The Cover

It’s Dad’s day off and the crappie are biting. “Grab a cane pole, grub some worms—we’ll get the crawdads when we get there—Dad is going to take us fishing.” The fishing trio headed towards Spring River in the northeastern edge of the state to introduce another Sooner Special, “Spring Spectacle.” See Page 10.

On The Sooner Scene

The Alumni Executive Secretary reports on the Association’s program of district alumni club meetings and on the in-state activities of the alumni club program.

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Sooner alumni have held district meetings this spring in nearly every section of Oklahoma. The meetings have been attended by hundreds of loyal Sooners, and the one feature that is characteristic of them all is the enthusiasm with which alumni have discussed the future of the University.

The first district meeting was held in Muskogee, April 15, 1952, at the Severs Hotel. President Pete Smith, ’34-’39, of Muskogee, was responsible for the arrangements and had able assistance from a number of loyal boosters in that part of the state, including Bill Hays, ’39-’42, Muskogee; Janet T. Bower, ’34Lib.sci, Muskogee; Kirk Woodliff, ’36ba, ’37Law, Henryetta; James Frazier, ’24ba, ’32med, Okmulgee; Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Washington, Tahlequah; Frank Spence, ’41journ, Wagoner, and many others. The program for District 2 was informative and covered a wide variety of topics.

Two men attended most of the alumni meetings held in April and deserve our sincere thanks and appreciation for taking the time to discuss alumni and University problems at these important meetings. They are President G. L. Cross and Herbert L. Branan, ’32ba, ’38Law, president of the Alumni Association. Through the efforts of Herbert Branan the scope of the alumni

program has been broadened and many new active members are taking part in alumni affairs. Although President Cross has very few hours which he can really call his own, he is never too busy to meet with alumni and to answer any and all questions about the University program.

Earl Wells, Henryetta, made a few remarks about college athletics at the Muskogee meeting which resulted in emphatic answers that the University athletic program is sound and does not call for "de-emphasizing."

From Stigler came Rex Pettyjohn, Hershel Smith, '50m.ed, and Dr. Gerald Bell, '39-'41. K. L. Myers, Jr., attended from Checotah and Ken Lackey, '51Law, from Eufaula. A number of people were there from Muskogee, including Harry D. Simmons, '24ba, and Mrs. Louise Orton Simmons, '25ba, W. M. Dodson, '29ba, '34Law, R. H. Davis, '23ba, Dr. Ford Bishop, '34med, and Miss Parthenia Gregory, '16ba, well known highschool teacher who has had such a tremendous influence upon the students of Muskogee highschool for the past generation.

The district meeting held at Wewoka on April 22, 1952, was an enthusiastic gathering of former Sooners throughout the 3rd District. Dudley Culp, '34Law, member of the Executive Board of the Association, was in charge and did a wonderful job organizing the program and getting a large turn-out in spite of rainy weather.

A new club was organized at Wewoka. It is known as the HUGHES-SEMINOLE Counties Club. Officers elected at the meeting were Boyd 'All American' McGugan, '30geol, president. McGugan is football coach at Holdenville. Vice president and chairman of Hughes County is Harry H. Diamond, '2Law, Holdenville. Harry has held many alumni offices and is now chairman of the Alumni Development Fund. Vice president and chairman of Seminole County is Bill Hutchison, '30, Wewoka. In order to assure a good job from the new president, Mrs. Shirley Baldwin McGugan, '39ba, was elected as secretary-treasurer.

There were many old timers in alumni work present at the meeting, including Hicks Epton, '32Law, Wewoka; Fisher Mulrow, '22, Seminole; Rudolph Hill, '26 ba, Wewoka; Judge Bob Howell, '26ba, '28 Law, Holdenville; Olan Evans, '23, Wewoka; Lawrence H. Pecheace, '25, Prague; Bat Shunatona, '27Law, Wewoka; Calvin T. Smith, '40m.ed, Wewoka, and Milt Phillips, '22, Seminole. Many of these Sooners had the good judgment to bring their wives.

It was impossible to get everyone's name. However, I remember seeing Mrs. Flossie Beckett, '51m.ed, Wewoka; Robert C. Best, '50bs, Wewoka; David M. Cook, '40ba, '42...
Law, Wewoka; Gene Corrotto, '39ba, '51ms, and Homer Simmons, '43ed, '50m.ed, football coaches and former O.U. greats from Seminole; Joe N. Croom, Jr., '48ba, Wewoka; J. F. Dingee, '49eng, Wewoka; Ed Dycus, '50journ, Wewoka; Ben Floyd, '39ba, '40ma, Wewoka; Mort Glassner, '50 journ, Seminole; R. B. Hammond, '51bs, Wewoka; Bud McCollum, high school football coach at Wewoka; Orville A Muir, Wewoka; Bud McKeever, '40bs, Douglas McKeever, '40ma, and Mrs. Madge Crow Frantz, '42bs, Wewoka, and Pat Murphy, '49bs, Seminole.

The organizational meeting of the Garfield County Club at Enid was held April 24, 1952, with new officers elected as follows: Ed Fleming, '14, president; C. E. 'Bud' Loomis, Jr., '40-'42, vice president, and Mrs. Theresa Flanagan Crowley, '33bs, Wewoka, and Ole Anderson, assistant alumni executive secretary, and Mrs. Alva Brown, '33bs, Wewoka, and Pat Murphy, '49bs, Seminole.

Out-of-State Reports

Sooneers in other states get a nostalgic feeling towards spring and the general pattern of out-of-state club meetings consist of talks from "Bud"; questions about the old campus and people there about, and spring election of officers.

Forty members of the Kansas City chapter gathered in the Hotel President on March 1, to hear Bud Wilkinson speak. The occasion marked the annual meeting of the Kansas City Chapter which this year was jointly held with the local chapter of the Minnesota alumni group. (Minnesota is Bud's alma mater.) A large group of Sooneers, Minnesotans, and guests, attended the luncheon, Bud spoke generally on the problems confronting college football today and cited recruiting and subsidization as the basic evils. He also said that the coaches must abide by the spirit rather than the letter of the rule and compared the coaches recruiting of athletes to filling

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out your income tax—both a matter of integrity.

Following the luncheon the Sooner held a short business meeting and elected the following officers: George A. Souris, '47ba, president; John L. Craig, '33bs, vice-president; and Gerald A. Talbert, '47ba, Law, secretary-treasurer.

President Cross addressed the Denver, Colorado, Chapter of the University of Oklahoma Association, held in Denver March 14. During his speech he outlined the University's progress and activities in current years.

An election of officers was held at the meeting, Robert McWilliams, '40ba, was elected president of the Colorado group. Other officers chosen were Dr. Robert E. McCurdy, '44bs, '46med, vice president; Wilburns G. Congdon, '46bs, secretary; and Robert Seymour, '36-'41, treasurer. Retiring officers are Harry B. Kniseley, '26ba, '29ma, president; John H. Tippitt, '38ba, '40Law vice president; and Keith Bennett, '49bs, secretary-treasurer.

The Los Angeles Club held a dinner March 21. Following the meal Charles Forbes, '22ba, '25ma, conducted an informal question and answer session on the prevailing conditions in Soonerland. Thirty-three alumni attended the meeting.

Some Sooner Texans down Border way have grounds for two legitimate brags. They influenced Bud Wilkinson to visit Texas without the protection of "Bid Red" and were correct in estimating the size head it took to consistently produce winning teams. Bud was presented a "Stetson" as a token of the appreciation of his coaching record by the North Plains Chapter and it was a perfect fit.

Bud addressed the group April 14 giving a short talk on his opinions of the real facts behind the present collegiate athletic de-emphasis and athletic subsidization problems. Following his talk Bud narrated accounts of the recent O.U. Varsity-Alumni football tussel while showing the group a film of the game.

The Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Club honored Dr. John E. Fellows, dean of admissions and registrar at the University, and Mrs. Fellows at a meeting April 26. The group met at a buffet supper given by Dr. Elden Magaw, '28ba, '31Law, and Mrs. Mildred Halloway Magaw, '35ba, in their home in Lansdowne.

The buffet featured Oklahoma dishes and was climaxd with Oklahoma pecan pie.

Following the supper Dean Fellows told the group of the new developments on the campus and described some of the work being done by other alumni clubs throughout the country.

The club has planned a family picnic on the last Sunday in June to be held in the Phoenixville home of Paul Barton, '19bs, and Mrs. Rosetta Briel Barton, '15ba, '16ma.

Help!
The magazine needs alumni help.
A news item concerning a birth, marriage or change of address tells 10,000 alumni the event in one mailing. All stories should be mailed to the Roll Call editor, Sooner Magazine, University of Oklahoma, Norman.

Borger, Texas, alumni heard Coach Bud Wilkinson as principal speaker at their spring meeting. Shown with Bud are Sam Naifeh, '39eng, '49eng, Larry Keaton, '45eng.