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# Riding the Sooner Range

By Ted Beaird

**A**CROSS the Great Salt Plains from Salt Lake City down through the Moffet Tunnel de Luxe, and into Denver for more Sooners. . . . A twelve-hour visit with the Denver, Colorado, Advisory Council, headed by FRANK KELLER, '20eng, along with his able co-workers JIM BOLLINGER, '33eng, MRS. GLADYS SCROGGS HAWTHORNE, '10, GUY L. REED, '18ex, and JACK B. DEAHL, '26law, readily convinces one of the keen interest displayed by the dozens and dozens of University of Oklahoma alumni in this thriving city of the West. Some time in November this Sooner group will have its first winter meeting and they promise a complete report for the *Sooner Magazine*. Indeed, there's a possibility that ROSCOE CATE, '26 and myself will be out there with them for this meeting, if, of course, travel schedules to the various Soonerland Empires lead us in that direction at the assigned period. . . . So it's out of Denver and "Santa Fe-ing" it back home to meet a stack of requests from the alumni scattered throughout the world.

It would certainly be marvelous to be a "land plutocrat" and own even a small garden spot in this fertile valley of Garvin County on the Washita River, surrounding the City of Pauls Valley. The dozens and dozens of Sooners that we find in Pauls Valley on this particular trip would make life quite interesting if we could be classed as one of their local citizens: The Dean of Oklahoma "Pill Rollers," (namely Dean D. B. R. JOHNSON, '18ma, who for years and years has actively guided the destiny of the School of Pharmacy at the University of Oklahoma) and "BEP" HUTTO, '10, the steel-eyed banker, are my two companions on this particular Sooner pilgrimage and, of course, we are readily greeted by the Dean's "boys," namely, RAY REAVIS, '25pharm, and ARTHUR SPANGLER, '38pharm, both prospering in the drug business in Pauls Valley. And then there are the friends of SUSANNE LASATER, '23, '32ma, our O. U. teacher, wanting to know about her welfare. The great land baron, AL MULDRON, '33law, stops us on the street to tell us about his new home recently completed on his ranch near Pauls Valley. And the legal mind, JOE CURTIS, '22law, in his marvelous new offices with one of the finest law libraries in the State of Oklahoma. Joe, of course, was once claimed as a citizen of Norman but for the past sixteen years has been a very active and prosperous young attorney

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in this Sooner city. So, all in all, it's been an interesting afternoon with special arrangements made with JOE CURTIS, AD MULDRON, and others, that, early this winter, we shall have on the campus of the University of Oklahoma a Garvin County day and we hope that they will all come back and be with us for that big event. Of course we are expecting in this delegation a recent graduate of the Law School JOE SHUMATE, '38law, along with ROY AMBRISTER, '6, and his wife, CARRIE MARTIN AMBRISTER, '17fa. We feel certain they will be here because daughter CARENE AMBRISTER is on the campus now, following in Dad's and Mother's footsteps. And then, of course, Attorney General MAC Q. WILLIAMSON, '10ex, and Supreme Court Justice MONROE OSBORNE, '04ex, along with J. HARRY JOHNSON, '30law, and HOMER HURT, '22law (They are still swearing allegiance to Pauls Valley) will be here for the day's festivities.

Back from Pauls Valley and settling myself at the desk, a call comes from Houston, Texas. It is the enthusiastic DOW HAMM, '22, joining forces with WALLACE C. THOMPSON, '29 and other Sooner leaders of the great Texas City, making last minute plans for reception of the team, making arrangements for the Sooner luncheon to be staged two hours prior to the Rice-O. U. game in Houston, (and now its over, what a whale of a luncheon they really did have—one hundred and eighteen loyal Sooners from down through the years in that assembly. ROSCOE and FRANCES CATE, [Frances Mitchell, '30], report a marvelous hour-and-a-half session as representatives of the Alumni offices.) The Houston call was complete and details supplied. . . . The telephone rings and AL DRAKE, '28bus, of Kansas City, is on the sending end of the line. It's the big function known as the O. U. Night in Kansas City that he's telling me about. Yes, they want M. L. WARDELL, '19, assistant president of the University to represent O. U. and the Alumni Association as their special guest speaker. He did and M. L. says it was a swell Sooner get-together (Now since it's over, I believe Roscoe is supplying news information about it in another section of the magazine). They really get the job done in Kansas City, Missouri.

So they say that this assembly that we are in is the Tax Commissioners' Office—an assembly of attorneys, tax experts, and general utility men of the Oklahoma Tax Commission, but it appears to me in looking 'em over that it is merely another Sooner assembly! Of course, I am surrounded by a flock of Sooners: R. W. HUTTO, '10 and DICK CLOYD, '19, '28law, members of the Board of Trustees of the Oklahoma Memorial Union along with HOMER R. HECK, '35ex, are the Sooners representing "our cause." But during the course of the morning and the course of this hearing a half dozen other Sooners have appeared on the scene so it's all in the run of the day that whatever the occasion or whatever the place, they are there.

And upon our return from this hearing whom should we meet but MR. and MRS. MAX CHAMBERS, '21, '29ma, of Okmulgee, who are dropping down to the University on a special hurry-up business call but do manage to find time to exchange greetings and tell us about O. U. Sooners over in their section.

Now this is something different! It's an informal, closed session known as an acquaintance program staged for a group of young men on the O. U. campus who are pursuing their various professional courses but beginning in January will begin their arduous duties as mem-