

Riding the Sooner Range

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THAT chap Roscoe Cate, my very fine associate and co-working "hired hand" of the Alumni Association offices—he's the bird that got me into this—this column writin', Walter Winchellin', parrot-chatter complex! Months ago (long before "yes" came out in response to his argument), said he to me, sez he, "You are lettin' 'em down! Why don't you tell them via *Sooner Magazine* each month where the call of the work has taken you, whom you saw—Why, When and Which!!" So—that started Riding the Sooner Range! His editorial eye has let this chatter go in so far, but just when he's going to draw the line—well, I don't know (Until that hour when Roscoe gives me the title of "ex-words-in-print-slinger," thanks to those of you who read this palaver).

What a southwestern October! Why should one really have to work—nose over a stack of papers—bulletins to be signed—documents to be executed inside the four walls, with such an Indian Summer outside? Confessions must come, so, off the record, "BEP" HUTTO, '10, and "UNCLE JACK" JACKSON, who has upholstered more furniture and made more "what-nots" than any other what-not maker in the southwest, did pull me out for a little bass fishing from two to six P. M. one work day. (I'll bet when "Prexie" CHARLIE MEMMINGER, '14, '33law, and the Board members find this

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Subert Turbyfill, Balboa; Captain A. A. Albright, Mrs. Gladys Kimbro Knox, Cristobal; Lewis McBride, Corozal.

out, I do a Sunday shift!). . . . GEORGE McDANIEL, '22ex, drops in the office to adjust a fire loss on the Union, pays his Alumni dues (grocery-men, et al, please note, but don't all rush in at once), and a re-hash of "down through the years," including the time we were roommates at the State American Legion Convention years ago in Shawnee.

. . . . St. Louis, Missouri, calling—it's FREDERIKA FITCH WOLTERING, '26. Five minutes and it's all set. M. L. WARDELL, '19, will represent the Alumni Association and the University there November 28 at their big autumn assembly.

. . . . Chicago in action (I'll say action). WES NUNN, '17ex, on the line calling all Sooners in Illinois to assemble for the big dinner November 7 honoring President and Mrs. W. B. BIZZELL who will represent the Association in the first Illinois Sooner Alumni rally in the past ten years. And Wes really has a group of wheel-horse workers serving on his arrangements committee, namely, ADELBERT BROWN, '17, LESLIE SALTER, '22law, FRED H. WARD, '21, and GRACE WILLIAMS, '15. . . . Another front line attack comes over the wire! L. W. KIBLER, '16, '17ma, chairman of Advisory Council for the city of Memphis, Tennessee, sounds the alarm to call out the following Sooners of Nashville, Tennessee: Dr. JAMES T. BELL, '35med, ESTHER E. DRINKER, '28, L. PAUL GRESHAM, '34ma, BENJAMIN N. HASTINGS, '33ed, GEORGE W. KIEFFER, '20, KENNETH W. MARKWELL, '20eng, JOSEPH D. MITCHELL, JR., '36, Mrs. DORA DEANE CHILDRESS NEWMAN, '24, LAWRENCE L. PLANK, '30eng, '32ma, JOE GOOCH SHAPIRO, '37ed, GERALDINE STEELE, '37h.ec, Dr. HOMER S. SWANSON, '36med, WINNIE ESTELLE WALTON, '37nurse. Indeed it is encouraging to have busy men and women from coast to coast on their own initiative take the Sooner Alumni message to "foreign parts." . . . New York City is calling. "Who, me?" "No—not you, your secretary, HELEN HADLEY." Well, that's the way it goes. Helen, a graduate of '38, was an excellent co-worker; we'll miss her efficient management, taking care of office detail, but of course she should take the position offered her by the convention-reporting firm in New York, especially since her salary is tripled.

. . . . Visitors—I'll say. These two are DORTHA LOVE COLE, '33h.ec, of Los Angeles and HELEN H. HAMILL, '24h.ec, '24ms, Dortha having only a few minutes to pause while HENDERSON LEAKE, '37fa, shows her the fine Union Tower, housing radio station WNAD, so she can take a mental picture home to husband BRYAN COLE, '34eng, of Los Angeles, who was one of the early day engineers for the station.

. . . . That Nebraska game day was a real homecoming even though not the official one! Our offices were stacked—and we were glad to see 'em all. . . . the Muskogee troop, headed by CAMP BONDS, '29law, FRANK CLECKLER, '21, and HERB BRANAN, '38law—the Wewoka delegation with HICKS EPTON, '32 law, and HARRY SIMMONS, '24—the Atoka company with CHARLES MEMMINGER, '14, '33law, and Mrs. MEMMINGER (RUTH MOORE, '26fa, '26), and R. G. CATES, '10ex, not only a loyal Sooner alumnus and chairman of the County Advisory Council, but father of a delegation of Sooner children. . . . Ada, Pontotoc County, en masse, with Representative MOSS WIMBISH, freshman law student, and Senator JOHN BOYCE McKEEL, '27ex, steering 'em! . . . Chickasha tribe led by BUCK STIN-

SON, '15, and Mrs. STINSON, and ELMER FRAKER, '20, '38ma, and Mrs. FRAKER... AL DRAKE, '28bus, of Kansas City and his distinguished father, of Tecumseh... CY ELLINGER, '26, of Purcell, with his party, including RAY HUGHES and Mrs. HUGHES, '30ex, of Heavener.

... CHARLES DUFFY, '22law, and Mrs. DUFFY, '22ex, along with CLARENCE ROUND, '29bus, and six other Ponca Citizens... Judge EARL FOSTER, '13law, and Mrs. FOSTER, '30ma, of Oklahoma City, ALBERT CLINKSCALES, '17, and Mrs. CLINKSCALES, of Oklahoma City (and Albert is still "preachin'" for a new Geology Building)... Ole NORMAN BRILLHART, '17, and young nephew of Madill (and we three slipped in the back door of the Union Cafeteria where Mrs. Lola Lomax was kind enough to give us a hand-out)... VINCENT DALE, '33ex, from out Guymon way, football team and all... Amiable, gracious and non-dignified "G-Man," Jackson County's JACK SUTHERLAND, '35ex, of Oklahoma City, with Captain GEORGE BROWN, of Oklahoma City, giving us the "Hi, there"... C. ROSS HUME, '98, '00ma, waxing enthusiastic about his alumni meeting in Anadarko November 15... HARRY MORRIS, (Dad of Dads at O. U.) along with Mrs. MORRIS and their children, en masse for the big Nebraska carnival... KENNETH HARRIS, of Ardmore (outstanding O. U. student and president of the Men's Council). And how I appreciated his presenting his dad to me in person at the office... WILSON WALLACE, SAM SULLIVAN, '38law, and a crew of other legislators quietly discussing strategy and plans in one corner of the Union for the coming session of the Legislature... RALPH MILLER, '24bus, Oklahoma City, BEP HUTTO, '10, Norman, H. L. MULDRON, Norman, EMIL KRAETTLI, '18ex, Norman, M. L. WARDELL, '19, Norman, Dean ED MEACHAM, '14, Norman, ED FLEMING, '14ex, Enid, JOHN TURNER, Holdenville, Professor J. F. BROOKES of the University, Dean A. B. ADAMS of the College of Business Administration and dozens of other big-wigs working out details for election of officers, shaping policies, and so on for the more than a thousand Dads in their annual Association meeting the few hours prior to the start of the game (where and when Nebraska "bit the dust").

... Yes, Katrinka, we are really in the Owen Field Stadium! It's ten minutes until the opening of the O. U.-Nebraska game! Yes, this is our Stadium! with exactly 28,091 persons jammed in! So they said it would never be filled—well look at her now! And is this crowd of nearly thirty thousand on edge! There comes CHET BEAIRD, '29ed.m, and Mrs. BEAIRD (blankets and all) ready for the whistle; RAYMOND TOLBERT, '13law, Oklahoma City, with his picture-makin' equipment snapping 'em; PETE SMITH, '38ex, and JAP HASKELL, '22, step on us on their way to the press box; KIRK WOODLIFF, '37law, helping WIP ROBINSON, '38, in the loudspeaker booth; LEON C. PHILLIPS, '16law, the "to be," and E. W. MARLAND, "who is," respectively near and in Prexy's box; Dr. BEN COOLEY, '21med, and Mrs. COOLEY, '20, GENE LEDBETTER, '14law, JOE McBRIDE, '28bus, and Mrs. McBRIDE, '27, GRANNY NORRIS, '29, and Mrs. NORRIS, Judge DICK PENDLETON, '26law, and Mrs. PENDLETON, BEEFY BEEGLE, '22, and IMOGENE BEEGLE, HUGH McDERMOTT, '20, and Mrs. McDERMOTT, Superintendent GEORGE HANN, '36ed.m, and Mrs. HANN, plus their young son; HARRY WOFFORD, '20ex, of Wheeler, Texas; the Tyler, Texas (Land of Roses) Sooner delegation, forty strong; Dallas, Fort Worth, San Antonio, Houston, and other Texas village alumni packed in; in fact thousands plus thousands of other popcorn eatin' peanut chewin, hot-cocoa-drinkin' alumni, with eyes set in one direction—on the field out front awaiting the battle of the century! Nebraska on the field first—the Sooners trail in one minute be-

fore the opening whistle—BUT, no trailing, these Sooners, at the final gun!!

... A. B. "ABIE" CARPENTER, '27law, Shawnee, chairman of the Pottawatomie County Advisory Council, is calling. Well, I'll try to adjust schedules to deliver your Armistice Day address November 11, but you know, Abie, that's the big night in Oklahoma City for Soonerland! Of course, Abie, you and HELEN plan to meet the other hundreds in the Skirvin Tower's Silver Glade Room? You see, hard hittin' Oklahoma City Prexie HAL WHITTEN, '25law, along with such sack totin' helpmates as LEW MORRIS, '17law, GLENN FARIS, '19, JOE WHITTEN, '27law, KITTY SHANKLIN ROUNTREE, '23, EARL FOSTER, '13law, JOE FRED GIBSON, '36law, ELAINE TUCKER, '29ex, LEE B. THOMPSON, '27law, Dr. WAYMAN THOMPSON, '27med, Judge BEN ARNOLD, '20, LEE K. ANDERSON, '25, and some fifty other alumni committee members have spent months of hard work on this big annual party, so the eyes of the Soonerland world will be focused there the night of November 11. That must be my first personal interest. However, I'll participate in the Legion's Armistice program in Shawnee if possible.

... This city of Lawton—well, it's always been fascinating to me, ever since as a 5-year-old my daddy allowed me to accompany him there from old Greer County when he was fixin' up the papers on land he had drawn in the federal land opening. This October afternoon of 1938 is no exception—the town still has something that adds a thrill to work! Indians in blankets, Uncle Sam's boys in army array from nearby Fort Sill, cotton farmers driving around to the gin, "Sid's Place," the age-old Midland Hotel—yes, it's easy to see why so many of our alumni chose this city for their business and professional life! Senator MERTON MUNSON, '31law, NED SHEPLER, '18ex, Dr. DONALD ANGUS, '33med, RALPH CLINE, '37law, J. R. MONTGOMERY, '28ex, JOHN SHOEMAKER, '33ed.m, RUBY RUTH VINCENT, '24fa, '36ma, CHARLES M. CONWILL, '27ma, PRESTON WOODRUFF, '36law, '37ma, W. J. BECKER, '31ma, and Coach BRYAN GRIFFIN, '22, are only a few of the alumni who are thoroughly sold (and tell the wide world) Lawton is the best business and home town in America!

... Well, after all, these "hired hands" in Oklahoma public life have their headaches to encounter and their problems to solve but in this wide world, I ask you, can you find a finer lot among whom one can labor than Sooner alumni? They say it's all in the run of the day—these ups and downs in the development of a worthwhile program. So... if I don't get on the run immediately and complete details for the November 15 Alumni Rally to be held under auspices of the Caddo County Advisory Council in Anadarko, I'll probably be crawlin' out from under an avalanche of complaints! So, off for Anadarko—and more Sooners.

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Literary honor

New literary recognition came last month to Robert E. Whitehand, '33, instructor in drama in the University, when a story of his appeared in the *Henry Memorial Award Prize Stories of 1938*. This volume, containing a selection of outstanding stories of the year, is edited by Harry Hanson, literary critic.

The story is *The Fragile Bud*, which was printed originally in *American Prefaces*.

Mr. Whitehand received recognition in another important national anthology when a story of his appeared in *O'Brien's Best Short Stories of 1936*.

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