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In the mail . . .

ROBERT H. WOOD, '11, Tulsa geologist, starts off the mail this month with a vigorous plea for the O. U. alumni to take a militant interest in preventing politics from touching the University.

He expresses regret that the University failed to get an appropriation for buildings badly needed while, at the same time, A. and M. received appropriations with a "rather lavish hand." But he considers that a minor matter as compared to the political attacks on the University.

"The University can and will, of course, rock along in a fairly satisfactory manner without these appropriations, but I, with many other alumni, am greatly concerned about the propaganda that is and has been circulated concerning Dr. Bizzell and the possibility of his dismissal as president," Mr. Wood writes. "We who stand on the sidelines have observed no good or valid reason why this should be and have seen, and can see, nothing but great constructive good that he has done and believe that his summary dismissal would have a most disastrous effect on the standing of the University and would retard its advancement for a number of years.

"Most of the alumni are very hopeful and desirous that the University can be maintained apart from politics insofar as is practically possible.

"Since the Alumni Association is now financially divorced from the University, and I am very happy that this has been done, would it not be a good idea for the Alumni Association to immediately begin taking an active and militant interest in this matter? Unless there are good reasons to the contrary I, personally, would like to see something started."

Exceedingly forthright is this brief letter to Secretary Beaird from Dr. O. H. Hanson, '26, '28med, Los Angeles.

Here is my check for \$3.00 for *The Sooner Magazine*. I don't need the damned thing but I just hanker to see what you're going to do about it. I know one thing, though, with you at the helm, the Alumni Association cannot help but be a success. I mean it.

Neil Johnson, '15, '17law, of Norman, recently received a letter from John N. Mabry, '19ex, now district attorney at Trinidad, Colo., in which Mr. Mabry commented, "I often see the names of you and your brothers in the O. U. bulletin, which reminds me that I am gradually losing contact with my acquaintances, and

even those whom I knew quite well while in school."

"I heard the Varsity Show on Pontiac's program and was proud of the old school!" he adds. "Hope sometime our trails will cross, and in the meantime, regards and best wishes to you and my other acquaintances about the school."

Olinka Hrdy, '29, now a designer and artist at Los Angeles, Calif., writes her regret that, as luck would have it, her clock stopped and she missed half of the Pontiac Varsity Show program.

"But I soon found out that clocks were not necessary in California," she writes, "as various friends called on the phone informing me that my name had been mentioned. I certainly consider it a high honor. But I did hear the last half and what a thrill it was to hear again the O. U. band and the fine talent there. I should like to visit the University sometime for a few days, and shall try definitely to do so next year."

Henry Pelfrey, '36, had a word of sympathy for the students in the last few weeks of school:

"How's everything going on the campus?" he wrote. "I know how busy the students are because I still remember the last few weeks before the finals."

Mr. Pelfrey has moved from Oklahoma City to Tulsa and is in the accounting department of the Carter Oil Company. He reports that he "likes his job better every day."

Here's a gracious invitation extended to all Sooners who pass the vicinity of Roanoke, Va. It's from Frank M. Long, '08, '09, who writes as follows:

"It just occurred to me that Roanoke is on the way from most anywhere in the South and Southwest, to Washington and New York. Now most everyone goes to Washington, or New York some time during their lives, and I am wondering if Oklahoma University friends realize that Grandad Long now lives at Roanoke, Virginia and would be most happy to have a visit from any of them. Grandad can be found at the "Y" when he is not out, and nearly always there is someone at 371 Albemarle, S. W.—which is close in—and the latch string hangs out."

Mr. Long visited Norman in June, with Mrs. Long, to see their boy James Alvin, get a degree from O. U.

"We had hoped to bring him home with us but the rascal got a job," he adds.

Errett R. Newby, '07, '08, Oklahoma City, shed a big ray of sunshine in the magazine office with this fine letter:

"The May issue of *The Sooner Magazine* was so good that I am moved to write you and tell you how much I enjoyed it. And that means it was very, very good.

"It was 'newsy,' it was attractive in make-up, it contained some interesting, substantial articles, the personal items were good, and the new loyalty song added a unique touch. Congratulations!"

Kathleen DeGroot, '31, Oklahoma City, has an interesting suggestion in this letter:

The *Sooner Magazine* is growing, and I am hoping that it will soon be twice its present size. If I had a better opportunity I should like to contribute to the news. My being surrounded most of the time, however, by children of pre-primer age is not very conducive to news-getting.

As for any items about my work, I do nothing worth quoting.

Last summer I spent seven weeks of a real vacation in Honolulu, attending the university part of that time. When I returned I met so many people who said, "If I had only known you were going I'd have asked you to do such and such," that I thought it might be well to announce a Personal Message Service, free of course, to points in Mexico where I plan to be this coming summer.

This letter is reaching print a little late for this particular message service, but *Sooner Magazine* readers might keep in mind the idea. We are always glad to publish news items about Sooners who are going abroad, and if they announce their plans sufficiently in advance, they might get some interesting requests for messages to take or articles to bring back.

Dr. J. M. McMillan, '33med, who recently moved from Supply to Chickasha, writes to say that he likes his new location very much:

Chickasha, I find, is a stable town of 14,700 progressive people with fine churches and schools. And I find the town full of up and going former Sooners. In fact the city is built by the University of Oklahoma graduates in all lines of work.

Druggists, lawyers, physicians, bankers, news-men, and all have connections in some way with the University. If they haven't attended the University in person they usually have children, relatives and friends who have. Sooners run the town.

We moved here from Western Oklahoma Hospital, Supply, in March. My wife, Clarice Hadsell McMillan, '29, and Carole Ann McMillan (Phi Beta Kappa and B. A. 1957) our daughter came along to establish a life long home here. We took the office and general hospital interests of the late Dr. A. W. Nunnery, a former Sooner.

The only complaint I have to make is that many O. U. Betas accuse me of being a Beta when I am a Barbarian. Of course, the in-laws, S. R. Hadsell and John Dell Hadsell are Betas, and they are very fine folks.

The Sooner Magazine gets much thicker and better all the time. I like the feel of the slick paper, the good arrangement of things and the good articles about Sooners everywhere, but why don't you give the M. D.'s a big break in the news some time? They are Sooners too.

This letter obviously was written before

publication of two recent articles about medical graduates.

L. W. Kibler, '16, '17ma, formerly with the University Extension Division and now field director for the Tennessee State Medical Association's Committee on Post-Graduate Instruction in Obstetrics, sends a suggestion for a campaign to be launched by the Alumni Association and about ten co-operating statewide organizations, pledged to the job of a \$25,000,000 program for the State University—\$5,000,000 a year for five years.

"When I see what is going on in this state (Tennessee) and two or three adjacent states, so poor in taxable revenue that real thinking must be used to operate government, and realize what we have in wealth in Oklahoma, it just makes me see red," says alumnus Kibler.

"Out there they have millions for roads; for health; for commissions, and tag agencies untold, but are practicing a tax squeeze upon the greatest asset existing in the state—the training of our youth."

Alumni meet at Pampa

A large group of Sooners held a luncheon meeting May 24 at Pampa, Texas, and took first steps toward permanent organization. Mrs. John F. Lee, who presided, appointed a committee to arrange a second meeting, at which officers were to be elected.

Mrs. Perrill Munch Brown, of the University speech department, was a special guest at the luncheon, and also spoke at several other meetings in Pampa the same day. She was principal speaker at the annual reception for senior high school girls, given by the A. A. U. W.

Many alumni at the luncheon found that they had been living in the same community for a number of years without getting acquainted, and they were enthusiastic over plans for regular meetings, Mrs. Brown reported.

The attendance list for the first meeting at Pampa shows: Mr. and Mrs. Claude Motley, Dr. and Mrs. Roy Webb, Mr. and Mrs. Farris C. Oden, Josephine Thomas, Mrs. A. J. Holland, Mrs. John C. Haynes, Loucylle Cunningham, Mr. and Mrs. John F. Lee, R. F. Ewing, Frank Jamieson, C. A. Cryer, Dr. J. O. Gilliland, Harry J. Bettes, Mr. and Mrs. Allan Engleman, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Fisher, Tom Braly, Bernice Larsh, Mrs. R. E. Gatlin, Mrs. Russell G. Christopher, Mrs. J. M. Borjes, and Mrs. C. F. Hunkapillar, all of Pampa; Margaret Baldwin, Arnett, Okla., and Mrs. Claude Hayman, Chilocco, Okla.

Galt given appointment

Freeman P. Galt, '17ex, Ardmore, has become state director of the Federal Housing Administration. He succeeds John Carlock in the position.

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