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BY THE EDITOR

HOMECOMERS may have wondered about the showing of the Sooners against the Tigers of Missouri. Without discounting the fact that the Tigers played good football, it should be said in justice to the Sooners that they were a tired team. You can't put eleven men through a tremendously hard schedule such as Oklahoma has this year and have them A-1 each game. Oklahoma needs more reserves. Until we get them, we are courting defeat at crucial points.

I have heard some expressions of longing for the old-style football game, in which victory was anybody's until the final shot. Too much scouting, too much direction by coaches, too little generalship by the teams, too great responsibility for victory due to the necessity for maintaining stadia, are ruining American football. Football is a cautious game these days. Coaches have to be on their guard; mortgage holders are watchful; and the daring player may have his derringdo lost through overwork.

Coaches Hardage and Rowland are taking films of every football game. Alumni are going to see these this spring. After every game the team is shown its faults and its strength. Hardage is one of the most thorough students of modern football and give him time and he will have the national mark of a Stagg or a Yost.

Hardage is a great hunter. He has a 6000-acre quail range in Alabama and at Norman he has his bird dogs and goes for his hunting when opportunity offers.

Coaching is one of the toughest modern professions. It is a trying business. You have around eighteen thousand bosses at every game; they know how the game should be played better than you do. And they won't hesitate to let you know your shortcomings. A coach earns his salary and many times again. Snorter Luster would walk the floor nights before games, and Lewie Hardage gets nervous indigestion before his games.

Hardage is going to have greater alumni support than any previous coach. Chester Westfall, our energetic president, is planning to give the full co-operation

of alumni to athletics during the coming year. When that co-operation is given, the problem of coaching at Norman is going to be somewhat easier.

The state supreme court is going to have a Sooner majority this year. That is pleasing news. Fletcher Riley, '17as, who has won great praise for his interpretation of the law, will become chief justice when the supreme court is reorganized next spring. Watch Judge Riley. His friends say that he is becoming the Oliver Wendell Holmes of the Oklahoma judiciary. Youth is no handicap to mature judgment, and although Judge Riley will be the youngest chief justice in America, he will be one of the best versed in the spirit of the law. All of the justices going in are men of the greatest ability and hard workers.

The profession of law in Oklahoma is constantly being enriched. A quiet, brilliant man at Norman is the heart of this movement. He is Dean Julien C. Monnet of the law school. He is the coping-stone of the law profession in Oklahoma. Whenever you hear of reforms in the legal profession in the state, you hear lawyers praising Dean Monnet. He is the quiet but pervasive force of the law in Oklahoma. The law school he has built into one of the best in the nation is not the only great contribution of Dean Monnet.

A Sooner in Dallas, Texas has built a national industry. He is Shelley Tracy, '11as, president of Tracy, Locke and Dawson, Inc., and vice president of the University of Oklahoma Association. He and his firm made Doctor Pepper a household word and are keeping it that. We are accustomed to think of the east as the center of the advertising agencies; but Mr Tracy has made the south a co-partner in the national advertising game.

They say you can never get rid of printer's ink. Seward Sheldon, '15journal, after a fling in the oil business, is back in journalism as editor of the *Fort Worth News*. He likes it.

Few people realize that the cattle industry is not centered in the Osage country alone. Neil Johnson, '15as, is one of

Oklahoma's most successful cattlemen and he feeds part of his cattle on his ranch near Norman.

Oscar B. Jacobson, the genius-director of the school of art, recalled the other day his one foray into drama. It was while he was a student at Yale. He and a number of other students formed a stock company, presented a show at New Haven, took it on the road, and escaped from the venture with enough money to get back to New Haven. In the company was Sinclair Lewis, like Mr Jacobson, destined to cut a wide swathe on the face of the world.

Denzel Carr, '22ex, one of the most brilliant language students who ever attended the university, is now professor of Chinese grammar in the University of Leyden, Holland. He is planning to return to Oklahoma within the next two years, after a romantic decade abroad, during which he has been in Japan, China, Poland, Holland and other nations. Languages to Mr Carr are merely a diversion. He is a pastmaster at commanding any language, if he sets his mind to its conquest.

Among the young men in the state legislature are three young Sooners who left their marks on the campus. Jake Gibson, '31law, of Wellston, was one of the guiding spirits in campus politics. Merton Munson, '29as, '31law, of Lawton, probably saved student government by his mastery as president of the student council of one of the most difficult campus political situations. George Copeland, '31law, of Oklahoma City, has been making a mark for himself in the attorney general's office. He was a member of the debate team which won the heart of Will Rogers on that memorable tour of the Pacific. All three legislators are in their early twenties, possible Pitts of the future.

Frank Cleckler, '21bus, our secretary, is one of the tennis champions of the campus. . . . Duane Roller, '23sc, associate professor of physics, was an army flier before coming to the university faculty. Now he is collaborating on physics textbooks with Nobel Prize Winner Robert Millikan. . . . Jens Rud Nielsen, professor of physics, now on a Guggenheim fellowship in Denmark, will return to the university in February. . . . George Milburn, '30ex, and Fleta Campbell Springer, '99ex, shared honors in the November *Harper's Magazine*. Mrs Springer wrote about Glassford and the bonus army, George about the vice president-to-be. Mr and Mrs Milburn and young daughter, Janet, will make their home this coming year at Providence, Rhode Island.