

# Riding the Sooner Range

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INDEED, there is a certain element of pride in any organization when outstanding citizens who are not connected with it except through mutual association or interest, lend a helping hand! Such is the case of the University of Oklahoma Association in its relationship to the O. U. Dads' organization that annually meets on the campus of the University of Oklahoma for its very splendid seminar covering a year's activity.

In the Dads' Association are many men who are alumni of this institution. Many of them have sons and daughters who are graduates of O. U. and to such men as Dr. J. R. HINSHAW, '19, '21med, Butler; "BEP" HUTTO, '10, of Norman; Attorney WALTER MORRIS, of Anadarko; HAL MULDRON, SR., of Norman; JUDGE B. B. BAREFOOT, of Chickasha and Oklahoma City; JUDGE E. F. LESTER, of Oklahoma City; EMIL R. KRAETTLI, '18ex, secretary of the Board of Regents; EUGENE LED-BETTER, '14law, president of the Board of Regents; and many others, your Alumni Association is deeply grateful. By action of these men, we are now privileged to have another "range" to cover! By Executive Board action of the Dad's Association and endorsed unanimously by the convention of more than six hundred dads in their general business session, the current president of the Alumni Association along with the executive secretary became ex officio members of the dads' Executive Board. Your Alumni Association appreciates this confidence and honor extended its way!

Busy hours growing into rush days and weeks over a series of the fall months make the work of the association all the more stimulating. Hundreds and hundreds of problems coming across the desk and over the wires weekly offer a new challenge in each allotted period. Progressive young JIM HANING, '36, '39law, now established as an attorney at Ada, along with JUDGE OREL BUSBY, '14law, LOWREY HARRELL, '16law, MOSS WIMBISH, student, and dozens of other Ada citizens give us plenty to do in outlining a constructive program in Pontotoc County.

"A smooth Santa Fe ride," Norman to Arkansas City, is made quite an interesting four hours in an exchange of conversation with several alumni riding the same train to their various points of work. Then a visit in Arkansas City for a couple of days' and nights' "labor" really convinces one that this thriving city of southern Kansas is truly an O. U. town! We were privileged to meet and greet, break bread, and chat with the following Sooners in Arkansas City: R. R. McCORNACK, '30law, chairman of the O. U. Advisory Council there, (and the very charming wife of Mac is indeed a perfect hostess when Sooners are assembled for an informal evening in that center); LESLIE THOMASON, '36, '39ma, along with the newly acquired wife, likewise proved to be the perfect host and hostess in feeding "the roving hired hand," as he jogged along the "Kansas Range."

Other Sooners giving us the "Hi there!" and "How's things?" in the Arkansas City territory were MRS. MARJORIE SPAIN DURFEE, '34ex; T. HALL COLLINSON, '35, '37law (incidentally doing a swell job in his legal connection in the Federal Land Bank and quite enthusiastic about an O. U. club in Wichita, Kansas); HARRY COLLINSON, JR., '37, was very much in evidence and is now established in a prosperous clothing business in Arkansas City; DR. M. J. DUNBAR, '19med, and Mrs. Dunbar, took the evening off from their home and professional duties in Winfield, Kansas, to

drive down and chat with us in the informal "fireside chat," and of course Dr. Dunbar was quite interested in knowing about a lot of his medico associates during the years 1915-1919, inclusive. MRS. VERA LEE MITCHELL EDWARDS, '30, '31lib.sc, along with Mr. Edwards, were members of the informal party. Mrs. Mitchell is still doing a fine job as librarian in the city library of Arkansas City and gets a lot of pleasure in reminiscing, particularly over the courses in history at O. U. There was MRS. HELEN SPAIN McDONALD, '34ex, and what a fine bridge partner this lady can prove to be when the Sooners begin to trump their partners' aces; ALICE SPAIN SCOTT, '30h.ec, performing a fine piece of work at the Chillico Indian School but having a lot more interest in defining the process through which the young man in her home "acquired" his first six teeth; HOWARD GLEN BAYLIS, '38ex, still interested in his pre-med work at O. U. but doing "real range business" by checking up on his large ranch each day and his livestock, out of Arkansas City. And of course, all these young grads wanted to know who the band queen was this year and how the Phi Gams came out in the race for the scholarship cup last semester—how the Ruf Necks were "functioning," along with dozens of other O. U.-questions! (HEY! You "book-worm" Sigma Chis take due notice, as I am sure you will be glad to inform the world of your first place rating in O. U. scholarship last semester!)

The mad, dizzy dash of Homecoming!—still with its many many interesting features. Visitors from "all over" and of course, JOE, '23, and LOIS MARSHALL HICKS, '22ex, of Chicago, were quite in evidence at the dinner dance in Oklahoma City and as guests of President and Mrs. Bizzell in their box at the homecoming game, and guests of their many friends that weekend. What a swell job that boy Joe has been doing since his graduation in '23! What a keen interest that boy Joe has in his University—his latest contribution being to write the words and music for a new O. U. song. *Cheer Oklahoma*. JANET ALLEN LANGFORD, '18, Norman, plus some fifty other loyal Sooners, staged a swell informal homecoming reception in the Oklahoma Memorial Union following the game. (This "gang" always delivers the groceries.)

From the glamor city of Long Beach, returned GILBERT WHISENANT, '22ex, and MARY HECKLER WHISENANT, '23, and how we enjoyed having them as our guests at our annual executive board luncheon; the Los Angeles "Lifer," LILLIAN NEELLY BELLAH, '22, seemed to thoroughly enjoy her weekend visit and made it a real homecoming for all of us; L. EDWIN PATTERSON, '30, '32ms, Wichita Falls, Texas, dropped his pick and hammer for the day as a leading geologist and came back as a "College Ed" once more; CECIL "PREXY" PRICE, '22, Wichita Falls, Texas, now the big G-man after these "teen-odd years" out of school, along with A. R. "DOUG" DOUGLAS, '33, of the same Texas burg, dropping by for an informal visit with the family; ROY GUFFEY, '26bus, and JOSEPHINE RUSSELL GUFFEY, '27, of Dallas, gave us the pleasure of visiting with them and learning about their very fine youngsters; MRS. MARIE BARRETT TEIS, '36, was back marveling at the developments since her graduation in '36. She is now the efficient housewife in Vernon, Texas.

ERNEST CRAIN, '36cd.m, was back greeting dozens and dozens of his fellow workers in the field of education, who, on this particular homecoming day, were stacked in the Union Ballroom 650 strong to hear the address of the

HONORABLE LEON C. "RED" PHILLIPS, '16law, O. U.'s first governor. Very much in evidence in the assembly to hear the address of the Governor were HERB WRINKLE, '22, '31ed.m, superintendent of schools at Bartlesville; E. H. BLACK, '19, superintendent of schools at Bristow; J. ANDREW HOLLEY, '20ex, newly appointed state administrator of the National Youth Administration; State Superintendent A. L. CRABLE, '27ma; STANLEY J. BRYANT, '21, '29ed.m, superintendent of schools at Pawnee; LESTER M. DOUGHTY, '24, superintendent at Talihina; while Superintendent GEORGE HANN, '36ed.m, of Ardmore, and Superintendent ELMER FRAKER, '20, '38ma, of Mangum, missed the address searching for 50-yard line tickets for the game to follow later in the afternoon. The famous JOE A. BROWN, '20law, breezing in from his strong-hold (Hartshorne, Oklahoma) gave the modern day football tackles a "feast for sore eyes"; GEORGE V. METZEL, II, '34ma, now at East Central State College, Ada, was back greeting old friends; RUTH GOBER, '25fa, '38, of Blackwell, state "prexy" of the speech teachers organization, was very much in evidence; MAURICE B. GILES, '38, who this year is teaching in Collinsville after receiving his degree in '39, was back wishing that he could be a student this year at the University; CHARLES EDWARDS, '34, '36law, attorney at Cordell, was greeting old friends who are still in the University completing their professional courses since his graduation in law in '36.

A 25-minute dash to Oklahoma City via a Sooner grad's Ford and at the Quarterbacks' session in the Skirvin. Gosh! They were there eight hundred strong—old and young alike—reliving every play as it was flashed on the screen, featuring the O. U.-Kansas State breather-taker.

The jingle of the telephone, and E. H. SKINNER, '23, and AL DRAKE, '28bus, of Kansas City, are on the line—more Sooner business. Western Union and telegraph boys darting in and out, delivering a series of messages from PAUL A. WALKER, '12law, of Washington, D. C., who with the assistance of his very able advisory council members staged the country's outstanding O. U. alumni dinner in the capital city on the night of November 11.

In comes a west coast "buzz"—W. E. "BABE" SMITH, '20, chairman of the Los Angeles Council, giving the Indian war-whoop of some 216 graduates of that city for Tuesday evening, November 14. Business in order? Only one topic I assure you, and that was the discussion of how they might promote the Sooner football team into the Rose Bowl.

Ho-Hum—how these fast moving Sooners can make one dizzy! But just now at this 2 o'clock hour on Thursday afternoon, November 16, we must dash out to the family flivver and go Columbia, Missouri, way to take care of the "Christmas special." Yes, it will be a long drive from Norman to Columbia, but we are taking a staff of professional alumni football motion picture cameramen deluxe, so it will be a pleasant jog along the range, with BOYD GUNNING, '37, '37law and MRS BOYD GUNNING (ELEANORE ADERHOLD, '38fa); HAROLD TACKER, '39ex; STEWART HARAL, '36ma, ROSCOE CATE, '26; HERBERT HICKS SCOTT '26, '26ma; and JACK MARKS, student, while "Katrinka" (that's the wife) will be chaperon. So we are off on another jaunt, Riding the Sooner Range!

Special note (or is it special?)—Anyway, it's "blue Monday morning after!" "After" is defined in this case as Monday morning, November 20, some thirty-odd hours after the nation's premier O. U.-M. U. game in Columbia, which now is recorded as history 7-6! No alibis, but in retrospect, what a tough range it was to ride. Anyway, it's been nice watching those fine Sooner boys go for the last two years, and we personally feel it was a clean-cut gentlemen's game in Columbia, even though a bitter pill to swallow!