

# Riding the Sooner Range

By Ted Beard

**W**HAT! . . . 10:15 a. m. and I am just getting into the office. Late again, but still, it has been an interesting morning. A 7 o'clock breakfast downtown was spent with HAL MULDROW, Jr., '28 bus of Norman, who told me about the pleasure that he and Mrs. Muldrow (CLARA MAE BELL, '27) had attending the Rotary International Convention at San Francisco. It must have been smooth sailing driving across to the West Coast, and many of the bumps of the Main Street of America (Highway 66) were made smoother by bumping into the Sooner gang scattered across the country. At Albuquerque, the first night out, they found scads of them, had a coke and a cup of coffee and rehashed "way back when" with distinguished STATE SENATOR DON DICKASON, '29law, who in recent years has grown famous in the New Mexico empire for his record in the State Senate.

. . . After breakfast, stopped at the campus corner to pick up birthday wares for the 6-year-old young lady at the Beard household, and had another surprise—JOE BENTON, '20, 21fa, of Metropolitan Opera fame standing on the corner in a very informal manner, red shirt and all, swapping yarns with RALPH RECORDS and other old cronies of the year '21. Boy, it was just about a convention when we "jined" together there and flashed back to those last months of '21. Joe, incidentally, has been enjoying a brief period of relaxation visiting his mother here in Norman and plans to leave in a few weeks for the West Coast to take Mother Benton on a West Coast vacation. Late in August he is to appear on a national radio broadcast from Hollywood, and confidentially,

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he is going to remain over a few days to enjoy the brethern of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity in their seventieth anniversary convention in Los Angeles the last four days of August.

. . . And that Ralph Records! You should see him, 178 pounds of solid weight. My, but it was good to see him out enjoying the early morning breeze after his year's leave of absence from the University due to poor health. . . Entering the Union Building at last, whom should I meet face to face but SUBERT TURBYFILL, '25fa, '26, '32ma, who arrived last night for a series of lectures under the sponsorship of the School of Drama. Subert, of course, is the big "G-Man" in the field of education in the Panama Canal Zone, with his home in Balboa. For the last four years he has been head of the Federal Little Theatre of Balboa.

. . . Passing the Book Exchange on the way to the office, I found FRANK CLECKLER, the "Class of '21 special," now manager of the Veterans Facilities at Muskogee, who was in Norman to meet with a committee of which he is chairman. Yes, he was a few hours ahead of schedule, but he likes to rehash Sooner experiences with CHARLIE MILES, '22, manager of the Book Exchange, and other Sooners who join the session. . . At the front door of the office I was greeted by "Professor" JIM ROBINSON, '32law, head of the Speech Department of Northeastern State Teachers College, with his charming wife (recently acquired). He is on the campus this summer to complete graduate work.

. . . The City of Nashville, Tennessee, may be the Athens of the South, but the City of Memphis is a hot-bed for loyal Sooner spirit. It was a pleasure to visit the home of L. W. KIBLER, '16, '17ma, chairman of the Advisory Council for Memphis, and incidentally Mrs. Kibler (LOIS HARRIS, '16) and the two fine young sons, and discuss the days of yester-year when both L. W. and the Mrs. were students pursuing their professional training on the University campus. The two young sons day-dreamed quite at length about the time when they will follow in Mother's and Dad's footsteps and attend O. U. . . . And while in Memphis we visited with another loyal Sooner alumnus, WALTER BERRY, '18ex, who for the last several months has been the head of a prosperous and growing organization in Memphis, and who enjoys talking about pleasant memories of the O. U. campus. . .

. . . What a visit it was in Fort Smith! The temperature of around a hundred degrees was eased somewhat, however, in a very pleasant afternoon's work with FRANK W. OZMENT, JR., '37 pharm, the chairman of the Fort Smith Advisory Council. Frank is a prosperous young druggist in Fort Smith, is recently married, and may in the course of the next few weeks be transferred to another Sooner stronghold, Shreveport, Louisiana. . . While in Fort Smith we visited at the offices of J. W. ANDERSON, '34, and Jay, as usual, is doing a swell job in his chosen field of journalism. . . The popular Art Panze, '35bus, was away from Fort Smith the day I worked there, traveling in the southern section of Arkansas.

. . . At Henryetta, Oklahoma, you could have a Sooner Homecoming on fifteen minutes' notice. In visiting and working with Superintendent E. E. BATTLES, '26, I learned of many successes being made by outstanding graduates and former students in Okmulgee County. And Henryetta continues, through the fine influence of Superintendent Battles and dozens of his O. U. teachers in the Henryetta system, to send to the University many promising and outstanding students.

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