

Riding the Sooner Range

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THE O. U. "medicos" on parade! This indeed is *their* month! Last August (1938) the "barristers" were in the spotlight—this August (1939) the medicos, scattered world wide—O. U.'s physicians and surgeons serving humanity in all regions and "climes," are the featured on parade, as the graduates listed in this *Sooner Magazine* directory.

Would that the alumni "hired hand" knew each and every one of the hundreds upon hundreds-plus medicos personally! Wish that he knew of their personal whims, their personal desires, their personal ambitions, their hopes and their general interests! Impossible of course. Some were *before* my day—some *during* my day—some *after* my day.

But in studying the list of graduates, as displayed by geographical distribution, there are a few hundred of them that I am privileged to know intimately and personally, so let's visit with a group of them via the written page down through the states—and years.

California here we come! So did the charming lady, ADENA C. DUTTON, '26med, who for a number of years has been located in San Francisco and doing some splendid work in her chosen field of medicine. How many months and years it was my privilege to spend with her daddy, booking him in lecture series throughout the United States, and truly she is a chip off the old block!

. . . . O. H. HANSON, '28med, who as head of the Los Angeles County Hospital down through the years, made a great contribution. In a "hash-back" of some eighteen to twenty years, we can reevaluate the morning of his severe Physics 51 examination in the Mid-Continent Oil Field center, just prior to his entry in the medical school . . .

. . . Brother PAUL J. HANSON, '36med, younger than O. H., '36med, has been located in recent months at Bakersfield, California. He too as an outstanding student of medicine, has made his contribution, and reflected glory on the old home village of El Reno, Oklahoma.

. . . . KIRK G. PARKS, '23med, who gave the O. U. mob great tennis treats, now is a dignified professional doctor of Anaheim, California.

"GLAMOURBOY" TRACY O. POWELL, '31 med, (DR. T. O. POWELL to his associates and patients in Los Angeles, California) is exemplifying in his professional work, the same high standards he exemplified as a student at the University of Oklahoma in the middle '20s. Indeed, that boy Tracy had a string of activities as long as the proverbial arm, including "dictator" of the student council '24, secretary-treasurer of the inter-fraternity council, "dictator" in 1927 of the Delta Tau Delta social fraternity—wielded a wicked paddle in the staid old military Scabbard and Blade, and as a leading Ruf Nek on the campus, stepped on up to Regional Adjutant of the R.O. T.C. in 1928.

. . . . RICHARD GRAY SOUTAR '22med now issues medical edicts and supplies "listed pills" for the City of Sacramento, California. Indeed, how different from those days we knew him as Dicky Soutar, gym teacher of an awkward crowd of freshmen of which "yours truly" was one of the victims in 1916!

I shall never forget the '31 medical grad called PAUL MONROE HOOT. Really, we fail to understand how the surgeon general of the United States Navy could get along without this boy because we are certain that he performs his medical duties in the same manner that he peddled books for the University Book Exchange while a

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student at O.U. His latest assignment was to the naval hospital in Ilongapo, Philippine Islands.

... Then in Fort Hancock, New Jersey, the University is privileged to have WILLIAM LE-ROY VOGT, '36med (just plain "ganglin Bill" to those of us who knew him in the early '30s as a campus freshman at the University of Oklahoma) and Bill does for the United States Army under the supervision of the surgeon general what Paul does in the United States Navy under the supervision of its surgeon general.

The Tall Corn State—Iowa, and JOHN COPELAND PICKARD, '25med. As one of the co-owners of the clinic at Dubuque, Iowa, we often wonder if this distinguished doctor still has the resounding chuckle which can be heard two blocks away—if he still mistakes "plain white gravy" for a special serving of soup at his fraternity house, and if he makes any trips throughout his adopted states as he did in his native state of Oklahoma, in having his fraternity brothers buy his pullman and his railway ticket to an internship in New York.

The Sun Flower State—Kansas—(On this July 20th morning, I am sure they are withered if the heat comes from our neighbor on the north that we are feeling in Oklahoma today) has been privileged to have CECIL DRYDEN BAIRD, '27med at Eureka, Kansas, over a series of years. This quiet young chap of Blackwell, Oklahoma, left a lasting string of friends, based on his accomplishments while a student at O.U.

... Then of course the recent "purity city," Kansas City, Kansas, and the surrounding suburb city, Kansas City, Missouri, have been privileged to have WILLIAM FREDERICK LUNSFORD, '23med, for the last several years. Just "ole" Bill Lunsford to those of us who knew him intimately while he was examining thousands upon thousands of kids while a member of the Community Institute Staff of the University of Oklahoma Extension Division in the middle '20s.

With apologies to the "big shot," "as Maine goes, so goes the nation." Indeed there is an exception to this rule, because we find only one University of Oklahoma medical graduate in the staid old state of Maine—RICHARD WENDELL DOOP SMITH, '32med. How many pleasant hours we have been privileged to spend with his very fine father and mother who, incidentally, urged us in a note of yesterday to come to Colorado and enjoy "zero" weather at their beautiful camp they have been developing down through the years. And—with the temperature of 105 degrees, are we tempted!

The land of the "olies"—Minnesota—but the finest "olies" that the world affords! Our doctor, HERMAN PATRICK McCORMON, '25med, of the first twin in the twin city combination (Minneapolis) uses very special care in upholding the professional training of the O.U. medical school, in conjunction with DR. CURRY BELL, '16bs, the eminent O.U. surgeon of the adjoining twin city, namely St. Paul.

The smallest little city of the universe (Blair, Oklahoma) produced PRICE THORNE WATSON, '33med. But it took the prosperous little city of Milltown, New Jersey, to interest this outstanding young doctor for his professional work for the years to follow. Those Watson boys—all cousins of DR. JOHN REID, '21med, of Altus, Jackson County, Oklahoma—are making their marks in their chosen fields of medicine.

The land of cactus, sage brush, and balmy evening summer breezes (provided one is in the Kit Carson canyon section)—New Mexico. No wonder it called in recent weeks to DR. HENRY KIRVIN SPEED, JR., '33med, until recently head of the State Hospital at Clinton, Oklahoma, and the son of one of the most eminent physicians in Oklahoma, H. K. Speed, Sr., owner of the Speed Clinic, Sayre, Oklahoma, and who in his work as district governor of Rotary, immediate past president of the Oklahoma State Medical Association, and by his many contributions down through the years in his civic and professional life has become one of the most well known medical men in the 77 counties of the Oklahoma land.

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Those were pleasant years when Hamby was one of my "flunkies" in the field of visual education. That was way back in the early '20s, however, so it's no longer "Hamby" but today it is DR. WALLACE BERNARD HAMBY, '28med, of the industrial city of Buffalo, New York, and if this young professional man handles the broken bones and bruised tissues of the New Yorkers as efficiently as he handled visual aid materials, he too will soon be known throughout his section of the country.

This Sooner Land — Oklahoma — where O.U. "medicos" are "stacked in" as are thousands of other business and professional graduates of the University of Oklahoma. ROBERT HOWE AKIN, '28med, of Oklahoma City with that same keen black eye centered in observation on his "victim." Then the Andersons of Anderson-Anderson-Anderson — HASKELL REYNOLDS ADNERSON, '34med, of Mountain View, Oklahoma; PAUL, '35med, and BILL, '31med, ANDERSON of Claremore, Oklahoma.

. . . . The specialist, known world-wide, and the man who has probably relieved more hay fever victims than the rest of the Southwest combined, namely RAY MORTON BALLYEAT, '18 med, of Oklahoma City Jovial, good-natured JOHN CURTIS BERRY, '37med, (recent neophyte of the grand old order of the Red Red Rose) of the University city, Norman, Oklahoma LLOYD C. BOATRIGHT, '31med, of Oklahoma City. How that boy Lloyd and "yours truly" struggled in a Government I course, trying to get through the thing.

Then GEORGE L. BORECKY, '23med, of Oklahoma City who, as a charter member of the Boarding Club (his social fraternity to some of you younger collegians) was a guiding influence in several "lights." An eminent gentleman of 1917 medical class who has met reverses with a smile, TOM MADISON BOYD, of Norman, Oklahoma Another outstanding '17 medical graduate who has made an outstanding contribution in his chosen field, CHARLES ARTHUR BRAKE, of the Central Hospital, Norman, Oklahoma.

. . . . The '35 grad, FRED C. BUFFINGTON, an outstanding community and professional man of Norman Then the '31 grad, NED BURLESON, of Prague, Oklahoma, who recently returned to his duties in his home town after enjoying special research work under the auspices of the Commonwealth Fund.

. . . . The 1918 grad, FELIX T. GASTINEAU of the State Hospital at Vinita, in addition to his professional duties, has been enjoying the outstanding progress made by his young son, a student at the University of Oklahoma, and what a help Dr. Felix "was and has been" to the hired hand during those periods when he was assisting in organizing postgraduate medical study.

. . . . HERBERT DALE COLLINS, '26med, the son of an eminent gentleman and doctor, of Panama, Oklahoma, a close associate and friend of DR. JOHN PICKARD, '26med, an O.U. grad practicing in Iowa. In his Oklahoma City practice, Dr. Collins comes in daily contact with thousands of friends he has made in the Sooner state down through the years.

BEN HUNTER COOLEY, '21med, a fine family doctor, a big game hunter, a master fisherman, and in short a "good egg." JAMES D. DARROUGH, '33med, of Vinita, Oklahoma, living up to the Darrough tradition as the medical branch of the Darrough tree E. P. DAVIS, '12med, living in Norman, Oklahoma, with special federal work in McClain County, Oklahoma. What a help Doc Davis was to yours truly in those months immediately following the World War.

. . . . WILLIAM FORREST DEAN, '26med, of Ada, Oklahoma, who recently returned to his practice after special study under the Commonwealth Fund. "The Forrest" of Redpath Horner days who made "Uncle Teddy" look sick at times by taking his date nights away from him in the early '20s. . . . PRICE ELEY, '22med enjoying a fine Oklahoma City practice, but not until this hour did we realize that his first name was Nor-



phletee (indeed it must have been that first name that secured for him the very charming Mrs. Eley and caused such great admiration for Dr. Price by his brother-in-law, an outstanding attorney of Altus).

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ROY EDGAR EMANUEL, '26med, Chickasha, Oklahoma, a fine chip off of a fine old block. How many years we have worked with this chap's father in state and national American Legion circles! . . . "BEAU BRUMMEL" LEE K. EMMENHISER, '31med, enjoying a fine practice in Oklahoma City . . . JAMES E. ENSEY, '28 med, of Altus, Jackson County, down among hundreds and hundreds of other Sooner grads.

. . . Eye, ear and nose E. GORDEN FERGUSON, JR., '29med,—and the Mrs. in this household declares he is the best eye man in America. . . . Today it is DR. RICHARD B. FORD, '28med, of Holdenville, Oklahoma, but to the hired hand and hundreds of his other friends, he is still Dick Ford, good fellow, fine doctor, and the brother of a very swell sister, originally making the trek to the center of Oklahoma and reaching the medical school of Oklahoma City from a great little town known as Muldrow, in eastern Oklahoma.

. . . FRANCIS P. FRY, JR., '36med, of Frederick, Oklahoma, the son of one of the best goodwill ambassadors of the University of Oklahoma. Indeed the senior in this situation lives and breathes by O.U.

JAMES JACKSON GABLE, '15med, known to his hundreds of friends as "Jack" and in a like manner known among his hundreds of friends as a specialist in giving advice to frontiersmen and women on the lakes of New Mexico as to how far one must "cast" before "landing." . . .

JAMES L. HADDOCK, JR., '32med, an outstanding professional man of Norman. . . . ONIS G. HAZEL, '31med, of Oklahoma City, today the polished "medico," but still in the background of our minds we associate him with pharmaceutical pursuits. . . . Congenial FRED R. HOOD, '30 med, still enjoys a host of friends throughout the state and especially among his associates in Oklahoma City. . . . VIRGIL R. JOBE, '33med, Oklahoma City, the best mimeograph boy (we guess) that we worked with through a four-year siege in the University of Oklahoma Extension Division. Then too he was a good information "goil" at the Crippled Children's Hospital while a med student at Oklahoma City.

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. . . An eminent gentleman, WANN LANGSTON, '16med. We shall personally never forget his kindness in 1930 while he was superintendent of the University hospital in Oklahoma City. . . . The LOWRY combination—the '16 med twins, DICK AND TOM, are still in medical combination as co-workers in practice in Oklahoma City.

. . . WARREN T. MAYFIELD, '20med, Norman, and a judge of good alfalfa and sheep. . . . PHILLIP M. McNEILL, '23med, of Oklahoma City. We have known Phil ever since his "sparkin' days" in the summer school of 1917 at O.U. (its campus and surroundings). . . . JOHN BUS MILES, '27med, Anadarko, Oklahoma, the dignified professional man today, who along with one of the prominent deans of the present O.U. staff, once did a lot of fancy "hoboing" and scaling of Pike's Peak.

. . . WALTER H. MILLS, '18med, who has performed some very fine service for Oklahoma City and Oklahoma County in his professional work, our "next door neighbor" years ago that we appreciated greatly. . . . PAUL MOTE, '24med, of Sapulpa, Oklahoma, a fine boy who developed into a fine professional man and (as in the past) enjoying a host of friends in Creek County and throughout the state. . . . LAILE G. NEAL, '15med, of Ponca City, today an outstanding man in the medical field in northern Oklahoma, while in the span of a few years back was one of the most prominent and popular singers on the O.U. campus. . . . SHADE D. NEELY, '20med, of Muskogee, Oklahoma. It will be many years before we forget that pleasant automobile trip with Dr. Shade and his wife across from Muskogee to

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Okmulgee one night when Shade was making a hurry-up trip to be of every possible service to the critically ill child of a close friend.

JOHN R. REID, '21med, of Altus, Oklahoma. How well we knew him when he was "the jack rabbit of Jackson County" and a whale of a good track man. . . . JOSEPH A. REIGER, '32med, who for a number of years has made his contribution as a member of the State Hospital staff at Norman, but still we think of him as a very fine former faculty member at O.U.

. . . . RALPH L. ROYSTER, '30med, of Purcell. Dr. Ralph is enjoying a nice practice in the McClain County center among many other O.U. grads. . . . Then the SANGER combination—FENTON M., '07med, in Oklahoma City, PAUL G., '31med, in Vinita, WALTER B., '35, in Vinita, and WELBORN W., '31, in Ponca City, and what a swell girl this boy Welborn married in recent months. . . . WILLIAM L. SHIPPEY, '27med, prominent young physician of Poteau, LeFlore County, Oklahoma. We two suffered through governmental problems together in the field of political science at the University of Oklahoma. . . . CARL T. STEEN, '14med, of the State Hospital staff, Norman. How many cases of disabled World War veterans we have checked with this fine gentleman! . . . MARVIN E. STOUT, '10med, an outstanding surgeon of Oklahoma City. I wonder how many O.U. grads and citizens of Cleveland County of Oklahoma have turned to this man in emergency cases. . . .

This year's O.U. Alumni Club "prexy" in Oklahoma City, WAYMAN J. THOMPSON, '29med, is still the very fine Wayman of O.U. days, enjoying a nice practice and doing a whale of a good job in civic activities. . . . THEODORE G. WAILS, '21med, of Oklahoma City is still Ted to his friends and associates. His weakness is big game hunting along with DR. BEN COOLEY. . . . ROY CHESTER WARREN, '28med, of Yukon, Oklahoma, to his hundreds of friends is still Chet Warren of Temple, Cotton County, Oklahoma, the original home of the Cotton Growers Association.

. . . . Then the WATSONS—I. NEWTON, '35med, Edmond, Oklahoma, O. ALTON, '28med, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and RAYMOND D., '29med, Britton, Oklahoma. Looks as though the Jackson-County-special-Watson-combine, settled in a huddle. . . . W. KELLY WEST, '15med, of Oklahoma City has made a very outstanding contribution in the various medical associations and societies in which he has participated. . . . M. M. (Mallalieu MacCullagh to his mother and relatives) WICKHAM, '26med, of Norman, Oklahoma enjoys a very fine practice. . . . DELBERT G. WILLARD, '29med, of Norman, Oklahoma—"Mike" to the boys of his boarding house and "hospital-ambulance" to many of his close friends and cronies of school days, is doing an outstanding practice. . . . So it runs in the list of the Sooner grads in the Sooner State.

New Jersey attracted the charming DAISY GERTRUDE VAN HOESEN, '37med, and she has served at North Hudson Hospital, Weehawken, New Jersey. We knew her when she was in the "pigtail stage" as a growing girl.

. . . . The Lone Star State—Texas. Yes, it's called the professional men in all fields, including medicine by the "scads," and we find our old sidekick, JESS GOLDFEDER, '24med, enjoying a good practice at Tyler, Texas. . . . Another sidekick, DR. WILLIAM S. MASON, '20med, (old Bill to the Ruf Nek gang who chummed together) is now with the C.C.C. in Ysleta, Texas. . . . FRANK I. REID, '27med,—the kid brother of Dr. John, of Altus, has been located for a number of years at Dumas, Texas.

. . . . The former dramatic artist, JOEL A. SHELTON, '34med, located immediately after medical graduation at Senora, Texas. . . . Our former "male stenog"—way back when—DR. LOUIS E. SILVERTHORN, '34med, after wooing and marrying our former lady stenog breezed off to Texas and recently to St. Joseph's Hospital, Lexington, Kentucky. His very charming wife

and young daughter visited in our offices recently. . . . PRICE MARRS WALKER, '22med, who for years has been located in Dallas, Texas was one of the hired man's special dinner guests in a recent dinner meeting in the city of Dallas. "The same Price" of '22 with just a small number of gray hairs appearing on the temples. . . .

In the Cowboy State—Wyoming—only one Sooner chose to follow his medical training, namely, AUSTIN OLIVER SANDEN, '22med, located at Bairoil, Wyoming, and what "whale of lectures" that bird used to give me when we were both students in 1920. . . .

Thus we have made the run of the states. So our hats are off to you Sooner "medicos." This is your year, this is your month, this is your Alumni Directory, and we look forward to seeing each of you personally as we dash around "Riding the Sooner Range."

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