

In the Mail

To the Editor:

The December issue of *Sooner Magazine* reached me yesterday and I hasten to write and thank you for the very fine account of the dinner in Chicago for Dr. and Mrs. Bizzell, including Boyd Gunning's excellent story and the picture of the gathering.

The fact is that this story, plus a part of Ted Beard's column, plus the letters of both Dr. Bizzell and Mrs. Bizzell, made your December issue almost a Chicago issue!

The December issue contained some especially good material, including Dr. Bizzell's article on building requirements and the football story. In connection with the latter I had a lot of fun looking over scores that are now ancient history but some of them made in games which I saw a long time ago.

I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Prosperous 1939.

WESLEY I. NUNN, '17EX, Chicago, Illinois.

To the Editor:

Check enclosed. The magazine this past year has been swell.

DR. J. L. HADDOCK, JR., '32MED.,
Norman.

To the Editor:

After my 12-year-old daughter finished looking through the December issue of *Sooner Magazine* she said, "Daddy, they should have named this the Joe Hicks issue, for I have counted your name in it twelve times."

Seriously, I want to express to you my gratitude for the generous attention you gave my song in your December issue. I should also like to express my appreciation for the manner in which you treated the story of the banquet by the Chicago Alumni Association for Dr. and Mrs. Bizzell.

We hope we can be advised when persons connected with the University expect to be in Chicago, because we can always get together a rather substantial crowd on short notice for a luncheon or a dinner session and we hope some time we may have the privilege of having you, as editor of the *Sooner Magazine*, meet with our crowd.

J. W. HICKS, '23BA.
Chicago, Illinois.

To the Alumni Secretary:

I wonder if you can use five lusty-lunged college men to help you "hoot and holler" down at Miami on January 2? If, so, lay aside five tickets and let me know the price.

Frankly, I am taking four Ripon debaters on a tour during the holidays, stopping at Miami and want to see the two best football teams in the country today. Have written to Miami for tickets, but received no response, and fearing a sell-out, am appealing to you in the hope that you can get your hands on some of the block of tickets reserved for the Sooners.

Will appreciate what you can do for me as I have promised this game with an Oklahoma victory to my boys as a Christmas present marked "Do not open until January 2."

BRUNO E. JACOB,
Ripon, Wisconsin.

To the Alumni Secretary:

Having a few moments to myself this evening I shall write you a bit to inform you that my address has been changed from the Hofman Building, Detroit, Michigan to the above. Card asking for information about William has been received and will be answered pronto by him.

The past two years have been so full of activity here and there under the auspices of the United States Department of Agriculture and I have been able to come to Oklahoma so seldom

that I have sort of lost touch with what is going on out there. This is especially true during the past four or five months. I hope to take some annual leave in Oklahoma sometime this spring. Then I can renew my connections, as I am still a legal resident of your beloved state.

My work is quite promising just now as to its permanency. A year ago there was some question about it, but since the American Farm Bureau has got back of it and some other groups, the Secretary is reported to have expressed himself as "amazed" at the progress we have made. He gave us nearly two pages of his 1938 annual report. I have intensively 12 eastern and northeastern states including my native state of Ohio to cultivate and in addition I was given the task of establishing relations with national organizations. I developed contacts with the Farm Bureau and turned that over to an associate who gets to Chicago quite frequently and I have retained the Federal Council of Churches, the Home Missions Council, the Catholic Rural Life interests, the Christian Associations, the International Council of Religious Education, the Southern Mountain Workers Conference, the Grange and possibly the Farmers Union in my list of groups to keep in touch with on a national scale. These contacts have taken me to the state of Washington on the west, Texas on the south, North Carolina and Maine on the east and Minnesota and the Dakotas on the north. In addition I get to Chicago about once every two months for one engagement or another. This keeps me in the field about half of my time. The balance of the time has been spent this year principally in writing group discussion pamphlet material.

So far the department has been very good to me. I am not a chief or anything like that but have quite free leeway to make and carry out my own plans. I happen to be the only Senior Ag. Economist in our setup, aside from the chief and this brings me some little perquisites, not financial, that are worthwhile. I am the only one of our whole section that has had extended experience dealing with rural people, thirty years of it, in fact, and that helps some.

So much for myself. I could tell the story of the resident of Los Angeles who insisted that nothing could outlie that city.

Dr. Watters has bought an auto and radio supply store in New Albany, Indiana and has gone into business. He was caught in the political dilemma that developed in Kentucky and apparently got disgusted with trying to sell his talents as a professional. J. H. Rhodes, formerly with Adams, is here in the Federal Trade Commission with a good chance to stay on indefinitely. C. C. Zimmerman, formerly personnel director for Conoco is personnel director for something or other here but I have not seen him. D. P. Trent has been fortunate in salary and position, being a chief of studies of tenant contracts in Farm Security. Newcomb, formerly at Oklahoma City is still with the University of Minnesota. I have lost track of the rest of the gang that left the University when I did but I suppose none of them are starving.

I hope your work is coming on nicely. You have a rather thankless task but it probably has some compensating features to make it interesting. William and I both would like to know what has happened to Frank and Charles Haxel, Homer Heck and the others that used to be round the Extension Division. Last I heard of Hemmer he was in El Paso in the Immigration service.

William is a resident physician in pathology or something at Garfield Hospital here. His wife, LaVerne, is nurse at Children's Hospital near Garfield.

PAUL L. VOGT,
Washington, D. C.

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