

Riding the Sooner Range

By Ted Beaird

LIKE the comet out of the night—they went—they returned. And what a "flash" those Sooners proved to be in setting up a national goal for the Northwestern Tigers! Special trains clamoring—jammed to the window sill—lead thousands of Oklahoma football fans to the big arena of sports that proved to be the sport of all sports—even better than the great "American Pastime"! The return—and the team was literally "mobbed" in Oklahoma City and at the Norman station. So with the noise dying out and a Texas Saturday coming up, it's time to look forward to taking care of the Longhorns, who last Saturday established an enviable record for themselves.

It would be folly to try to comment on one tenth of one per cent of the thousands of Sooners who took over Chicago and "adopted" Northwestern. And the Chicago Advisory Council for the Alumni Association—did they prove themselves proud with their very successful alumni dinner-dance in the Sherman Hotel? Those thousands who could not make the trek but went via radio and Ted Husing—they too had a most successful "convention" all their own! Seen in the milling mobs of Chicago were such Sooners as DR. JOHN C. PICKARD, '24, '26med, of Dubuque, Iowa, with whom we were privileged to spend a pleasant hour at breakfast and re-hash old times in Oklahoma; PAUL REED, '16ex, the Sulphur, Oklahoma football enthusiast and the Alumni Association's official representative on the Athletic Council, was very much in evidence, meeting and greeting hundreds of his old friends; HICKS EPTON, '32law, of Wewoka, accompanied by his (and our) very good friend, "JUDGE" BOB AUBREY, '28law, Wewoka, who, incidentally, has established a far flung reputation for himself in juvenile work, enjoyed every minute of those hours when the O. U. team was "selling a wonderful piece of merchandise" to all America; the grown-up sister of our MARY LEE LYON (student employee of the Alumni office), and sister of "PAT" (PATRICIA) LYON MANNEN, '34ed, Washington, D. C.—and former Efficiency Expert in the office of "the hired hand," namely, JIMMIE LYON PADEN, '30ex, Oklahoma City, along with dozens of other O. U.-ites, called it a grand holiday and a successful assembly, and now possibly will be tempted to go Dallas way. KING, '25ex, and INEZ BEAVER PRICE, '24ed, Norman, with a grand Oklahoma party including PAUL, '30law, and RUTH FOREMAN UPDEGRAFF, '28, Norman, doing the last minute hurried up act of washing off a little Chicago smoke, then dashing down to the dinner-dance in the College Inn, made it a real Cleveland County homecoming for most of us. And the time we spent with King in a pleasant re-hashing with Regent LLOYD NOBLE, '21ex, Ardmore, plus his party of eight who had just arrived by air from Tulsa and the very fine group of his friends to the right of Lloyd's table, headed by "Big Boy" Rhynes, made it a "night of nights."

The service being held up? In this College Inn? Where? At the table of NEIL, '15, '17law, and FLORENCE WAGONER JOHNSON, '16, our Norman neighbors who had a special dinner reservation for their party of 25, but the service soon got under way. (That's one of the hired hand's duties—to see that the hungry are fed.) GRAHAM, '19, Norman and EDDIE JOHNSON, '24, Alanreed, Texas, plus their wives and friends, thoroughly enjoyed the demonstration put on in the College Inn by that fine group of young gentlemen who indeed conducted themselves in a manner befitting kings, representing the Oklahoma Ruf Necks.

In the registration headquarters above the Col-

lege Inn. EMIL, '18ex, and MRS. KRAETTLI, of O. U., doing the signing up acts, while M. L. WARDELL, '19, man of all trades, O. U., and "JUDGE" LINDSEY (should be "Hawkeye" Lindsey, the chap who has looked after the University finances for the past century or so as comptroller of the University) doing the glad hand act, convinces us that old and young alike, whether it be at the Sherman Hotel of Chicago or the most foreign of foreign ports, meet on mutual grounds of understanding.

A pleasant hour's visit in the home of Mr. and Mrs. JOE HICKS, '23, Winnetka, Illinois, where dozens of other Sooners were in evidence, convinces us that these O. U. people take their football seriously and their Oklahoma friends at face value. Even WES NUNN, '17ex, Chicago, ERRETT NEWBY, '07, '08, Oklahoma City, FRITZ AURIN, '14, '15ma, Fort Worth, Texas, LOWRY, '16law, and MRS. HARREL, Ada, all caught the revived spirit of "Boomer-Sooner," and declared jointly that the only thing that kept from making Dyche Stadium, Northwestern U., a combination of "Orange-Cotton-Sugar-Rose Bowl" of America for the afternoon of October 7, was the absence of the glamorous O. U. band. But we hope they will be there in full force in Dallas next Saturday.

And as the football parade goes on, many many other Sooners are staging their professional parade, but take time out to drop us a renewal of their membership, or to become the latest "lifer" in the Association. Across the desk this morning, RAY G. ATHERTON, '23, of Little Rock, Arkansas, a man who made a marvelous record in his work with the Federal Government, becomes the newest life member of the Association, at least until tomorrow morning's mail! Among others who have recently sent in renewals on memberships are RUTH MOZELLE BENNETT, '38lib.sc., Edinburg, Texas; DENNIS H. PETTY, '32law, Wewoka, who visited with us a few days ago at the football opener here in Norman; the Lawton Sooner of Sooners, FRED B. SHEPLER, '15, drops us a renewal membership; W. J. "BILL" ARMSTRONG, '14, '16law, of Oklahoma City, does his bit with a check to the office; while DR. JOHN B. MILES, '26, '27med, Anadarko, accompanied by MRS. MILES and DR. GEORGE, '26ex, and MRS. WILEY, of Norman, enjoyed every minute of the special train to Chicago and to meet on the following Monday morning, DR. LEE EMENHEISER, '28, '31med, of Oklahoma City, with all the "medicos" to have a special course of instruction in eye, ear, nose, and throat work. (Those who attended the Northwestern game probably needed a lot of throat work!) BRUCE J. MYERS, '22, '34ed.m, Chickasha, newly elected superintendent of city schools, drops us a long delayed membership to the Association. And of course it was "graciously" accepted.

In a few short weeks, the answer to the interest that unites, each fall season, Alumni of the University of Oklahoma throughout the world will be recorded for the season of '39! The answer to the mathematical problems awaiting solution each Saturday with such institutions as University of Texas, University of Nebraska (not in the least overlooking Kansas State College at Manhattan), is in the making. We hope, if we are privileged to comment on the season when it closes in a few weeks, that we will find the O. U. team riding as high as at this hour! With the exceptionally fine sportsmanship and playing that we have been privileged to note this early in the season—they will win even in a loss—and of course—we hope, we hope, we hope—we may all Ride the Sooner Range to America's premier Bowl game!

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