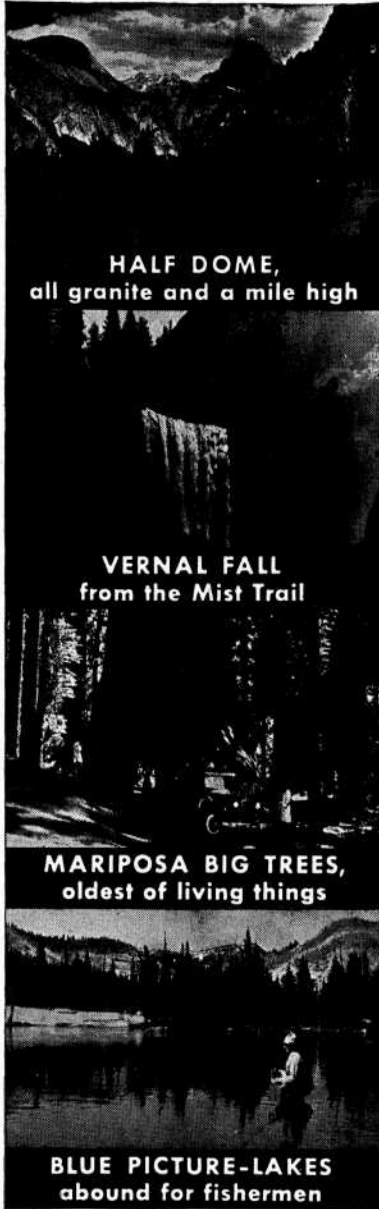


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In the Mail . . .

To the Alumni Secretary:

Yesterday, I received your letter. For sometime I have been in Charleston, in that part of South Carolina known as "The Low Country" and feel as though I had always lived here. Before leaving for Charleston, I went to Norman to see Dr. Burton whose family had always been so hospitable to me while I was in Norman and also saw my friends at "The Spinning Wheel." I then took the Gulf trip to Charleston.

From the very first, the people in Charleston made me feel that they wanted to include me in their life. I was very fortunate in this regard. The wife of the mayor of Charleston who is our present governor's lady gave a tea to introduce me, and the heads of the various organizations to which I belong called on me. I might mention here that there is a very flourishing chapter of the A. A. U. W. in Charleston that holds its meetings at Ashley Hall, a private girls' school.

Charleston's tradition is as old as any in the United States. I was asked to be the guest speaker on Flag Day before the Rebecca Motto chapter of the D. A. R. in a room where George Washington had once attended a ball and danced. Attending this meeting was a descendant of the first "Intendant" of Charleston.

There are many "Firsts" in Charleston. The first independent government in America was set up in the old "Exchange" building. The first time a British flag was hauled down and replaced by an American flag was in Charleston. At Fort Moultrie, the first decisive victory of the Revolution was gained. The first cotton was sent from the American colonies from Charleston to England. The first locomotive train ever to operate with passengers and freight started from Charleston and the first cremation in the United States was in Charleston. The first apartment house which was built in this country is still standing here. The first submarine used in warfare was used in Charleston harbor. The first legitimate theatre in the United States was in this city and the College of Charleston is the oldest municipal institution of higher learning in the United States.

Several of the oldest churches still bear the coat of arms of England.

I am engaged in a nationally organized welfare work and am on the Committee for Interpretation and Social Action of the State Chapter of the A. A. S. W.

I still hear from people connected with the University and am interested in its progress, particularly in Dr. Rhyme's School of Social Work. I am interested in the School of Home Economics and hope soon to read of a new practice building and home economics teaching building being created for that necessary department of the University. The work of the director of that department and her corps of workers touches so many phases of the life of the University as a useful force in the life of the State, more than its more special work of teaching specific subjects to home economics majors, and the character and ideals of these people are a necessary part of the morale of life at the University.

BERTHA M. BEST MUNN, '32ED,
 Charleston, South Carolina.

To the Alumni Secretary:

I was real glad to receive your letter of recent date as I am always glad to hear from anyone in Norman, especially with your connection with the University, and anyone who hails from Oklahoma University.

First I want to sincerely congratulate Coach Stidham on his football team of 1938. If anyone thinks that O. U. will not profit by the publicity obtained by such a team, they are mistaken. From Thanksgiving until the Orange Bowl game everyone interested in football discussed Oklahoma and O. U. and when they found

out that O. U. was my Alma Mater everyone that I met began to question me about O. U. Since Denver is so basketball conscious, they noticed the Oklahoma basketball team too. Basketball is as popular here as football is, and the result is that the National A. A. U. basketball tournament has been held in Denver for the past five years.

There are about fifteen or twenty ex's and alumni in Denver, and that is not enough in this large a place so I miss the old connections by being so far away from Norman. I very seldom hear of or from any of the Law Class of '26. They must all be in oblivion or too busy or successful to be heard from.

I have often wished that the students of O. U. had the advantages of winter sports like the Colorado University students do. In winter they ice skate, ski, sled, and in the fall and spring have the ideal fishing and hiking. Nevertheless, I wish *Sooner Magazine* every success in the world, and as long as I live, I will follow it in spirit as well as in the news.

JACK B. DEAHL, '26LAW,
 Denver, Colorado.

To the Editor:

Several days ago one of my friends in Norman wrote that "Ada Gaye Burton, Snyder, Oklahoma" had recently been elected to Phi Beta Kappa. I was so sure that she had mistaken the name that I wrote back immediately asking her to inquire further. She went to Miss Grace Ray and the latter informed her in no uncertain terms that I should give the registry and alumni offices my present name and address.

I knew quite well that I should, in time, receive official notification, but I have changed addresses five times since leaving the University last summer. I realized that the letter might be delayed.

My signature while in school was Gayl Burton although Ada is my first name.

I am delighted with the honor, but deeply regretful for my thoughtlessness and any inconvenience I may have caused you.

ADA GAYL BURTON HARRIS, '38
 Kansas City, Missouri.

To the Alumni Secretary:

One of the first items I turn to when I get my *Sooner Magazine* is that which gives the acquisition of new life members in the Association. And it is a source of satisfaction when I find listed therein some new member who belongs to the Class of 1915.

In the March issue, it is noticed that we stand fifth in rank, although the Class of '15 did not register for that month. The Class of '15 is just as good a class as '14, and I would like to urge the members of the Class of 1915 to make it "tops."

The next stop I make in reading the issue at hand is where there is some news about an acquaintance or friend of the half dozen years of my day at the University—most of those years preceding the graduation of '15. Most of such news is concerned with a certain measure of success and this is always interesting. What interests me particularly are the changes which time has brought to the men and women who were in school then. Some have pursued a straight path to what was then their goal, while others have changed and who can say that either has not been wise.

The years have brought about a change in attitudes toward life, taken the edge off ambitions inclined to include more of self than of our fellowman, given us a perspective of ideals which exalt service. Well, this might get into a philosophy of life but there is reading between the lines when these old classmates are concerned—men and women who have grown sons

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Sooner Football

Next Fall

RESERVE SEASON TICKETS NOW!

Reservations for Football Season Tickets for Sooner home games next Fall are coming in fast. Many fans who put off ordering season tickets until late summer are going to be disappointed, because choice seats won't hold out long if the present rush continues.

Time is going fast. Spring football practice is finished. It's only a month until Summer School starts. You'll be thinking about vacation plans. And the 1939 football season will be sneaking up on you before you know it.

Everything points to a good season for the Sooners. Get ready to enjoy every game by placing your season ticket order *now*, while choice seats are still available. (Season ticket buyers get the very best, aside from the higher priced box seats).

You need send no money now—just a request for one or more season tickets to be reserved in your name. You can pay later when the home schedule is definitely completed and a price is set for the ticket. Don't delay making your reservation!

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and daughters, even married sons and daughters—men and women who would recognize themselves but many of whom we would pass on the streets—gray of hair or of no hair, faces that are beginning to be set with age, bodies that have accumulated neglected fat. But I like to read about these people of the years between 1910 and 1916.

Then what time I can get, I hurriedly scan the other parts of the magazine and file it away awaiting the next issue.

HIRAM IMPSON, '15
McAlester.

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To the Alumni Secretary:

I'm calling time out to do something I've put off too long, namely, writing you to tell you that the St. Louis Alumni Club feels that you have done an excellent job, both in increasing the number and interest of alumni groups, and in welding them more closely together.

This expression is unofficial because I recently left St. Louis to come up here, but it is the opinion of all the Sooners in St. Louis.

I will also take this chance to resign as chairman of the Advisory Council of St. Louis.

Frederika Woltering, Bob Sayre, Ralph Harder, Rose and E. J. Merritt, and a bunch of other Sooners have helped build an organization that I don't believe can be surpassed as a fine, loyal, alumni group.

Maurice Stuart and Bill Tippit are up here with the same company I'm with, Aetna Casualty and Surety Company, so I have daily contact with other Sooners.

BILL CRAM, '30
Hartford, Connecticut.

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To the Alumni Secretary:

Today marks the end of my third week as assistant executive secretary of the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity. It was with a bit of lump in my throat that I gave up my residence in Oklahoma and moved to Atlanta, Georgia. Even during the short time that I have been away I have experienced occasional sieges of nostalgia. I just can't get that Oklahoma dust out of my nose.

To date I have not met any fellow Oklahomans out here, although I did meet a Texan while eating in a large cafeteria recently. It was rather crowded in the place where I was eating, but I was eating at a table alone. I jerked my nose out of my soup when a voice over my shoulder drawled out, "Say, podner, can you stand eatin' with a stranger?"

I knew without looking that the voice I heard was not cultured in the East. It was a robust, ruddy complexioned fellow who sat down to break bread with me. In the course of our conversation that followed I learned that he hailed from Kilgore, Texas, and he was just as lost in Atlanta as I was. He very aptly described the most outstanding characteristic of this southern city when he remarked that "The streets don't run in circles here, but they ain't exactly laid out straight either."

Today I saw something that will vie with the confusion of oil derricks and sky-scrapers in Oklahoma. While driving through an exclusive residential section of Atlanta, I was taken aback at the sight of convicts toiling in the front yards of some of the most palatial homes. Another analogous feature is the abundance of coal soot in the air; it compares quite favorably to the dust particles of the Oklahoma atmosphere.

Although I would like to be back there, "riding the Sooner range" with you, I am going to do the next best thing and organize the O. U. ex-students and alumni here.

J. F. MALONE, '36EX
Atlanta, Georgia

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To the Alumni Secretary:

Herewith I enclose my check in the sum of \$3.00 for my annual alumni dues and subscription to The Sooner Magazine. I hope this subscription will continue to enable me to contact former classmates of the University and to keep me posted of Sooner accomplishments and activities as it has always done in the past.

A. R. DOUGLAS, '33
Electra, Texas

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