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in 1939 was chosen to receive the thirty-third de-

gree in the Scottish Rite bodies. He was district

chief for Texas and Oklahoma for Beta Theta Pi

fraternity and has served on the executive board

of the Association as representative from the third
district.

He has never lost interest in the University and
during his residence in Ardmore (as assistant dis-

trict manager of the Oklahoma Gas and Electric

Company) he spearheaded the Southern Oklahoma

activities in behalf of the Alumni Association and

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Upon leaving the University, he joined the staff of
the Security National Bank of Norman as assistant

cashier and six years later he entered the serv-

ice of the Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company at

Oklahoma City where he served as an accountant for

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dency "was a rather strenuous year with Ted

Beard, 21ba, off to the wars and Roscoe Cate, 26
ba, present financial vice-president of the Univer-
sity, pinch hitting as alumni secretary and editor of
the magazine. Anyway, we managed to make it
through and to show considerable membership and
financial advances in the Association.

"I would say that the highlight of the year I

served as president came with the adoption of the
plan for the association to sponsor University of

Oklahoma Association Clubs throughout the nation
and the world. Roscoe and I made a considerable
survey of the chartering of clubs by other univer-
sity alumni associations. From our findings, I pre-
sented the plan to the Board of Directors and it was
favorably received and adopted. Since that time
charters have been issued to O.U. Alumni Clubs
throughout the country."

Personally your writer will voice for the activ-

ity of the association in the presidency of

Fraker. The minutes for the year 1942-43 total

38 single spaced typewritten pages and, dear read-
ers, I might also voice for the fact that I'm about
three-fourths blind after reading the many resolu-
tions, motions, amendments to the Constitution and
the lengthy but very interesting reports of commit-
tee after committee.

The Association spared nothing in its effort to

assist the alumni in the service even going to the
to extent of providing free magazines to the others'
clubs of twenty large pots and camps where most of
the alumni on active duty were stationed. One
issue of the magazine (the May issue) was sent to
all alumni on active duty, the cost being taken care
of largely through contributions from a number of
interested alumni.

In a report signed by Roscoe Cate it is stated that

"we would like to send the magazines every month
to every man in the service, but the cost of this
would run into thousands of dollars a year and it is
simply out of the question. We have done the
next best thing and established a special price of
two dollars per year for 12 issues of the Magazine
for any relative or friend who wants to send the
Magazine to a man on active duty."

The Association also did an enterprising thing by

sending V-mail letters personally to every alum-
ni in the service every three months.

In thumbing through the countless files that
constitute a large part of the research that has of
necessity gone into this article, I have run across
thousands of telegrams concerning an equal num-
ber of topics. None of these have been more ex-
pressive of the spirit of patriotism and loyalty than
one received on November 14, 1942 bearing the
signature of Captain T. M. Beaird, U. S. Army Air
Corps. It reads:

"Greetings on this the 1942 Homecoming
meeting. Problems in all walks of business and
professional life this Homecoming are multi-
plied due to our keen desire to be of every pos-
sible and in an all out war effort. On behalf of
the thousands of O.U. alumni scattered world-
wide who are making their contributions by
serving in the armed forces, may we wish you
success in your deliberations of the hour and
may we in future months establish a firm founda-
tion for our country, our homes and our insti-
tutions in free America."

Excerpts from Fraher's annual report are also
indicative of the times and the work of the Associa-
tion. He states:

"The difficulties of travel imposed by war condi-
tions has curtailed some of the association activi-
ties for this year and has forced others to be car-
ried on by telephone and mail correspondence.

One of the activities that was eliminated in this year's
program was the usual five-year class reunions.

However, members of the reunion classes were in-
vited to write letters to the Sooner Magazine for
publication in the June issue as a "Reunion by
Mail" feature.

Another event that was considerably modified

because of war restrictions was the annual Home-
coming program. Instead of the usual alumni ban-
quet in the Union, a box luncheon was held on
Homecoming day, and a rather elaborate radio pro-
gram was broadcast from the Fieldhouse concern-
ing the activities."

Fraher further states, in getting down to basic
principles and ideals that "The end which all loyal
alumni of the University of Oklahoma should have
in mind for this Association is the creation of con-
ditions in this state whereby our children and our
neighbors' children may have the same, or better,
advantages as did we, of securing higher educa-
tion in the University of Oklahoma. Equality of
opportunity for all certainly includes equality of
opportunity for all in securing higher education.

How can it be said that the youth of Oklahoma
have equality of opportunity for a university edu-
cation, unless the University of Oklahoma is main-
tained as the best of any other university in our
nation? It is the duty of the University of
Oklahoma Association to grow in strength and influ-
ence to where it will be an overwhelming force in
securing these things for the youth of Oklahoma."

Any other things were done by the Associa-
tion as it took steps in this war year to serve its
alumni in every way conceivable. This year is
not only notable, but the president of the associa-
tion is too. Upon receiving his bachelor of arts de-
gree in 1920, Fraher immediately stepped in to
the job of principal of Marshall highschool. From

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With editorials like this rolling off the presses, the Alumni Association was naturally pressed for comment. Benedum, as the proxy of the organization, agreed to accept the directionship of the University of Chicago Press. The decision as to the selection of a new president was left up to the Board of Regents. The Alumni Association didn’t like to get mixed up in anything that even hinted of politics.

It is interesting to note that on January 1, 1943, Sue Starke Morton (Virtus, ’38a) became field representative of the Association. I have to smile a bit when I notice remarks being made about attendance at local alumni meetings increasing as this recently graduated example of Sooner feminine pulchritude traveled 3,100 miles and visited 34 different cities.

Under Benedum’s leadership Life memberships increased twenty-one percent and an overwhelming four-hundred percent increase was recorded in annual memberships.

A charter club plan was put into effect at the beginning of Benedum’s administration and St. Louis topped the list with charter number 1 as ten clubs were formed within a few months. In the few months that followed the initiation of the charter club plan, the worldwide scope of the Association is well illustrated. Clubs were formed at St. Louis, Wichita, the Fiji Islands, Altus, Oklahoma City, Honolulu, Hawaii, Wewoka, Washington, D.C., Okmulgee and Chicago. During the war, clubs were charted all over the globe and at one time the total reached an impressive 53. At this writing there are 27 active clubs operating in the United States.

Other incidents included in this action-packed period was the promotion of Captain Ted Beaird to the rank of major. Roscoe Cate, ’26b, who assumed the executive-secretary job while Beaird was in the service resigned to accept an appointment as financial vice president of the University and Sue Starr was appointed as assistant executive-secretary. This was indeed a unique situation because the then Miss Starr had no one to be assistant to, yet she held the title of assistant executive-secretary.

Range Rider Beaird remedied the situation after a few months when he reigned his Sooner Stallion in to the alumni headquarters camp on October 1, 1944.

The Association underwent a mass exodus one summer day during 1944 when it was moved to its present location in the Pine Room of the Union Building.

On May 14, 1944, president emeritus William Bennett Bizzell passed away after directing the University’s affairs for the last third of its first half century.

It was truly an eventful two years for Benedum and the Association’s main business from the time Beaird returned to the completion of the 1944-45 term of office concerned itself with the creation of an appropriate memorial in honor of one of the best-loved presidents any University has ever had.

Benedum was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity for three years while attending school. He is a member of the Oklahoma Bar Association, the American Bar Association, Chairman of the Legal Institute and the County Bar Organizations Committee of the Oklahoma State Bar and a member of the Legal Advisory Committee of the Oklahoma Savings and Loan Association. He is also a past president of the Norman Rotary Club and, while an undergraduate, belonged to both business and law school honor societies. After finishing law school in February of 1928, Benedum entered the practice of law in Earlboro, Pottawatomie County, Oklahoma. At present he is a member of the firm of Williams and Benedum, Norman.

W. Principal, superintendent and instructor of academy, school and institute—that’s the story of GEORGE DALE HANN, ’36m.ed.

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result produced Achievement Day which began in 1948 under the sponsorship of both the University and the Board of Regents. A complete list of the winners of this award to date include such notable Sooners and alumni as Everett L. DeGolyer, '11; bu: A. S. "Mike" Monronkey, '21a; Lynn Riggs, '23; Gen. Raymond S. McLain and Gen William S. Key. The winners for 1949 include: Dr. Forrest Pitt Baker, Ben G. Owen, Frank Phillips, Lew Wenzt and Muriel H. Wright, '20.

Tom Benedum, the immediate past president of the Association, was named to attend the Regional American Alumni Council president's panel discussion in Kansas City and represent the University of Oklahoma Association.

The awarding of a most excellent tribute to Jack Harts of Los Angeles (the first Sooners football mentor) was provided with the motion privileging the Los Angeles Alumni Club to present the "0-50" award blanket from the Athletic Council. The occasion was the 50th anniversary of the first Sooners gridironers.

1946-47 First things sometimes do come last! We're nearing the end of this series of articles but there are still a number of first things that the recent past presidents have added to the ever-growing list. The occasion this time is COL. WILLIAM V. COX, '21ba, '241na, superintendent and co-founder of Ponca Military Academy, Ponca City. He is the "first" man to become president of the Association who has held any military rank. At the time of his election he was a major. Many of the past presidents served in the armed forces of the United States, but none have been inaugurated with a military rank pinned on their collars. Oddly enough, Cox's successor, HAL MULDROW, JR., '28a, took over, but both men referred to the Association at attention and paraded it with honor across the field of progress.

Bill Cox is a native Oklahoman. He attended Carmen High School and was graduated from the University of Oklahoma with two degrees. He was principal and coach of the school at Hefrta in 1921-22, and at Carmen in 1922-23.

Cox, who received three basketball and four baseball letters at O.U., was freshman coach and received his master's degree in 1923. He then became head coach and instructor at Henryetta.

In 1926 he began his work with military schools as director of athletics and instructor at the Wentworth Military Academy in Lexington, Missouri. He worked there until 1936, when he accepted a similar position at the Missouri Military Academy in Mexico, Missouri. He founded the Ponca Military Academy in 1940.

It was back in 1926 that Cox transferred his coaching allegiance from the Henryetta high school in his native Oklahoma to the Wentworth Military Academy in Lexington, Missouri. His Henryetta high had won the Oklahoma state championship the year before and Bill Cox was pretty hot stuff as a coach. He proved that by remaining at Wentworth nine years, turning out splendid teams and building a wide circle of friends around Lexington.

Bill Cox learned his football under Bennie Owen and he still points with pride to the great triumphs of the men which are followed by any football teams and a member of the Alfalfa County Club. During World War II, he was a class petty officer and held a reserve commission until 1936. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, Rotary International, the Masons and a life member of the Association.

The minutes of the year Cox served the Association as its president are seen to evidence a very definite spirit of co-operation. The Association and the Dads' Association planned joint projects, while the alumni, in co-operation with the University of Oklahoma Board of Regents, President Cross and the Athletic Council co-operated to settle disputes over the Dallas football ticket situation and the critical housing program that was a major Sooners headache at the time.

Final arrangements for Achievement Day were made and the machinery set in motion for the first celebration the following year. The Association in a special resolution dated June 2, 1947, also distinguished itself by endorsing the University of Oklahoma Foundation which is proving to be of much worth to the University.

Bill Cox signed the minutes of the last meeting of his administration and smiled as—1947-48 came along and Brig. Gen. HAL MULDROW, JR., '28a, took over. A Norman insurance man and commanding general of the Oklahoma National Guard's 45th Infantry Division artillery, Muldrow was a special instructor on the faculty of the College of Business Administration during the spring semester of the school year 1947-48.

His civilian and military records are evidence of not only his great personal ability and leadership, but also of the outstanding men which have been attracted to the presidency and service of the organized alumni.

During World War II, Muldrow was a lieutenant colonel commanding the 189th field artillery battalion of the 45th Infantry Division in Sicily, Italy, France and Germany. He spent a total of 27 months overseas and earned six campaign stars plus the Silver Star and also the Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster.
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1947-48

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meeting, President Cross reported to the Executive Board that he had decided to continue the game in Dallas.

More work was done by both Kenneth Harris, '39ba, '49Law, and Muldrow on the Achievement Day and proposed Distinguished Service Citations to be awarded five outstanding alumni and to some Oklahomans. The fee for the annual membership in the Association remained three dollars while the Life Membership fee was set at eighty dollars. The Association again heartily endorsed the University of Oklahoma Foundation. This organization was set up to accept gifts for the University.

Muldrow's student activities include membership in Phi Kappa Psi, Checkmate, Scabbard and Blade, honorary military fraternity, and Bombardiers, of which he was one of the founders. Muldrow was also a member of Beta Theta Pi social fraternity, past president of the Stadium Union, a member of the varsity football team from 1925 to 1927, Cadet Colonel of the ROTC, a member of the Student Council for two years and a member of Alpha Kappa Psi.

His fine record does not end there though. He is a past president of the Norman Rotary Club, past president of the Norman Chamber of Commerce, a thirty-second degree Mason, a member of the Presbyterian Church and a life member of the Alumni Association.

1948-49 You don't have to graduate from college to become president of a bank!

At least, GRADY D. HARRIS, '18, president of the First National Bank of Alex, Oklahoma, didn't.

Harris holds two immediate distinctions. He is the second president of the University of Oklahoma Association who did not complete his work for a degree, and he is the fiftieth president of the Association.

Attending the University only one year, Harris did not have time to accumulate the impressive undergraduate records of many of the previous presidents. His record, both civic and professional, illustrates however that it really wasn't necessary for him to be too active in campusology while at the state University.

As a banker for the past 29 years, Harris has served as cashier, vice president and president of the Alex bank. He also serves as a director of the First National Bank, Blanchard, Oklahoma, and is the major stockholder in both Alex and Blanchard banks.

From 1928 to 1931, he was a member of the Alex School board and also served his community in the capacity of town clerk. He has been mayor for the past 12 years and served as president of the Alex Chamber of Commerce for the past three years. Harris has served the Methodist Church as chairman of the Board of Stewards for the past 12 years. Harris is serving as president of the Grady County Good Roads Association and, in 1946, served as chairman, representing district 1 of the Oklahoma Bankers Association. The following year he was a member of the executive council of the Oklahoma Bankers Association.

Harris, as a member of the Dads' Association, represented his district as a vice president for several years. He was elected president of the University of Oklahoma Dads' Association for the year 1949-50. Well, we've traveled a long distance. The ball has been passed from year to year with a minimum of fumbles and a maximum of successful completions.

In June of 1949, the ball was centered to the man with the biggest hand I have ever had the pleasure of shaking. He's tall, handsome and the owner of two valuable assets—a strong handshake and a confident smile.

His name is JOE W. CURTIS, '20ba, '22Law. He's a good "Joe" too.

Graduating over two decades ago, Curtis has been a member of the law firm of Curtis and Blanton, Pauls Valley, almost 24 years.

While an undergraduate at the University, he was a member of Sigma Nu social fraternity, Phi Delta, honorary law society, Chi Chi Chi, Battle Axe, the Ruf-Neks and the inter-fraternity council. He also worked as a student assistant in the general library of the University.

Before arriving in Sooneland, Curtis served in the U. S. Army where he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the field artillery in 1928. In 1922, he served with the U. S. Veterans Bureau, Dallas, as district manager of district 14.

A s a professional man and as an alumnus of the University, Curtis has gained distinctions which rate him as outstanding in both capacities.

For many years he has served as a member of the Examination Board of the State Bar Association—having been appointed for several 3-year successive terms by the Supreme Court. He is also a member of the Rotary Club, the American Legion, the Chamber of Commerce and the Masons.

His work with the Alumni Association has also
been praiseworthy. Curtis served as second vice-president of the Association in 1946—a job which, in the words of Ted Beard, is "one of the treasured jobs which will not burden you to death." Today he serves as president of the University of Oklahoma Association and as a member of the Board of Trustees of the University of Oklahoma Foundation and the Board of Governors of the Oklahoma Memorial Union. He was an annual member of the Association from 1922 until 1948 when he became a Life member. He is married to the former Lois Blanton, '21ha.

Curtis' record as head of the Association is one that will have to be finished by another writer at another time. His term of office ends in June of this year and it is regrettable that this concluding part of the Vision will be the only part which goes to press Un-Fulfilled.

The accomplishments of a man like Joe Curtis could never be fully written while he is living. They just keep adding up. Many never reach the headlines or find their place in the minute books.

Those that have been recorded, however, are taken from the annual homecoming meeting held in the "Y" Lounge on the third floor of the Union, October 29.

The meeting was conducted with all the casual formality of informality. A lot was accomplished—in fact, you'd have to be present to realize the amount of work that can be accomplished in just one hour of what I will call "Curtis-ism."

The past presidents of the Association were introduced. Among them, with their year as president in parenthesis, were: Dean Roy Gittinger, '02ba, Norman, (1903-04); Fred E. Tarrman, '10 ha, Norman, (1915-16); Tom B. Matthews, '16ba, Tulsa, (1921-22); Dave McKown, '21gcol, Oklahoma City, (1922-23); Hal Mul divert, Jr., '28ba, Norman, (1947-48); and Grady D. Harris, '18, Alex, (1948-49).

After this introduction and at the invitation of the Association and Mr. Curtis, the board heard the welcoming and progress report of President Cross and Grady D. Harris, '18, Alex, who was recently elected to the presidency of the Dads' Association after a few minutes to urge the support of the Dads' scholarship fund. Boyd Gunning, '37ba, '37Law, director of the Alumni Development Fund and the University of Oklahoma Foundation reported on the activities of his group. Kenneth Harris, '39ba, '49Law, reported on the program and awards of the Achievement Day committee.

Quickly dispensing with old business, the board proceeded to new business and made provisions for sending out of a snail ballot to determine the by-election of alumni to fill the unexpired terms of Harry Hughes, '29ba, '48msed, District VII, and J. Phil Burns, '28ba, District VIII. The two seats were vacated because the two executive board members had moved out of their respective districts. Hughes moved from Weatherford to Enid thus moving into the district left memberless by Burns and was elected to represent that area. Burns moved from Fairview to Oklahoma City, David Gish, '37ba, Frederick, was chosen to represent District VII.

The meeting was over almost before it started. The immediate business of the association had been taken care of. Everybody was happy too, because, as is traditional, the meeting was followed by the annual homecoming luncheon for the board members, officers, past presidents and their wives. Thus ends the 51-year history of the University of Oklahoma Association—with a full stomach.

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