

# Two Great Texans

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(Editor's Note: The following is an article inspired by the observance of San Jacinto day in Texas. It is written by a Sooner alumnus and expresses an appreciation of the outstanding work of President W. B. Bizzell, himself a native Texan, and shows the close relation between Sooner and Lone Star states.)

**A**S we grow older, the dreams of youth fade, illusions vanish, adolescent hopes decay, to become the ashes of regret for the things that might have been.

Yet, seated in the Rice Hotel, on the site of the first permanent capitol of the Republic of Texas, on San Jacinto day, April 21st, to honor the President of the University of Oklahoma, Dr. Bizzell, himself a native Texan, descended from pioneers, some of whom served with Sam Houston, who could ever attain an age so great that this stimulus could not renew the lost dreams of youth, restore early illusions and revive adolescent hopes?

Add to this the further fact that this Texan enjoyed the privilege of obtaining a degree from Oklahoma University, and forgive this outburst.

So much having been said and written in recent times in behalf of the "Forgotten Man," it would seem reasonable to recall that a Greek gentleman first created the "Forgotten Man," when he referred to an exiled Greek, designating that man as "The Forgotten Man of Athens."

It is entirely possible that this ancient "Forgotten Man" was received with generous Athenian applause.

Our President gave to the world the modern "Forgotten Man," and he was enthusiastically accepted. But history fails to record a single instance in which an intelligent electorate ever elevated to a place of honor, or made the recipient of responsibility, its "Forgotten Man."

It is, therefore, both fitting and proper, that we pay tribute on this day and on this occasion to two of our most "Unforgotten Men."

When General Sam Houston crushed the Mexican Army in the battle of San Jacinto, ninety-eight years ago today, that accomplishment became one of the most outstanding events of American history. Marquis James, in his story of Houston,

"The Raven," closed the story at Houston's death with these words: "A life so strange, so lonely, whose finger tips had touched the stars, only to have them turn to dust in his hands, had passed away."

Can any Texan forget, can any Oklahoman forget, that from that star dust in Houston's hands was builded the Lone Star of Texas? From that star dust came a large area of Western Oklahoma, from that star dust the United States extended its domain to the Pacific, and established forever Anglo-Saxon dominance on the North American continent.

What glorious star dust, and what eternally unforgettable star dust!

A nation can not and will not forget! A native Texan may sooner hope to forget the glories of a perfect sunset on the Western plains. A "Sooner" might as easily forget the majesty of sunrise over

the campus of Oklahoma University. Both might more readily forget the fragrance of roses in an old-fashioned garden, where first love made of life an illusion of heaven.

Then a toast to the memory of General Sam Houston, from whose star dust a vast empire rose.

Again, a native Texan takes pride in paying homage to an "Unforgotten Man" of today; unforgotten by Destiny, for he was born in Texas; unforgotten by Nature, for he was equipped with a sturdy physique and pleasing personality; unforgotten by the Creator, who gave him an ancestry in whom he might take just pride, a human understanding and sympathy combined with eternal optimism, a capacity for leadership unattainable by most men. He is not today forgotten by Texas where his splendid service began. He is not, nor will he ever be, forgotten by Oklahoma, where he is leading the University of Oklahoma on to greater achievements each year. He stands in the front ranks of the country's first defense, for an educated democracy, an indestructible democracy.

A toast, then, to our unforgotten guest, one whose service Texans can not forget, one whose splendid leadership renders him unforgettable to Oklahoma. May his capable hands mold the plastic youth of Soonerland into usefulness for many years to come.

## Anadarko's Humes

**T**HE election of Mrs. C. Ross Hume, Anadarko, as president of the University Mothers' club during May brought another distinction to one of the finest Sooner families—a family that has served the University loyally and well.

Ranking along with the Newbys of Oklahoma City and the Johnsons of Norman, the Humes have been prominent in University affairs for a third of a century. Mrs. Hume is the wife of C. Ross Hume, '98as, '00M.A., who was half of the first University graduating class.

The family earned its sixth degree this month when Dorothy Hume was awarded her B. A. degree. She is a freshman lawyer and has shown an aptitude for the profession her brother and illustrious father have followed.

Her older brother, Ross G. Hume, '29as, '31law, married a Sooner, Gladys

McDonald, '30as. They are living in Oklahoma City where he is an attorney. Another daughter, Betty Hume, just completed her junior year and has been active in campus affairs, holding the position of secretary of the junior class.

Their father was the first secretary of the alumni association in '99 and '01 and was president of the alumni association in '09 and '10.

For years, the father of the first graduate has won the prize during the Dads' day ceremonies for being the oldest dad in attendance. He is Dr. Charles R. Hume, Anadarko physician. He became a great-grandfather to the youngest of the great Sooner family several years ago.

Dr. R. R. Hume, '01med, a brother of the first graduate, completes the family of Humes.