

In the Mail

To the Editor:

Pierce Larkin, one of the former students between the years 1898 and 1902, handed me the September issue of the *Sooner Magazine*. On page 8, entitled "Faculty Page—By Dr. S. R. Hadsell," I saw the picture of the oldest faculty member. It brought back reminiscences of forty-one years very vividly—Professor Joseph Francis Paxton. How lightly he tripped the board walk from the Belnap house to his class rooms.

Then, as was the custom, his light sandy mustache was well groomed. We often wondered why he kept his blue serge coat buttoned from top to bottom on a hot summer day. He was not the talkative type of college professor, so characteristic of Uncle Buck; but his fine qualities were never overlooked.

The three story building you so well describe contained two class rooms you overlooked—the attic so frequently used by Grace Adeline King in her many and sundry duties, was not provided with ventilation for summer use nor heat for winter. The east end of the basement was used by that good natured professor, A. H. Van Vleet, for many of his classes, and he, like Grace King taught many subjects, among them, botany, physics, and zoology. There were only a few students enrolled in his class—8 or 10. The equipment consisted of a few implements, carried in by the hand of the professor in charge. We had only one microscope—a Lietz. The boys would scramble to view the specimen mounted and about the time one got a good focus some anxious stander-by would give him a shove and make him move on.

I still remember much of what Professor Par- rington taught me, but I could never read what he wrote on the blackboard.

I saw Lawrence W. Cole, donned with cap and gown, receive his A. B. degree, together with two other proud young men. (I think Jess Heffley and Munroe Evely.) David R. Boyd administered an impressive ceremony.

Last, but not least, I think we should not forget the janitor, Kirby Prickette, a small dark complexioned man, always willing to help one find his lost or stolen books. The man who ploughed the grounds—"Old Mr. Tucker." His work like that of Kirby Prickette, was as essential to the young elm trees as that of Uncle Josh and Uncle Buck to the boys in class.

May knowledge, liberty and freedom of ex- pression be the watchword of our own O. U.

H. C. CHILDS, '30EX,
Tulsa.

To the Editor:

"Riding the Range" in *The Sooner Magazine* is probably the most interesting single item in a whole magazine of interesting items. Please don't limit the space you give Ted Beaird.

SUBERT TURBYFILL, '25, '26, '32MA,
Balboa, C. Z.

To the Alumni Secretary:

Ted, you are certainly giving us a splendid magazine. The plan of covering so many personalities in your alumni news column goes far in keeping us refreshed as to the whereabouts and activities of our many acquaintances and friends, and I for one appreciate this service.

W. MAX CHAMBERS, '21, '29MS,
Okmulgee, Oklahoma

To the Editor:

I am herewith enclosing a check to cover my first yearly subscription to our alumni magazine. I have been unable to subscribe in the past years due to unsettled locations.

I am now permanently established as an in- structor in applied arts in the Research Bureau for Retail Training, which is a graduate school

department at the University of Pittsburgh. I presume you already have the record of another "fellow-O. U."—that of Latham Yates, who is also an instructor here at Pitt.

For the purpose of identification—I was grad- uated from O. U. in June, 1935, receiving a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Interior Dec- oration. My permanent home address is given below. Please send my magazine copies to that address.

I shall be anxiously awaiting the arrival of the first copy—and wish, at this time, to send my best wishes and greetings to all O. U. members.

ELEANOR A. WARREN, '35FA,
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

To the Editor:

I have been receiving *The Sooner Magazine* at Hitchcock, Oklahoma but would like to have it sent to the above named address hereafter as I have moved here to reside permanently.

I find the magazine very interesting as it lets me know where old friends are and what they are doing. The "Calling the Roll of Sooner Classes" article, of course, is the most interest- ing to me at the present time.

Thanking you very kindly, I remain,
A loyal Sooner,

FRED V. SHIRLEY, '36, '38LAW,
Enid

To the Alumni Secretary:

Enclosed please find my check for \$3.00 for the renewal of my alumni dues. Thanks very much for sending me a reminder. I would certainly hate to miss any issue of the *Sooner* while I am away from Oklahoma. Not only does each issue give me a great deal of pleasure, but I also take special pride in showing the magazine to anyone. I believe the magazine has been improving tremendously with each issue.

Here's hoping for a great year at O. U.

J. WESLEY KITCHENS, '36, '37MA,
Iowa City, Iowa

To the Alumni Secretary:

Thank you a great deal for the recent copy of the *Sooner Magazine*.

This is a well edited publication and contents were quite interesting. After reading thoroughly I have passed it to Lloyd Slaten, executive sec- retary of the Southwestern Methodist University Ex-Student Association.

WELDON U. HOWELL,
Dallas, Texas

To the Alumni Secretary:

Please change my address for *The Sooner Magazine* to *The Oklahoma News*, 407 West Grand. I have been employed since October 1, as secretary to Mr. Charles L. Nicholson, business manager of the *Oklahoma News*.

Congratulations on the completion of the Union. The pictures in the *Sooner Magazine* are lovely.

LOUZELLE SPRADLING, '38BUS,
Oklahoma City

To the Editor:

This is to notify you that my address has been changed from 2557 N. W. 22nd Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, to General Theolog- ical Seminary, Chelsea Square, New York, New York. This will be my address until May, 1941. Also, *The Sooner Magazine* for October, prob- ably through an oversight, was not mailed to me; at least, my parents wrote that it had not reached my home address by October 17th, so I conclude that it was not mailed. Will you please send me the October issue? I very much

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like to keep up with the local news at the University.

Was very glad to see in the New York papers that Oklahoma had upset Texas last week, as well as Kansas and Rice. Hope they do the same to Nebraska today. From the distance of almost two thousand miles, I shall be rooting with the rest of you.

With sincere best wishes for the continued success of your magazine, I am

HERBERT G. BAILEY, JR., '38,
New York, New York

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To the Alumni Secretary:

Last week I received your letter of October 19 inclosing the information I desired to help us in securing a promotion for the sale of tickets to the alumni party over the state.

I have been so busy getting the letters out to all the County Councils that I have been unable to thank you for your prompt attention to my request. I am inclosing herein a copy of the letter sent to the County Councils.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for myself and the other members of the Oklahoma City Alumni Club for your fine co-operation and help in this project and if we do not have the largest crowd in the history of these meetings, it will not be due to lack of co-operation on your part.

JOE FRED GIBSON, '36LAW,
Oklahoma City

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To the Alumni Secretary:

Herewith the names, addresses, occupations of the members of my advisory committee in El Paso, together with what I hope is a satisfactory explanation of my delay in forwarding same:

Mrs. Aubrey Floyd Hesler, '24, housewife, El Paso Country Club.

Robert W. Ingram, '26, newspaper man *El Paso Herald-Post*.

Baxter Polk, '37lib.sc, librarian, college of Mines.

William S. Strain, '37ms, curator of museum, College of Mines.

I have found considerable interest on the part of the above members, who are the only Oklahoma alumni I have talked with about the matter. I was surprised by the amount of interest shown and by the number of names of alumni here in El Paso of whom your office seems to have no record. I think our group can give you co-operation to the fullest extent in any respect.

My delay has been caused by the fact that we have been building a new house, and things have been in such shape that it was impossible to attend to regular correspondence until now. Please accept my apology and feel free to call upon me for any work I can do at any time. I appreciate the honor you have paid me and shall try to do better in the future.

I regret that I shall not be able to attend the meeting November 12, as I have exhausted my leave for this year. I shall try to be there next year.

RICHARD C. HOY, '29, '31LAW,
El Paso, Texas

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To the Alumni Secretary:

I'm probably a little bit late with my regular contribution. After O. U. beat Texas yesterday I felt guilty, I guess. Anyway, just happened to think of it.

GAISER D. MADDOX, '33ENG,
Maracaibo, Venezuela

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To the Alumni Secretary:

This is to inform you that I am no longer an employee of the Sneed Oil Company. I have accepted a position with the Carter Oil Company and will be located in Mattoon, Illinois. You may address me there in care of the Geological Department of the Carter Oil Company.

Ted, the purpose of this letter is to inform you of a feeling of resentment which exists here

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Basketball SEASON IS OPEN

See Coach Bruce Drake's Sooners open the new season in December. Give this former Sooner cage star a hand as he makes his debut as O.U. basketball coach.



ARKANSAS vs. OKLAHOMA at Norman December 20 and 21

And watch the newspapers for announcement of other non-conference games to be scheduled in December or January. The Sooners will meet the Oklahoma Aggies February 2 at Norman and February 16 at Stillwater.

Big Six Schedule

January 7 Kansas at Norman.
January 14 Missouri at Columbia.
January 16 Iowa State at Ames.
January 28 Nebraska at Norman.
February 4 Kansas State at Norman.
February 11 Missouri at Norman.
February 18 Iowa State at Norman.
February 25 Kansas at Lawrence.
March 4 Nebraska at Lincoln.
March 6 Kansas State at Manhattan.

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in Tulsa as a result of Tom Stidham's statement that the University would not play Tulsa University after this year. There are a great many students from our school who depend upon getting jobs through the oil companies here in Tulsa. I have heard, from authoritative sources, that unless this is corrected or at least some effort to satisfy these Tulsans is made, that it will be very hard for our graduates to be placed here in Tulsa.

Ted, I think personally that the University will make a big mistake, both from a financial as well as a diplomatic point of view, if they sever relations with Tulsa University. I would suggest that you take this matter up with Dr. V. E. Monnett and Mr. Carson of the Petroleum Engineering School. I am very anxious to have this corrected for the benefit of those graduates-to-be.

Please let me hear from you in regard to this matter and what steps are being taken to correct this matter.

EARL WESTMORELAND, '38
Mattoon, Illinois

Dr. V. E. Monnett, director of the school of geology, differed from Mr. Westmoreland on the question discussed in this letter and expressed belief that the Tulsa employers of O. U. graduates are, generally speaking, only "accidental" residents of Tulsa and therefore have no deep feeling over football relations between Tulsa and O. U. Also, attendance at Sooner-Tulsa games has been disappointing.—Ed.

To the Alumni Secretary:

I am writing as one Oklahoman to another in reply to your good letter of October 21, 1938. I received a letter from you on October 8, 1938 asking me to become chairman of an Advisory Council for Evanston, Illinois, and my long delay in answering is a source of embarrassment to me. However, the chief reason for my failure to take earlier action concerning your suggestion is that I have been out of the city. Within two weeks I shall leave again for the Southwest and will not return until after the holidays. It is our intention to spend the holidays in Norman, Oklahoma. However, in the meantime I shall make an effort to set up an Advisory Council for Evanston, Illinois. Over this weekend I shall contact the alumni who reside in Evanston and set up the Advisory Council and when this has been done I shall furnish you with the names of said Council. However, I note that outside of Mrs. Bass and myself there are only twelve members of the alumni living at Evanston, so it appears that we are going to have more Council than members.

The thought has occurred to me—you have an Advisory Council for the City of Chicago and as you perhaps know Evanston is the first suburb to the north and no doubt many of those who live in Evanston are in the same position as I am, that we maintain our business in Chicago and in view of the limited number of alumni residing at Evanston it might be more satisfactory to give the Chicago Advisory Council jurisdiction over Chicago and the suburbs, but be that as it may, I shall follow the suggestion set forth in your letter of October 21.

I note from your last letter that you expect to be at Evanston in the immediate future. As soon as you learn of the exact date of your arrival, I wish you would inform me for the reason that I expect to be out of town after November 10.

Needless to say that I am gratified at the wonderful showing that has been made by the football team of the University of Oklahoma, and I feel that Oklahoma made history on Saturday when they defeated Nebraska.

JOHN H. BASS, '22EX,
Evanston, Illinois

To the Alumni Secretary:

Please mail today a copy of *The Sooner Magazine* with the story about Red Phillips (I don't remember whether it was September or October issue) to: Charles E. Thomas, Editor, The Delta, Sigma Nu Fraternity, Illinois Building, Indianapolis, Indiana, and send me bill for the costs.

Tell Cate I compliment him on recent issues of *The Sooner Magazine*. Articles about Phillips, the four original faculty members, Dr. Bizzell's address on Broadening the Base of Education, and the newsy, breezy notes about alumni, were all very interesting.

I especially enjoy your own running comments about your contacts with alumni off the campus. Always interesting and, the way it is printed, it is easy to find the names of those I know. Otherwise I would have to pass up the tour as I wouldn't have time to read it all.

ERRETT R. NEWBY, '07FA, '08,
Oklahoma City

P. S. Sorry I can't be at Norman November 12th.

To the Alumni Secretary:

I know Dr. Bizzell has already told you what a delightful evening we spent with the Chicago alumni last Monday, but I want, also, to tell you how very, very much I enjoyed the evening too. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hicks were at the hotel to greet us when we registered and also came to take us to the dinner they were giving for us. I was as thrilled as anyone of our co-eds would have been when a corsage—two lovely orchids—was brought to our room for me "from the Alumni of Chicago" just before we left for dinner. They were an enthusiastic group that evening. We sang University songs and especially the new one by Mr. Hicks, and talked a good deal about the University until some of them said they were really homesick for the campus. After some other entertainment of the evening, Mr. Wesley Nunn, who was toastmaster, asked each one to rise, give his name and tell when he was at the University, where he now lived and what he is doing. From all the information we got that evening, Dr. Bizzell and I decided that the University of Oklahoma is not only serving our own state well, but is contributing largely to the success of Chicago.

MRS. CARRIE S. BIZZELL,
Norman

To the Alumni Secretary:

Mrs. Bizzell and I returned from Chicago with very happy memories of the evening spent with our alumni in that city. We were surprised at the number who turned out for the occasion and their enthusiasm and loyalty for the institution impressed us very much.

The Alumni Council in Chicago is composed of very capable people. Every detail of the program for the banquet had been worked out with care. The entertainment features were about the best that I have ever seen at any alumni gathering. From the minute Wesley Nunn who acted as toastmaster, took charge, until the close of the program, there was something doing that was very much worthwhile. Joe Hicks did a good job of assembling some rare talent which was greatly enjoyed by every one. We were all reluctant to say good-bye at the close of the meeting, and Mrs. Bizzell and I returned to our hotel with a feeling of satisfaction that we were privileged to be identified with such a wonderful group of men and women.

I found our alumni in Chicago genuinely interested in knowing everything possible about the University. They also told us a good many things that they recalled from their own student days that were of great interest to us.

I hope sometime you can meet our Chicago alumni group, for you will certainly come away with a new vision of what the University is doing for the world.

DR. W. B. BIZZELL, President,
Norman.