flying Fortress the University plans to "purchase." This is the largest project for buying war equipment for the armed forces undertaken by any University in the country.

Guests on the program, who made short talks, were Betty Baughman, '39purm, just back from the South Pacific with the Red Cross; Lt. Domer Dougherty, '42en, who has just returned from service overseas with the Persian Gulf Command, and Milt Phillips, '22, who has charge of veterans affairs on Governor Kerr's staff.

Club No. 18 Chartered

Charter No. 18 was to be presented to the recently organized Alumni Club of Kansas City at a meeting March 26 in the President Hotel in Kansas City, Missouri. President George L. Cross was scheduled to speak before the group. E. H. Skinner, '23ba, vice president of the Great Lakes Pipe Line Company, had charge of arrangements for the meeting.

Washington Dinner Planned

Election of officers for 1945-46 will be held at the annual dinner meeting of the University of Oklahoma Alumni Club of Washington, D. C., to be held April 19, Paul A. Walker, '21law, president, has announced.

The dinner has been scheduled for 6:30 p.m. in Pierce Hall, 16th and Harvard Streets, Northwest. An announcement of the meeting has been sent to alumni and faculty members in the Washington, D. C. area. Reservations are to be made with Walter B. Emery, '34law, secretary-treasurer.

64 New Life Members

Addition of 64 new life members to the Alumni Association rolls brought the life member total by mid-March to 870.

New members are as follows: Harold Belknap, '25ba, and Mrs. Belknap (Lucille Shoemate, '43ba), Norman; Mrs. James A. Dugger (Julian Riddle, '43ch), Oklahoma City; Lt. Fred A. Huston, '43, Oklahoma City; Staff Sgt. Earl J. Pence, '42cd; and Mrs. Pence (Marie Wells, '42), Biloxi, Mississippi; Robert E. Craig, '44ed, Garwood, California; Thomas Gilmore, Jr., '41eng, Tulsa.


Master Sgt. Everett R. Thomas, '35bsci, APO New York; Capt. Joe W. Hoppe, '37-'41, overseas with the Air Force; Walter M. Burress, '21ba, Dallas, Texas; Lt. Ted C. Findeiss, '42eng, Wichita, Kansas, and Mrs. Findeiss (Martha Lou Miller, '42); Mrs. Bill Seidivice (Frances Shafer, '39letters, '40bisci); Capt. James W. Major, '35chm, APO San Francisco; Capt. Herman Bender, '34ba, '39he, '41med, APO New Orleans, and Mrs. Bender (Paula Tedder, '39nurse); Frank W. Jones, '29law, and Mrs. Jones (Edythe Haswell, '25he, '34ma), Oklahoma City.

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