

Riding the Sooner Range

By Ted Beard

THAT young chap in the Parkinson Hotel lobby of Okmulgee—that is RALPH KENYON. Did he tear down playhouses in those brief weeks leading up to July 12! I will say he did! Why, only nine weeks ago he was making his last hamburger in the Oklahoma Memorial Union on the campus of the University at Norman. (The last hamburger meant that he had completed his work, six long years in O. U., coming out a new Oklahoma kid lawyer.) How did he get through; Easy (Oh yeah!)—via the making and selling of sandwiches in the Union, from three to six hours per day. Tonight, notwithstanding a strenuous campaign, he looks fresh and rested, but he isn't because he broke all records (and incidentally lived up to O. U. traditions)—he is the new county attorney at Okmulgee.

.... "Thanks—no coffee, make it a coke." Thus another O. U. rally is opened in the "corner drug" at Okmulgee (or should it be christened "O. U. ville"?). CHARLES STEELE, SR., '15, is sitting across the table and telling me the

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latest on 'em all. "Did you say your name is Wails? Yes, I recognize you now as CHARLES E. WAILS, '14ex, father of Lois who came to us last year as a junior from the Okmulgee Junior College and who, incidentally, is one of the 'wheel horse' student assistants in our office. So you and the family have just returned last night from a marvelous vacation? You must have enjoyed every minute of your visit to Ayer, Mass., and the visit with your brother, Dr. J. O. Wails, '11ex. In fact, in checking through the records, we will have to admit that this is an O. U. family. There is Dr. Ted Wails, '19, '21med, prominent Oklahoma City physician, along with geologist Elmer Wails, '22, located at Tulsa, along with Minnie Wails, '15ex, now Minnie Wails Myers of Burley, Idaho. Then of course, while visiting with brother J. O. we should not overlook the fact that Mrs. J. O. (CARRIE BUTTRAM WAILS) had a very great interest in O. U. and still has, due to the two degrees, B. A. '19 and B. F. A. '19, that she holds. Then, too, we cannot overlook the manager of the household, Mrs. Charles Wails (BLANCHE SMITH WAILS, '14ex). So, in all, it calendars out to be an O. U. Tribe."

.... Do I know SAM AMBRISTER, '08, of Norman? Well, I should say I do! Why Sam and I often "swap" ideas about the best methods to keep fruit trees from freezing in the changeable Oklahoma springs. So you are a practicing attorney at Muskogee and a brother of Sam? You are here today in Okmulgee on special legal business? Glad to see you, C. A. AMBRISTER, '10ex, and I shall take your greetings back to Sam when I arrive home. Sit down and grab a coke with us. Charlie Steele is paying the bill. And, by the way, who is this distinguished gentleman who entered the door with you—could that possibly be one of my many "bosses," Attorney A. N. "Jack" BOATMAN, '14, '16law? Yes, Jack, I believe I have met you before. In fact, I don't know anyone connected with Sooner work in any manner who has not met you. In fact, without any reflections your way, we associate the name of Boatman along with the traditional old '06 rock, the Spoonholder, and many other landmarks on the campus down at Norman. And Jack, you have possibly gained the prestige of a landmark by your active interest in your University down through the years."

.... What a Sooner gang we always find when we come to Ponca City, and this Friday, August 19, 1938, is no exception to the rule. Senator CHARLES DUFFY'S ('22law) very courteous and efficient secretary introduced me to Charlie's law associate, R. O. Wilson, a Denver University graduate and district president of another organization in which thousands of O. U. Sooners hold membership, namely the Kiawianians—and then proceeded to write O. U. Track Coach JOHN JACOBS, '16, for me. After the completion of this business item, this very efficient secretary gave me the latest flashes on the travelling Duffys, Charles, the Missus, and their charming children. "Where are these travelling Duffys today, Madam Secretary?" "Today—why today, Senator Duffy and the family arrive in Boston. They will spend a day or so in this historic spot, then they are away to Quebec, Canada. Yes, they always have a pleasant trip together, usually during the month of August—just the family—driving hundreds of miles in some of America's historical spots.".... That CLYDE MUCHMORE, editor and owner of the *Ponca City News*—what a whale of a job he always does in his personal column. I wonder why he, too, couldn't have been an O. U. Sooner? Well, he is by

adoption anyway!.... I find Dr. LAILE NEAL, '23, '25med, prominent Ponca City physician, left in late June for the West Coast and the Kiawianis International Convention.... And Ponca City, BILL BLUE, '16ex, met HARRY BALLINGER, '20, manager of the Enid office of the Oklahoma State Employment Service, for the first time in eighteen years on the street yesterday. Fact is, they had not met since they left the O. U. campus!.... The GLENN CLARKS of Continental Oil, Ponca City (and past "Prexy" of the Alumni Association is Glenn, '13) were all a flutter (so was daughter Betty Lou) because they were to be off the following Saturday, along with Mr. and Mrs. Howard B. Drake (Pete to you birds who know Howard as I do), plus the charming daughter, Miss Virginia, to Deer River, Minnesota, and—cool air, and—fish, and—vacation! CLARENCE ROUND, '29bus, doing a double shift even as late as 11 P. M., planning to be off to Yellowstone with his wife, CLAUDIA SMITH ROUND, '29ex, and young daughter Colleen; hastily taking notes on how to find Oklahoma's ranger naturalist, MAX GILSTRAP, '37, and MRS. MAX, '37ex, who have reported the entertainment of dozens of Sooners this summer in that National playground. So, at 5 A. M. the Rounds of Ponca City will be rolling out west.... What time do you people of Ponca City go to bed? Here it is 11:25 (long past my bed time—so let's drive, Charlie, and hit the hay!) Charlie, in business and professional life, is CHARLES W. HAXEL, '28ex, who for several years has been associated with the home office of Continental Oil Company, Ponca City, and prior to his connections with the Continental was with us at the University as an auditor in the Extension Division. The exchange of more O. U. chats with Mrs. Charles Haxel (NELL SMITH HAXELL, '28ex) and young daughter, Joan, then to bed to be up and on the way, via the Santa Fe, to Wichita, Kansas.

.... What a day—but how interesting!.... That roar of bells—could it be Ponca City really is on fire and the truck has stopped immediately in front of my bed? Surely not. It is 5 A. M. this August 20. No, now that the eyes are open we see that is merely the 98 cent alarm clock doing its assigned duty.... And then we find the northbound Santa Fe an hour late. Why hasn't the Smith or Jones brothers alarm clock company or the mechanical engineers division of the University of Oklahoma developed someone to train these mechanical agents in the form of a 98 cent alarm clock to determine train schedules before causing such a din of noise as this. Anyway, even though we now have only a seven-minute stopover in Wichita, Kansas, let us get set, for some of the gang of Sooners will be there at the station.... Why, there is JOHN PAYNTER, '26. "Surely, you must be a native of Wichita by this time, but I will not ask how many years you have worked here because I recently learned that you had served well and long enough that you now have been promoted to the supervising principalship of the Wichita Public Schools! So you are the typical bachelor, eh John? Mrs. John (Northwestern University graduate) has spent the '38 summer in Jasper Park. Sure, John, I am glad to have Sooner greetings from ROY JOHNSON, '10ex, and Mrs. ROY JOHNSON, '21fa. You see, John, Roy is not only a cog in the O. U. machinery but former district governor of Rotary in Oklahoma.".... So, ISLA MARIE DAVIS, '26fa, is still doing the music in North High School, Wichita? IVA MALONE, '27, formerly of Chickasha, is making an outstanding record in her Wichita, Kansas, teaching work. Then, too, I am

glad to hear of MARCELETTE GRANT, '27ex, now Mrs. Courtney Davis of Wichita!... Yes, John, it is good news to know that the three musketeers, GRANVILLE TIERNEY, '24, BRESSEM HOLTZSCHUE, '34, and PAUL W. FLEEGER, '28 and '29law, have worked their way in as an outstanding trio in the thriving City of Wichita.... Well, John, there is the go sign. I will see you this fall at the O. U. Homecoming in Norman. Yes, our next stop is Kansas City—and more Sooners!

.... "Al Drake, of Kansas City, speaking"—"Hi, boy, what's news?" The gentleman on the other end of the Southwestern Bell connection is AL DRAKE, '28bus, who came to O. U. from his home town in Tecumseh some years ago and is at present Missouri state manager for an insurance company and a hard driving and high hitting chairman of the Kansas City O. U. Alumni Council. That Kansas City bunch will have one of those real O. U. picnics this early fall, Al tells me, and he will be assisted in making it click 100 per cent by newly appointed council member, Mrs. HARRY MORELAND, who this week takes her place on the Kansas City Advisory Council to fill the vacancy left by Mrs. LORRAINE COPPEDGE OAKES, '26, who has served for a number of months as the lady on the Kansas City Council, but has now moved on to new territory and back to the Sooner State, located in Oklahoma City. Then, too, Al will have assisting him other tireless workers to make this Kansas City O. U. Alumni function a success, including CLAUDE A. FERGUSON, '24law, Attorney; S. L. HARRIS, '20law, DOROTHY MOYER, '30 (who, incidentally, has been doing a swell job for several seasons as an O. U. ambassador in the A. A. U. W. annual spring "Know Your Universities Institute" in Kansas City; and old heavy hitter, E. H. SKINNER, '23, who, in addition to an O. U. Alumni activities service, is superintendent for the Great Lakes Pipe Line Company. It was fine to see you Al. I hope to be present this fall if possible, but just now we must go, for the Rock Island Rocket is all set for the dash via Des Moines to St Paul—and more Sooners!

.... It is really a treat to see you again George and to rehash Sooner news! The George in this case was GEORGE CHRISTMAS, '28, of St. Paul, Minnesota. His brother, Earl Christmas, '13, was at that moment, according to George, "up to his eyes" handling the campaign of the governor and issuing state-wide publicity. George tells me that Earl has been more than successful in his advertising business, that he has been fortunate in handling the publicity material for the past three successful mayors for the City of St. Paul and while doing this "electing" sponsored the publicity for several minor offices such as sheriff and others. And—as usual it seems that in all communities and cities of the country the O. U. crowd stands out in various fields. George told me quite in detail of the marvelous record in surgery that has been made by Dr. C. CURRY BELL, '16, during his years of service in the twin cities.

.... It is peculiar how time marches on! Here it is morning again and the Great Northern pulling in for the long trek across North Dakota and her surrounding sister commonwealths with the next stop at Glacier National and—I wonder there if we will spot more Sooners?.... So far as I am personally concerned they need not announce that this is the Glacier National. Those intervening hours since leaving the extreme heat in Norman have been truly "intervening" hours in turning us loose on this snow bank here at the Glacier National Hotel. We have met a number of friends, but they are all "foreigners." None of them so far are Sooners... 4 P. M. on the day of arrival and stepping off the special excursion boat at the head of Two Medicine Lake ready for the long trek back to the park's largest glacier, and

isn't this a polished young chap in the ranger uniform serving his government as special guide and lecturer to the visiting parties? For forty minutes now while coming across on the boat we have been privileged to listen to his lecture about the wonders of Glacier National Park. I wonder if he could be a geologist from some western university. Maybe he is an ornithologist. Still, maybe his hobby in the field of science could be a combination of botany, zoology, and kindred subjects. At any rate, he certainly is a keen-cut looking lad. So here goes to find out who he is! So your name is Ted Walker and your home is in Montana! What, you are soon to become a Sooner? Well, I give up! You find them in the most remote sections of the world, but wherever you find them they are always in action and doing their part. After a pleasant visit with this young chap we learn that he had recently been appointed as museum assistant and graduate student under Dr. A. O. Ortenburger, of O. U., and is to report for duty September 19.

.... Portland, Oregon, 7:15 A. M. My but a cup of coffee would come in handy. Just as we are adjusting the last kink in the crinkled tie to make our way to the station platform for a 50-minute stop, we are "ganged." Boxes of peaches, corsages for the ladies, serve as the early morning eye-openers in the welcome received from this fine northwestern territory city. And then, on the station platform, whom should we greet but Mrs. PAUL T. NEELY, the very charming wife of Dr. PAUL T. NEELY, a graduate of Tulane University, who was one of our Sooners in active participation on the campus "way back when." Mrs. Neely, the former BARBARA HIRSCHI, '15, exchanged a lot of hasty news items with us about the limited number of Sooners who live in Portland—for example, news items about PETER ROY MONRONEY; Mrs. INEZ LACEY EVANS, '23, as well as Mrs. ALICE HIMES BOTSFORD, '12. I wish this 50-minute stop could have been extended to a 50-hour visit but the hasty shift from the Great Northern to the Southern Pacific has been perfected and we are now off for San Francisco—and more Sooners!

.... So this is San Francisco and the Golden Gate? To hear my good friend DICK PEARCE, '31, who is now with the *San Francisco News*, the Golden Gate is a minor factor when it comes to considering the land of golden opportunity—California, but more especially, San Francisco. Dick, who has been with the *San Francisco News* since leaving Oklahoma City six months ago is really sold on this land of promise, but even at that he still has a spark of the old Sooner spirit because today at the press club he has arranged one of those Sooner Homecomings, and around this festive board exchanging "yarns about the days when" we find the following citizens of San Francisco who first owed their allegiance to Soonerland: Dr. ADENA C. DUTTON, '26med; Dr. KARL REED, '33med; Dr. LA RUE MOORE, '21, '23ma; Dr. J. L. McCCLURE, '29med; Dr. B. J. JEFFRES; CLIFFORD C. CHURCH, '23, and incidentally was that Clifford proud of the new arrival at the Church household and already he and his charming wife, DORIS HULL CHURCH, '23, even though they are entirely sold on San Francisco—and California, plan just a few years in the future to have that new daughter back here as a freshman Sooner on the University of Oklahoma campus.

.... But Sooner greetings and exchange of yarns must stop and we must ferry over to the Oakland pier, grab the Southern Pacific, and be off to Los Angeles—and more Sooners!.... In this teeming mass of one and one-fourth millions of people representing a cross section of all these United States *how could* Sooners gang together like they do in Los Angeles and the immediate suburbs. This annual picnic started at 5:30 and here as we look at our watch it is

nearly 11:00 and it seems that only a few minutes have transpired since they all hustled into Barnsdale Park for the annual Sooner get-together. Volumes could be written about the "travelogs" of each of these Sooners in that assembly on this particular balmy evening. But to their many friends at the University of Oklahoma and other friends that they have scattered throughout the entire Sooner realm, I am requested to bring special greetings from the following citizens of Los Angeles who a few years ago (indeed in some instances many years ago) were associated together on the campus at Norman: BRYAN T. COLE, '34, and his chief counsellor, DOROTHA LOVE COLE, '33; HERBERT C. SMITH, '32bus, and charming NADINE WESTERVELT SMITH, '31, who with JUANITA McCOLLUM, plus HAROLD McCOLLUM, '34, plus CARL O. CRAIG, '30bus, with the former O. U. songbirds MINNELETHA WHITE and MIRIAM DEARTH remind yours truly that we are having an old time O. U. Extension Division get-together as they are all former employees and worked with me years before we took over the hired hand duties of Alumni Secretary. It was a treat to have a long visit with ED C. PETTY, '25bus, and Mrs. Petty, who a short while ago left the Business Administration College of the University for new fields on the west coast. Others there who asked that special greetings be passed along were SARA DAVIS MILLER, '27ex; GRACE BUMGARNER, '19ex; W. E. SMITH, '20, and Mrs. Smith, '17ex (and Babe Smith, formerly of Moore, is the prey of this gang out there and he and his wife were nice enough to lose a day and night off of a high Sierra fishing trip to meet with the Sooner gang on the annual party); R. KEITH MILLER, '15, and Mrs. Miller, '19, AB ENGLAND, '16; DEWEY ROWLAND, '22; STEPHEN A. PACE, JR., '35; WAYNE W. HECKLER, '35; MARY HECKLER WHISENANT, '23; P. G. "Red" WHISENANT, '23ex; LILLIAN NEELEY BELLAH, '22; LYLE HAMMOND; McLAIN D. WITHERS, '37bus; Mrs. ROBERTA WITHERS, '35; F. A. JACKSON, '17phg; WATSON JONES, '28eng; Mrs. EULA GEVE JONES, '28he; H. McCRIMMON, '25med; C. A. COOLEY, '17ex; CLEO KERLEY, '30; LOUISE HIGHTOWER, '27; JAMES M. HAMILL, '25; WILLIAM CURTIS GRIMES, '33law; Mrs. ROY H. HENRY, '22ex; MABEL D. SENTER, '20; OLIVE LEEPER, '11; BILL GAMMILL, '17ex; JOSEPHINE GILLETT COFFEY, '18; H. A. BERLIN, '11; LELA MITCHELL BERLIN, '15; EUGENE P. BROWN, '28ma; and GEORGE A. HEAP, '29ms, and WILLIE CHAPMAN HEAP, '23.

.... And even though business requirements and vacation trips previously planned kept several Sooners away from the "shindig," greetings are sent back by the following Sooners of Los Angeles to their many friends, these greetings coming by telephone or a personal note addressed to us while we were on the coast. HAROLD D. LARSH, '21law; H. C. WILSON, '35ex, and Mrs. BARBARA TAYLOR WILSON, '35; NELSON SHAPPELL, '34; PRENTICE LIVELY, '16; JIMMY STEPHENSON, '35ex; SAM COBEAN, '37ex; EDNA FOSTER, '17; and J. D. OWENS, '09ex.

.... It is really tough when one must forget such a pleasant session as these Sooners in Los Angeles stage, but all good things must come to an end so here's the end and we are off for Salt Lake City—and more Sooners! In this city of Salt Lake, with its towering Mormon temple, Sooners for some reason or other have not located in numbers like they have on the West Coast. But at that, the Sooners' interests are being fostered by another one of those Hobart, Oklahoma, Grimes boys. It's CHARLIE A. GRIMES, '29ex.