

# In the mail . . .

(Letters of general interest received by Alumni Secretary Ted Beaird and by the editors of the magazine.)

## Loyal Sooner in St. Louis

To the Alumni Secretary:

I enclose herewith my check in the amount of \$3.00, covering annual Alumni dues and subscription to *The Sooner Magazine*.

Since I have been located up here, and do not have the opportunity to get to Oklahoma often I look forward with especial interest to the *Sooner Magazine* with its very excellent reports on the activities of Sooners and Soonerland. Naturally, I do not wish to miss a single copy, and I am sure that with your able leadership the Association will continue to grow and assert the influence to which it is entitled in the State of Oklahoma.

Cecil L. Hunt, '26law, East St. Louis, Ill.

## Via dog team

The following letter was received by Dr. Karl D. Reyer, associate professor of business administration:

'Twas the night before Christmas when I received your copy of the *Oklahoma Daily* and it was a pretty good present at that. It seemed like a wonderful piece of literature—especially when one has not heard from the outside world in two months. I don't know how you or the University ever located me, but I got it fine.

I am situated at present in Eskimo Alaska at Koyuk, Alaska. This is a small Eskimo village on Norton Sound. I am here for two years' work as teacher, reindeer superintendent, and amateur nurse. The Department of the Interior calls me a "community worker," and I guess that describes it.

I am having a wonderful experience and a great trip, and will transfer back to the "States" in a couple of years. The weather is cold; the country is lonesome; and the natives are very primitive, but everything is so different. I never had to stand any cold before, and am surprised that it does not hurt me. The Northern Lights are grand, and our *two weeks'* winter night will be over before New Year's as we can already see the reflection of the sun below the horizon for a while at noon. We have about two weeks in the year at this latitude where the sun does not set and another two weeks when it does not rise.

We got our first mail today since the freeze-up. The plane would not land on the ice of Norton Sound as it was too thin, so the government sent us mail via dog team—the universal transportation up here.

If you wish anything more of me, write to me at the above address and send it "via Haycock." The service is better around that way.

Forrest V. Draper, '35, Koyuk, Alaska.

## How about alumni directory?

Editor, *The Sooner Magazine*:

Please accept my sincere thanks for the bit of publicity which I received in the last issue of *The Sooner Magazine*. I am very much in debt to you and my wife, Esther Furrow, for this tribute.

We enjoy the Magazine very much and look forward to its coming every month. I have been wondering if it isn't about time to have a new Sooner Alumni Directory?

Clarence Lee Furrow, '21, Galesburg, Ill.

## Concert appreciated

To the Alumni Secretary:

The Men's Glee club gave a concert here last Wednesday evening to one of the largest audiences ever attending an occasion of that kind here. The concert was splendid. I only hope we can have them again.

Edna Chester, Kingfisher, Okla.

## It's a small world

To the Alumni Secretary:

Thank you for your note about the Vick's radio broadcast; am glad that you all could hear it. It came very unexpectedly, as I was on a concert tour of Georgia and Alabama and had sung four concerts that week, then to Chicago via fast train which I caught at Birmingham fol-

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## IN THE MAIL

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Following our concert Friday night at Tuscaloosa at the University of Alabama.

It was thanks to brother Roy Hickman and his good wife that we were able to make the Birmingham train, as they motored us to Birmingham through a driving rain following our concert in Tuscaloosa. Merl Freeland played for me on this concert trip; he is from Norman, you know, and a graduate (B. A.) of O. U.

Following our concert at the University of Georgia at Athens on February 16th, the boys of Pi Kappa Alpha gave a large and formal reception for us at the chapter house, a beautiful affair at which some three hundred guests called. Both Merl and I were in the receiving line.

The boys of the Alabama University chapter at Tuscaloosa had planned a similar reception and I had accepted by telegram from New York; but when the hurried summons came for the Chicago broadcast, I had to wire them, cancelling it all. Was sorry to have to do this, but there was no other way.

The day of the Tuscaloosa concert when Merl and I arrived in Birmingham, Roy Hickman and seven of the Pi K. A. alumni club were at the train to meet us and gave us a fine luncheon at the country club. Later, with the Hickmans and the Knights (he is a Pi K. A. too) Roy drove us over to Tuscaloosa; we called at the chapter house, met the boys and their house-mother, then hurried to get ready for the concert.

Following the broadcast in Chicago I took the Braniff Airline for Houston. At 3:25 a. m. we flew over Norman and I could see DeBarr street very plainly in the map-like layout below us. So near home, yet so far!

As Merl and I were lunching at Arnaud's restaurant in New Orleans we ran across Josh Lee and his wife; Josh was in New Orleans to address the National Educators' Association. They told us that they would be on our train north-bound from Atlanta the next day, so we

met them again, had dinner together on the train and a good visit following it.

Josh is a fine man and about the same as when you and I first knew him in O. U. so many years ago, for the passing years have but matured him and even increased his sense of humor and rock-bottom view on life.

Hope to see you next end-of-April and first-of-May when I shall be concertizing again in Oklahoma.

*Joseph Bentonelli, '20, New York.*

*(Bentonelli, leading tenor for the Metropolitan Opera Association, appeared in joint recital with Ruggiero Ricci, violinist, February 22 at Beaumont, and on March 13 Bentonelli and Helen Jepson gave another of their joint recitals, this time in Richmond, Va.)*

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*Excerpts from an interesting letter received in Norman from a University law school graduate traveling in Europe:*

For the past month the writer has been court- ing the opinions of Germans and Italians, not only their attitudes with regard to their leaders and their objectives, but with regard to the possibility of permanent peace in Europe. Each question is amicably answered with either a veiled reference to French militarism, Jewish propaganda, or the injustice of the treaty of Versailles. This wound, nurtured and fed by Hitler, is the basis of all German political faith. At the Universities of Munich, Heidelberg, and Kohn, German students manifest the utmost faith in the wisdom of their leader. They defend re-armament as a necessary defense; they acknowledged their colonial aspirations in the same breath. The desire to retrieve German colonies lost in the World War is emphasized to the student from the lower schools through the University.

They submit to the most burdensome taxation and privation if it contributes to their glory.

Your writer spent the night at a small village on the Rhine, Schrenburg, about 12 miles from Heidelberg. About 9 p. m. the village suddenly became dark and upon going to the window, the writer saw a display of powerful search-lights, piercing the dark sky for the airplane roaring over the city. It was a German plane. An official explained to me that the German plane was affording the anti-aircraft facilities some practice in preparation for the French.

It is strange, even pathetic, that a people who have no intellectual superiors in Europe, should be so completely enshrouded in the dogmas of fear and hatred. Not only is this emphatically demonstrated in their militarism, but in every tenet advocated by the Nazi regime.

*W. G. Stockton, '36law.*

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### On board of directors

More than a dozen Sooner graduates have been appointed on the board of directors of the Young Men's club at Oklahoma City. The group includes O. W. Been, '22law; Merton Bulla, '31law; Wendell Foster, '29ex; George J. Fagin, '30law; Gilbert L. Hyroop, '25as, '27med; Victor Jacobson, '30ex; Frank W. Jones, '28as, '29law; Milton McCullough, '29as; Clarence Penny, '19ex; Virden Rittgers, '33ex; J. D. Sapp, '30ex; Robert H. Sherman, '35law; and A. P. Van Meter, '30ex.

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### Enrolment sets record

University enrolment for the spring semester reached 5,291, which is 141 above a year ago, and is a new high for the second semester.

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