HICKS EPTON, '32law, Wewoka attorney, was elected president of the University of Oklahoma Association at the annual Commencement meeting of the Executive Board June 5 and took office as successor to Charles B. Memminger, '14, '33law.

Mr. Epton was elected to the Executive Board a year ago, as representative from District Four. He has headed the board's membership committee during the last year, and is a Life Member of the association. Mrs. Epton is the former Thelma Pate, '32.

Other new officers of the association elected by the board are Mrs. Kitty Shanklin Rountree, '23, Oklahoma City, advanced from second vice president to first vice president; W. L. Eagleston, '14, '19law, Tulsa attorney, elected second vice president; J. C. Karcher, '16, Dallas, Texas, re-elected honorary vice president for Texas, and Elaine Boylan, '19, Dallas, honorary secretary for Texas.

Ted Beaird, '21, was re-elected executive secretary of the association. Roscoe Cate, '26, continues as editor-manager of Sooner Magazine.

Report of the election committee on results of the annual mail ballot for choice of five new Executive Board members to serve three-year terms was accepted and the new members were seated.

The new board members are:

Members-at-large: Cy Ellinger, '26, Purcell banker; and Elmer Fraker, '20, '38ma, senior high school principal at Chickasha. Both are chairman of the County Advisory Councils in their counties.


District Six—Dr. John B. Miles, '26, '27med, physician at Anadarko and chairman of the Caddo County Advisory Council.

District Eight—Carl S. Ford, '19, geologist at Enid.

The two new members-at-large of the board succeed Mrs. Florence Monnet McKown, '22, Oklahoma City, and Mr. Eagleston.

In District Three, Mr. Muldrow succeeds Freeman Galt, '17ex, Oklahoma City; and in District Six, Dr. Miles succeeds H. Merle Woods, '17, El Reno. In District Eight, Mr. Ford fills a position that was held by State Senator Charles B. Duffy, '22law, of Ponca City until his resignation before the last session of the Legislature.

Board members are elected for three-year terms and are not eligible to succeed themselves.

Tentative budget of the association for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 1939, was presented to the board by the executive secretary and approved. Mr. Beaird explained that the association's budget had been completely separated from the budget of the Graduate Placement and Records Bureau which is a division of the University and is state supported.

The two units work together, but have separate budgets and separate personnel.

In connection with the budget, the board authorized application of current earnings of the Life Membership Trust Fund to association expenses for the present year. This now amounts to approximately $700 a year, and is a regular item in the budget.

The board appointed a committee to work out details for co-operation in a project for manufacture of a commemorative University of Oklahoma dinner plate by an English company which has done similar work for a large number of colleges and universities. The plate, containing an original etching of the University Administration Building and part of the Oval in the center, probably will be ready for display by the 1939 Homecoming.

The board also approved a plan for encouraging senior students in the University to take out Life Memberships in the association before graduation.

Six nominees were chosen for the three alumni representative positions on the University Athletic Council. The names were submitted to the president of the University, who makes the appointments.

Board members and association officers present were Charles B. Memminger, Atoka; Mrs. Kitty Shanklin Rountree, Oklahoma City; Fisher Muldrow, Ardmore; Norman Brillhart, Madill; W. L. Eagleston, Tulsa; Dr. John B. Miles, Anadarko; Elmer Fraker, Chickasha; Hicks Epton, Wewoka; Cy Ellinger, Purcell, and W. Max Chambers, Okmulgee.

President Memminger submitted the following annual report on activities of the association during the last year:

To the members of the Executive Board, University of Oklahoma Association:

You elected me as president of your association one year ago and were kind enough not to require any statement of promise as to what would or could be done, or even attempted. Perhaps you would
The Executive Board meeting on Commencement day. Left to right: Elmer Fraher, Bufi Bartis, Cy Ellinger, W. Max Chambers, Mrs. Kitty Shanklin Rountree, Mrs. Florence Monnet McKown, Ted Board, Charles B. Memminger, Harold Reddy, Hickey Epton, Fisher Muldrow, Norman Brilhart, W. L. Eagleton, Dr. John B. Miles.

prefer not to be bothered with a report but in order to have something in the record I have prepared a review of the past year.

Our association is a service organization rather than one to dictate. Through the county advisory councils, our office force and individual members, all working because of a sincere unselfish interest, we develop increased interest in higher education, as well as in our particular Alma Mater. We encourage outstanding high school graduates to attend their own state university. Our office keeps alumni records up to date. It helps the University to maintain a Teachers Placement Bureau. We are the one official organization to keep alumni in contact with the University and its new services. We act as a clearing house for alumni communication. We sponsor alumni gatherings such as reunions, homecoming and local meetings, as well as O. U. banquets at many conventions. We maintain headquarters where returning alumni are always welcome. We assist in the general University publicity program and in presenting University needs to the individual members of the Legislature and to the general public.

The Sooner Magazine

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