MEETING time for University of Oklahoma alumni attending the annual convention of the Oklahoma Education Association at Oklahoma City will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday evening, February 13, in the Mirror Room of the Biltmore Hotel, T. M. Beard, executive secretary of the alumni association, has announced.

Association officials decided to hold a reception instead of the usual dinner, as a war-time step to conserve time and money for the teacher alumni attending the convention. Only light refreshments will be served.

All Sooner alumni in the Oklahoma City area, as well as members of the O. E. A., are invited to attend the reception to visit with O. U. friends.

More Life Members

Number of living Life Members reached 589 last month, Secretary Beaird announced.

The five new ones are:

Dr. J. R. Hinshaw, '19bs, '21med, Norman physician, and Mrs. Lucile W. Hinshaw, '20ba, '21ma.
Alford J. Barron, '39ma, and Mrs. Leona Stamps Barron, '39ma, both teachers at Burbank.
Kenneth Taylor, '40ex, flier with the U. S. Army in Hawaii who won the Distinguished Service Cross for his effective defense work against the Japanese in the sneak raid on Pearl Harbor.
Joe C. Looney, '20ba, '22law, Wewoka attorney and president of the University Board of Regents, started a fund made up of $1 contributions to purchase a complimentary Life Membership for Lieutenant Taylor, in appreciation of his achievement.

In accordance with a decision of the trustees of the Life Membership Trust Fund, all money paid in on Life Memberships before next July 1 is to be used to buy Defense Bonds for the trust fund. This includes money paid on existing pledges, and on new Life Memberships.

Planning the Semicentennial

By PRESIDENT EMERITUS W. B. BIZZELL

THE Alumni of the University, I am sure, will be interested to know that plans for the Semicentennial are going forward and several committees are busily engaged in formulating the program and considering the numerous details that such an undertaking naturally involves. A meeting has been held recently with the chairman of all committees for the purpose of co-ordinating all aspects of this undertaking.

The war situation has made it necessary to change somewhat the objectives of the Semicentennial, but there is no thought of abandoning the program. The fact is, the new problems that the war situation has created have made it more imperative that educational institutions give concerted consideration to the new problems that confront us.

The University has already entered upon a vast program of war activities and due to the rapid shifting of war planning by the Government, our colleges and universities will need to make many new adjustments as time goes on. In the face of this situation the committee on program of which Dr. C. C. Rister is chairman, contemplates placing emphasis on the contribution that institutions of higher learning may be able to make to the prosecution of the war and reconstruction after the war is over.

It is contemplated that the speakers who are invited to participate in the Semicentennial will be selected on a basis of their special knowledge and interest in some aspect of the critical war situation and the problems and issues that grow out of it. We hope, therefore, that the actual difficulties and uncertainties that now exist may make the Semicentennial of even greater importance than it had been held in normal times.

I am glad to give alumni full assurance, therefore, that plans are definitely and vigorously under way for the Semicentennial and that every possible effort is being put forth to make the occasion one of great significance and importance to higher education. Remember the dates: December 25, 1942, and make your plans now to be present. I will welcome any suggestions that may occur to you concerning this program. Be assured that everything possible will be done to make this landmark in the history of your Alma Mater as significant and as important as possible.