

# Homecoming---

## A Grand Time Is Had by All!

**F**IVE hundred alumni enjoying a dinner and dance . . . students rallying at a big pep meeting . . . throb of the Indian club tom-tom beating out its annual message . . . glamor of an elaborate parade dotted with imposing and beautiful floats, swept along by the music and color of dozens of high school bands . . . alumni officials taking time out for a brief business meeting . . . warm greetings among friends as the crowd gathers at the Stadium . . . glad shouts as O. U. wallops the Aggies 16-0 . . . hot coffee in the Union ballroom as alumni gather there for the annual reception after the game . . . that was Homecoming, 1937.

Members of every graduating class for the last twenty-five years, and some from still older classes, registered at alumni headquarters in the Union lobby, and no one knows how many hundreds or thousands went directly to the Stadium without attending to the formality of registering.

At any rate, a crowd of 16,000 persons braved a frigid wind to see the football game—one of the best crowds the Sooners have had.

Homecoming visitors were present from New York, Mississippi, California, Kansas, Texas, Missouri, and even from Venezuela, although it must be conceded that the Sooner from South America happened to be in Oklahoma on vacation and did not make the trip all that way for Homecoming.

All in all, Homecoming appeared to be a very happy occasion for the Sooners who attended.

Events started with the annual pre-Homecoming dinner-dance given by the Oklahoma City Alumni club in the Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce banquet hall. Five hundred Sooners packed the hall to enjoy a dinner and program, followed by a dance.

Carl "Hog" Thompson, of the Oklahoma A. and M. College faculty, was main speaker and pleased the crowd with a strictly humorous address.

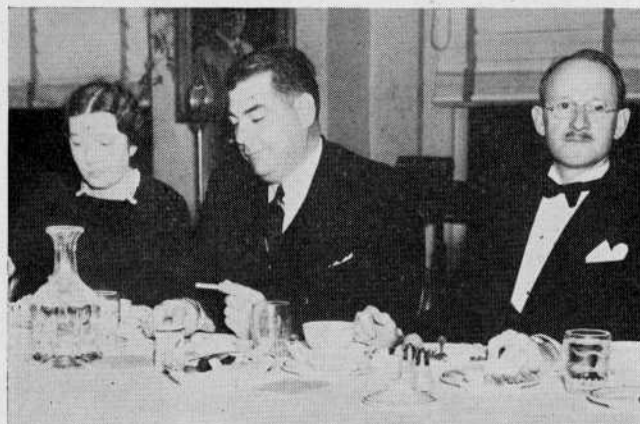
Ted Cox, Aggie football coach, won a good hand from the audience with a brief, good-natured speech in which he stated frankly that for once he wasn't going to "wish that the best team win."

Coach Tom Stidham of the Sooners praised the spirit of the 1937 O. U. team, and particularly the courage of Jack Baer

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### Dinner Party

*Above, a scene at the speakers' table at the Oklahoma City dinner-dance. Left to right, Mrs. M. L. Wardell, Football Coach Tom Stidham, and Alumni President Lowrey Harrell. Below, Sam Neff, Tom Lowry, Dick Lowry and Denver Davison whose impromptu quartet numbers pleased the crowd.*



### Parade

*This float entered by the University Playhouse won first place in the Homecoming Parade.*



### Football

*Not often do Sooner fans see the east wing of the Stadium so well filled as it was during the Sooner-Aggie Homecoming game. Jack Baer was kicking his spectacular field goal as this picture was taken.*



### After-Game Reception

*Hundreds of alumni stopped by the Union Ballroom after the game to greet friends at the informal alumni reception.*





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who overcame many bad breaks to become a brilliant player in his senior year. Coach Stidham announced that he was negotiating for a game with a Big Ten team or a Pacific Coast team next year, on a home-and-home basis. Although regretting loss of ten valuable seniors, he pointed out that 21 players with experience will be back in 1938.

Because of a trip to Washington, President W. B. Bizzell missed the Oklahoma City alumni party for the first time since he came to the University in 1925. He sent his regrets by telegraph, and Dr M. L. Wardell, assistant to President Bizzell, spoke briefly as representative of the University administration.

"The University administration is depending more than ever before on the alumni this year and in the future," Dr. Wardell declared. He revealed that plans are being made for a joint meeting in January of the Alumni Executive Board, the executive board of the University Dads Association, and the University Board of Regents.

Describing crowded conditions on the campus due to the 400 increase in enrollment this year, Dr. Wardell declared that "we are having a real problem in finding room for classes." Some of the laboratories are busy from 8 a. m. to 11 p. m., he said.

"In spite of these difficulties, the spirit on the campus is the best that I have ever seen," he said. "I think the feeling toward the football team by students, faculty and townspeople is better than in the past."

One of the most appreciated numbers on the program was an allegedly impromptu series of quartet numbers sung by Dr. Tom Lowry, Dr. Dick Lowry, Justice Denver Davison, and Sam Neff, who according to Toastmaster Glenn Faris hadn't practiced for twenty-five years.

Members of the Sooner football team of 1912 who were special guests at the dinner were introduced by Earl Foster. Those present were Tom Lowry, Oklahoma City; William L. Clark, Oklahoma City; Manley Bailey, Covington; Elmer Capshaw, Norman; Floyd Tribbey, Purcell; Roy Spears, McAlester; Claude Reeds, Edmond; and Charles Orr, Holdenville.

"These men are all a credit to our association," Mr. Foster commented. "Most of the members of the 1912 team are living in Oklahoma, they have raised families, and are successful in their business or professions. They are good citizens of Oklahoma."

Only two members of the 1912 Sooner team—Sam Burton and Hubert Ambrister—are deceased.

Glen Faris, president of the Oklahoma

City Alumni Club during the last year, was presiding officer at the dinner. He introduced the newly-elected officers of the Oklahoma City club: Hal Whitten, president; Dr. Wayman Thompson, vice-president; Joe Fred Gibson, second vice-president; and Ram Morrison, secretary-treasurer.

Prize for selling the most tickets for the dinner-dance was presented to the "People's" team headed by Frank Cleckler. This team had competed with the Lawyers team headed by Hal Whitten.

Most noteworthy feature of the annual Homecoming parade the next morning in Norman was the innovation of dressing it up with numerous high school bands invited to come to Norman for the day.

For the first time, Homecoming day was also made high school band day, and twenty-five bands accepted the invitation. They formed a bright addition to the parade, being sprinkled between the parade floats prepared by campus organizations.

The Wewoka High School band was presented a plaque by the University for being the outstanding musical organization attending Homecoming day.

First prize for the best float in the parade was won by the University Playhouse. The float was a large "Noah's Ark," with a rainbow welcome sign. Alpha Chi Omega sorority won second place with a float representing a decorative covered wagon; Gamma Phi Beta sorority was third.

The award for the best decorated fraternity or sorority house went to Sigma Nu. This fraternity displayed a replica of a streamlined train labeled "Sooners," before which lay a wreck consisting of Aggies.

Memorial Stadium's east wing was almost filled for the Sooner-Aggie game in spite of a bitterly cold wind from the northwest. High school bandmen filled the south end of the east wing all the way to the end, and there was only a small gap at the north end.

Three co-ed queens were presented to the crowd between halves: Marguerite Patchin, Ruf Nek queen; Romilda Hurst, Sequoyah Indian Club queen; and Christine Holland, honorary colonel of the R. O. T. C.

Many alumni and former students swarmed into the Union ballroom following the game for the annual informal reception and tea. They enjoyed hot coffee, visiting with friends and faculty members, and post-mortems on the football game.

It was dark when the last goodbyes were said and another Homecoming ended.

Out-of-Norman alumni who registered at the Union Building Homecoming day are:

1906

Mrs. Merle Newby Buttram, Oklahoma City.

1908

Tom F. Carey, Oklahoma City; C. G. Keiger, Oklahoma City.

1911

C. W. McFerron, Oklahoma City.

1912

A. M. McMahan, Duncan; Eva Lee, Oklahoma City; Jerry B. Newby, Oklahoma City.

1913

Elton B. Hunt, Tulsa; Earl Foster, Oklahoma City.

1914

W. L. Eagleton, Tulsa; W. N. Wetzel, Bixby; Luther H. White, Tulsa; Tom Lowey, Oklahoma City; Charles N. Berry, Oklahoma City.

1915

Harry L. S. Halley, Tulsa; Ruth Morris, Oklahoma City; Paul Darrrough, Oklahoma City; Ella Jones Northcutt, Oklahoma City; Lewis R. Morris, Oklahoma City.

1916

Leon C. Phillips, Okemah; Dave Logan, Okmulgee; L. H. Harrell, Ada; Mrs. Ethel Maude Lowry, Oklahoma City.

1917

H. Merle Woods, El Reno; Norman W. Brillhart, Madill; Laurence E. Beattie, Ardmore; Marion J. Northcutt, Oklahoma City; I. G. Richardson, New York City.

1918

Page Belcher, Enid; Mrs. Tom Lowry, Oklahoma City; Francis P. Mulky, Oklahoma City; Mrs. O. K. Wetzel, Oklahoma City; Mrs. Paul Darrrough, Oklahoma City.

1919

O. K. Wetzel, Oklahoma City; Beryle Barnett, Oklahoma City.

1920

Elmer Fraker, Chickasha; Joe Looney, Wewoka; Ona C. Raines, Tulsa.

1921

W. Max Chambers, Okmulgee; Bruce Edwards, Biloxi, Mississippi; E. D. Holley, Maud; W. Carl Brown, Vinita.

1922

Fisher Muldrow, Ardmore; J. Paul Crane, Clinton; Mildred Colby Brillhart, Madill; Mr. and Mrs. D. R. McKown, Oklahoma City; Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Duffy, Ponca City; G. A. Criswell, Oklahoma City; Warren H. Edwards, Oklahoma City; Mrs. F. P. Mulky, Oklahoma City; Leo S. Cade, Oklahoma City; W. Dow Hamm, Houston, Texas.

1923

Mrs. N. L. George, Duncan; William L. Armor, Southward; Mrs. Carl C. Cress, Oklahoma City; Pauline Mills Edwards, Oklahoma City; Mrs. J. C. Monnet, Oklahoma City; Lee Steele, Oklahoma City; Ed Kerrigan, Tulsa.

1924

LaVerna Boyles, Oklahoma City; Ralph V. Miller, Enid; Mrs. Esther Carver, Holdenville; James R. Frazier, Wewoka; Lester E. Smith, Wewoka.

1925

Lee B. Thompson, Oklahoma City; Bart Aldridge, Wewoka; J. M. Robertson, Purcell; Mrs. Harry D. Simmons, Wewoka; Vernon E. Cook, Oklahoma City; Lelia Hahn Cook, Oklahoma City; Byron Dawson, Clinton; Mr. and Mrs. Hal Whitten, Oklahoma City; Margaret Reck Lamerton, Enid.

1926

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Carpenter, Shawnee; Coleman Hayes, Oklahoma City.

1927

Clella LeMarr McBride, Anadarko; Robert N. Chase, Seminole; Mr. and Mrs. Buff B. Burtis, Clinton; Ralph Knight, Ardmore; Mildred K. Tedford, Prague.

1928

Joe W. McBride, Anadarko; Lois Ball Vernon, Oklahoma City; Virden A. Ritter, Oklahoma

City; Mrs. Frank Dennis, Oklahoma City; Virginia Holloway, Oklahoma City; L. N. Brown, Edmond; Mamie Lee Coyle Hallett, Duncan; Eloise Koontz Burke, Los Angeles.

1929

James W. Batchelor, Durant; A. Camp Bonds, Muskogee; Joyce Saunders, Tulsa; Fanny Kelly Whitzel, Wakita; Ellis Clarkson, Oklahoma City; Roberta Terrell, Oklahoma City; Myra Birrell, Oklahoma City; Clarice Hadsell McMillan, Chickasha; Carleton Wright, Oklahoma City; Robert L. Cox, Oklahoma City.

1930

Lea Vernon, Oklahoma City; E. M. Goodson, Oklahoma City; Leonard Sibel, Oklahoma City; Fisher Ames, Oklahoma City; F. M. Petree, Oklahoma City; Bessie Lee Smith, Guthrie; Stephen D. Holloway, Oklahoma City; Ted Fisher, Watonga; Houston W. Reeves, Oklahoma City; S. W. Biggers, Wewoka; Mildred Donaldson, Oklahoma City; Mary Catherine Lynn, Oklahoma City; George Fagin, Oklahoma City; A. C. Kidd, Wewoka; F. C. Love, Oklahoma City; Bessie Wilson, Oklahoma City; Louise Frisbie Black, Oklahoma City; J. I. Gibson, Oklahoma City; D. A. Tedford, Prague; E. S. Champlain, Enid; George Fisher, Oklahoma City; Roy Holbird, Enid.

1931

Gene Carter, Oklahoma City; James C. Todd, Tulsa; Frederick Schuessler, Arkansas City, Kans.; Eloise Wheeler, Weatherford; Helene McNally, Tulsa; Mrs. Leon Hutcheson, Tipton; Leon Hutcheson, Tipton; Elizabeth Cox Lynn, Tulsa; Ralph D. Lynn, Tulsa; Joe B. Gordon, Konawa; Reginald S. Williams, Oklahoma City; John L. Guthrie, Oklahoma City; Hugh Leonard, Duncan; J. M. McMillan, Chickasha; Victor E. Harlow, Oklahoma City.

1932

J. Arthur Herron, Francis; John Woodward, El Reno; Homer B. Courtright, Tishomingo; Forrest E. Love, Ada; R. C. Longmire, Pauls Valley; A. L. Hall, Bartlesville; Mrs. Reginald S. Williams, Oklahoma City; Mary Bowers, Fort Worth, Texas; Paul L. Moore, Oklahoma City; Genevieve Hutchison Wright, Oklahoma City.

1933

Mary Alice Lightner, Duncan; R. L. McBrien, Chicago; Neil Keller, Norman; Ralph M. Cissne, Oklahoma City; W. F. Brewer, Lindsay; Web Wilder, Jr., Cherokee; A. R. Douglas, Electra, Texas; Gaiser D. Maddox, Maracaibo, Venezuela; J. W. Elliott and June Elliott, Blanchard.

1934

Joe Fred Gibson, Oklahoma City; Clarence Musscr, Oklahoma City; Thomas Wright, Norman; Barbara Ellis, Duncan; Mildred Coston, Duncan; Louise Bagby Todd, Tulsa; Verna Benham, Ada; Ralph V. James, Clinton; Edward Harrison, Ada; John M. Meikle, Enid; Alberta Faucette, Oklahoma City; Greta Faucette, Oklahoma City; Mildred Moseley, Duncan; Homer Lynn, Oklahoma City; Katherine Wey, Oklahoma City; Mrs. Hugh Leonard, Duncan; Corinne Long, Oklahoma City; Cliff C. Hines, Norman; Irene Huey, Norman; Park W. Lamerton, Enid.

1935

Neville Gillum, Sayre; W. W. Beck, Alva; Kenneth K. Baird, Alva; A. E. Brown, Earlsboro; John B. Henry, Altus; Frank Jamieson, Pampa, Texas; Kenneth Nance, Tulsa; E. King, Jr., Duncan; Genevieve Johnstone, Oklahoma City; Bob Slover, Oklahoma City; Everett S. Beran, Oklahoma City; Lois Shearon, Oklahoma City; Marian Hauck, Oklahoma City.

1936

R. C. Venable, Alex; Lynn E. Howard, Pauls Valley; Wanda McCarley, Purcell; Sibylla Andrews, Weatherford; Gene Gibson, Hobart; Mrs. Kenneth Scott, Watonga; Robert D. Penn, Pecos, Texas; Bryce Harlow, Oklahoma City.

1937

Doyle Watson, Seminole; Kay Higginbotham, Dallas; Earl Crowder, Cherokee; Lee Miller, Mustang; Ed P. Horner, Fletcher; Harry Morris, Jr., Ada; Mrs. Gordon Shelton, Lexington.

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