

Riding the Sooner Range

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THE Sooner formation! The summer of '39 Sooner shift!! Here, there, everywhere, Sooners going, Sooners coming—Sooners ever on the move!! Fifty weeks' work for two weeks' ramblin'!

. . . . In Beverly Hills, California—whole stack of 'em—these Sooners—on special work and pleasure jaunt in June. Among those present was the Oklahoma City crew—"POP" C. E. GRADY, O. U. Dad Deluxe; HAMPTON ('30bus) and ELAINE JOHNSON TUCKER, JR., '29ex; JAKE ('28ed) and MRS. FLORENCE FIGLEY HOOVER, '28; MARY GRAY THOMPSON, '21fa; IRA BAKER (principal of Classen Senior High of Oklahoma City, a Sooner by adoption, a Jayhawk by graduation); GOVERNOR BILL and MRS. HOLLOWAY (Governor Bill not a Sooner grad, but an O.U. Sooner at heart, proven by the many fine things extended University way during his term of office as governor of Oklahoma) and may Bill, Jr., of the Holloway household come to us—what a fine student! JOE JACKSON, '34ed, the Bristow High Sooner; E. E. BRADLEY, '39ed.m, of the Panhandle A. and M. College, Goodwell—along with dozens of other Sooners, made the beautiful Beverly Hills O.U.-conscious in those eight days (and nights) on the West Coast—and we all enjoyed the national assembly.

. . . . Phoenix, Arizona, "the air-conditioned city of cities," (and believe me it needs air-conditioning)—a rush Phoenix noon meal, west coast bound, more extreme heat—but at that it is the adopted land of Sooners, some of whom are DR. L. D. BECK, '35med; DR. CLYDE J. BARKER, '55med; MRS. MARY DEWITT DAVIS, '23 pharm; DR. ELMER F. GARLINGTON, '15med; GEORGIA ELIZABETH LESSLEY, '28nurse; ROY E. MOURER, '24pharm; DR. CHARLES L. PIPER, '15med; MRS. HELEN KEYS ROLLOW, '29; MS. RACHEL EDGAR SHOCKLEY, '32 nurse; HOWARD C. SPEARMAN, '15law; MRS. INEZ WOOD TUCKEY, '29med; MRS. MARIE PHELPS WOODWARD, '18; GLADYS WORD, '29.

. . . . Roswell, New Mexico—the new home of A. B. "ABIE" CARPENTER, '27law, and charming wife, HELEN BUELESFELD CARPENTER, '26, formerly of Shawnee. Yes, Abie is still battin' .990 for O.U.—he is the new chairman of the Roswell, New Mexico, Advisory Council

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and immediate "X-Chairman" of the Pott County, Oklahoma, Council.

. . . . Boulder Dam, Nevada—Arizona—high noon—and still higher July temperature! What? No Sooners in this 120 degrees of heat? Sure, here they come—San Francisco bound—H. E. "HERB" WRINKLE, '22, '31ed.m, superintendent of city schools of Bartlesville, the Mrs. and "three little Wrinkles"! The "little Wrinkles"—all daughters—were urging "Pop and Mom" on to Long Beach, Santa Monica, and the blue waters of the Pacific, and "Pop" Wrinkle was scheduled to attend the big educational shindig in 'Frisco.

. . . . Las Vegas, Nevada—yeah, the boys have told me about this frontier city—well here we are—'ole frontier Las Vegas—let's have breakfast! What! Again no Sooners? Sure, here breezes by HERBERT H. ('26, '26ma) and BETTY PICKARD SCOTT, '29ex, of the O.U. Extension Service. The Scotts are west coast bound where "Uncle Herb" is scheduled for work with the American Library Association.

. . . . Grand Canyon—sure, we have arrived—that's it! (It took a lot of argument to convince the seven-year-old Sallye in the Beard household it was not "just a big hole in the ground.") Sooners in Grand Canyon? I'll say! The "Sooner of Sooners," MAX GILSTRAP, '37journ, on duty as naturalist for the government. . . . Gallup, New Mexico — home of the famous Hotel el Rancho. Ideal for a good night's sleep "any old day"! Yes, this is the stomping ground around which the "old man of the sage" gallops at brandin' time on the nearby Arizona range—namely, NEIL JOHNSON, '15, '17law, Norman, rancher, Rotarian, farmer, banker "X-G Man" and a good all around egg.

. . . . Albuquerque the midwest Soonerville, good noon meal, and lots of O.U. grads call it home. In this list is included New Mexico State Senator DON DICKASON, '29law, and what a mark that chap has made for himself! Here in Albuquerque is also VIOLET JAHN, '26, the O. U. Association's Advisory Council chairman. Violet has resided there through a series of years, and she too has performed marvelous service for O.U.

. . . . ROSCOE ('26) and FRANCES CATE, '30, Norman, under supervision of two-year-old Tommy, off to Galveston and pleasant visits with a number of south Texas Sooners. . . . "FISH" ('22ex) and MRS. MULDROW, '30, Ardmore, taking the two weeks out in Houston and Galveston, visited and broke bread with a lot of 'em—these Sooners. Some on the Muldrow visiting list were DOW ('22) and HELEN HAMM, '22 ex, Houston; CARL ('22eng) and MATTIE MULDROW REISILE, '22ex; W. GRANT ('17) and MINNIE BELL JONES BLANCHARD, '19 ex; THORBURN "DUB" TAGGART, '23ex; MR. and MRS. GEORGE STEVENS, '21; WARREN BAILEY, '22; EARL "YIENIE" HINDRICKS, '25; "SONNY" STROUVELLE, '26ex; MR. and MRS. CLAYTON SMITH, '21ex. The above are just a few the Muldrows visited. Houston is indeed an O.U. city!

. . . . HICKS ('32law) and THELMA EP- TON, '32, Wewoka, dashing in for a noonday conference and a Norman visit with DR. WALTER B. ('34law) and OLIVE HELEN EMERY, '32ex, of the University staff. . . . ERRETT NEWBY, '07, '08, and young son down to "look the University over." Indeed, Errett has been watching it grow all these years—and helping it to grow. . . . DAN BAKER, '26ma, Pryor, in on business and to visit with his summer school student daughter, Clarice.

. . . . HOMER R. ('35ex) and MILDRED HECK, '30ex, under management of seven-year-old Beverly, dashing to the Santa Fe and off to Colorado for a brief relax. . . . HILLYER FREELAND, '38fa, along with brother MERL,

'32, and the Freeland family, shoving off Yellowstone way. . . . J. F. "MAJ" MALONE, '37, stepping in from his duties in Atlanta, Georgia with his praise of the deep South and the Eastern hospitalities.

. . . . BOYD ('37, '37law) and ELEANOR GUNNING, '38fa, of the O.U. staff, keeping close touch on the daily activities of the young Junior who recently arrived. . . . CLIFFORD ('36) and EULA BOULWARE PETERSON, '35ex, of the Altus Junior College, upon the campus with a crew of young Jackson County hopefuls who will enter O.U. in September. . . . JIM ROBINSON, '32, '32law, Tablequah, breezes in for a brief "spell."

. . . . LESLIE THOMASON, '36, in to say, "I am off to my new position in Arkansas City Junior College. And—it is up to you, skipper, to come up November 11 and 12 and make one of your long winded orations." . . . JOE BENTON, '20, '21fa, of Metropolitan Opera, visiting in Norman and recuperating after a serious car accident. . . . MILES TOLBERT, '21, '23law, "Tolbertville" (Hobart), in telling us about his new location in Oklahoma City.

. . . . HUGHES B. DAVIS, '17, New York—contacting us from Memphis and Chicago, then dashing back New York way in time to meet and greet President and Mrs. W. B. Bizzell and to officiate as Chairman of the New York City Advisory Council in the O.U. flag raising ceremony at the New York World's Fair.

. . . . WES NUNN, '17ex, of Chicago, chairman of the Windy City Advisory Council, working out last minute details and on the line with us relative to the big Friday night Sooner Rally when the gang takes over the College Inn at the Sherman Hotel on the night of October 6, a few hours prior to the Sooner-Northwestern football game in Evanston. . . . JOSH ('17) and LOUISE LEE, '23ex, (the Honorable Senator and Mrs. Lee to you younger ones) back in time to catch extreme August heat, from the nation's capitol city, and the two dash to their ranch in the Oklahoma Panhandle.

. . . . CHARLIE MILES, '22, "Dean of the Bookstore," dashing to Oklahoma City for a special program, then dashing faster after the wife and son to hastily "gather up" J. CLEO MAYFIELD, '28, and MRS. MAYFIELD, then in a breath off to New Mexico and snow capped mountains.

. . . . MILT PHILLIPS, '22ex, "the American Legion Sergeant of Oklahoma," along with Prexy CLAUD DUNLAP, '28ms, '29ma, of the Eastern Oklahoma College, Wilburton, kicking up dust in the Union Building on the campus, but effectively managing and running the Boys' State program, sponsored by the American Legion of Oklahoma.

. . . . ELMER FRAKER, '20, '38ma, and MRS. FRAKER, of Chickasha, dropped by for a hurried "Hi-you" and "So-long-you"—then off to greener pastures in his new position as superintendent of city schools, Mangum. . . . GEORGE HANN, '36ed.m, the Ardmore educational mill director, in for the annual O.U. men's picnic and to discuss general topics.

. . . . DR. LOWELL BROWN, '37ma, of the O.U. faculty, along with DR. GUY Y. WILLIAMS, '06, '10ma, of O.U., MELL NASH, '19, '27ma, president of the Oklahoma College for Women, Attorney RICHARD H. "DICK" CLOYD, '19, '28law, Norman, and dozens of other of the "ole boys" doin' the last minute details while forming the reception lines for the coming of the Grand Old Man of the Red Red Rose. All this activity in the closing hours of the O.U. summer session, '39.

Thus—here, there, and everywhere—Sooners coming—Sooners going—always doing something, as together we Ride the Sooner Range.