

In the Mail

To the Alumni Secretary:

In another eight hours we're due to leave this most hospitable and southernmost city of New Zealand and head south for the ice and a year of isolation, exploring and scientific study. So, before we leave this, our last port of call, I'm pecking out a few lines to thank you for the radio message of a month back and pledge increased activity for your Antarctic council of the Alumni Association.

We expect 1940 to be the biggest year thus far for O.U. alumni in the Antarctic, and are almost certain of 100 per cent attendance at all meetings of the local council. However, it seems doubtful at this writing that we will be able to convince any of the native youth that their best hope for material and cultural self-improvement lies in enrollment in the old alma mater. Penguins are notoriously curious but distrustful.

As you may have heard from my parents, the first broadcast of the mail bag program we didn't hear at all, but the rebroadcast thereof from a San Francisco station a week later came in, although some of the text was lost. Since then we've heard no more of the broadcasts: either the reception has been quite poor, or we've been busy at other things, i.e., seeing Wellington on last Friday. As a result of that one broadcast, however, the boys on board have been calling me "the honorable," along with a few other names.

Although this is the morning of January 2, it's "bowl game" time in "the States," but we can't hear any of the broadcasts. Which is just as well, considering that there are about 500 sightseers on board the ship at present...

ARNOLD COURT, '34
U.S. Antarctic Expedition
Aboard U.S.S. North Star

To the Alumni Secretary:

Your article in the January issue of *Sooner Magazine* reminded me that I have not yet sent in a biographical sketch. Will you please send me one of your blank forms? It will still be mostly blank when I return it as I haven't much to report, but I can at least do my bit toward completing your files.

Although we have quite a few O.U. graduates in this county, only a very small number belong to the Alumni Association—perhaps I am a poor "persuader." At any rate I am hoping that some time in the future we may be able to get together and have some one from the University come out and meet with us.

ELEANOR TRACY, '29
Beaver, Oklahoma

To the Alumni Secretary:

Some time ago I received your letter of December 12, 1939, asking me for comments on the article on "Paradoxes in State Finance" which was published in the December issue of *Sooner Magazine*.

I have not been able to get to this matter on account of the rush of work which we have at this time of year. I am sorry. Possibly I can do so later on if the question is still alive at that time.

I also have this reaction. The editor of your magazine recently indicated that he might not feel at liberty to publish in the magazine any article that I might write. He apparently felt it necessary to reserve the right of censorship.

After a fellow has worked as long and had as many fights as I have had for the University, it is a strange reaction to be told that free speech is no longer the rule among graduates of the University.

I have nothing that I want to say about the University or publish in *Sooner Magazine* so the question is entirely academic so far as I am concerned. However, I regret to see any suggestion of a policy that might restrict the free expression, in *Sooner Magazine*, of any matters relating to the University. As I recall it, *Sooner Magazine* was started about the time I was president of the As-

sociation. I had some part in its early establishment. Among other things, we sought a medium where we could express without restriction independent views relating to the University. If the alumni are now to be limited to a censored expression of their views through the magazine, I am required to apologize for any part I may have had in the establishment or advancement of the magazine.

I do not mean to imply by the above remarks, that a free expression on University matters through the magazine has not been permitted by its editors or managing agents. When your editorial staff suggests the possibility of censoring articles offered for publication, it seems to me time for us to take stock of first principles and I am taking this opportunity, as you will see, merely to wave a flag against the danger which may be ahead.

TOM F. CAREY, '08
Oklahoma City

The principles Mr. Carey expresses are excellent, his fears needless. As his first paragraphs reveal, the Alumni Office actively solicits free expressions of opinions from alumni on University affairs but often, as in Mr. Carey's case, finds them too busy to respond. Sooner Magazine has printed numerous diverse opinions on important issues, hopes to get many more for publication. Subject only to the usual editorial limitations of space and good taste, any alumnus may express any point of view in the columns of this magazine without censorship.—Ed.

To the Alumni Secretary:

Please find enclosed three dollars for my annual alumni dues and yearly subscription to the *Sooner Magazine*. I have been much interested in the part the alumni are playing in aiding the University in getting appropriations for the school and in keeping the importance of the school to the state before alumni members everywhere.

ADA HAWKINS, '28nurse, '32bs
Chicago, Illinois

To the Alumni Secretary:

Of course you are entitled to an explanation of my negligence concerning the Association. And you shall have it, whether the alibi is good or bad.

The pressure of business (?) has had quite a bit to do with it. We had a wonderful fall trade here and have been too busy to do any thing but work, (only saw one ball game—O.U. at Dallas.)

I bought a half interest in this drug store January 1. Remodeling, etc., has taken considerable of what would usually be some idle time. However, my interest has not decreased in the Association, and will not in the future, even though I have failed to remit the \$3.00.

Will forward check for dues in a few days and hope to stay on the upper side from now on.

PAUL PEARSON, '23ex
Altus, Oklahoma

To the Alumni Secretary:

Please send me two biographical information blanks—one for my wife and one for myself.

Incidentally, I heard Fred Waring's "O.K. Oklahoma" and believe it to be by far the best Sooner song thus far presented.

With best wishes to O.U. and thanking you in advance, I remain

C. B. SCHWARTZ, '38
Shreveport, La.

To the Alumni Secretary:

I surely was disappointed in the way O.U.'s football season turned out, but the excuses offered by the alumni magazine sounded very convincing. I always read *Sooner Magazine* from cover to cover. The man in charge of the alumni magazine

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In the Mail . . .

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here at Northwestern agreed with me that you folks have one of the very best in the country. You cannot imagine—I'm positive of this—how much fun I got out of the way O.U. licked N.U. last fall. I have a whole roll of film and pictures of the game and our boys in action.

ALFRED A. CROWELL, '29, '34ma
Evanston, Illinois

To the Alumni Secretary:

Enclosed you will please find my check in the amount of \$3, in payment of membership dues and one year's subscription to *Sooner Magazine*. Also attached you will please find a biographical sketch which I trust will furnish the information desired for the alumni directory.

I want to congratulate you upon the very energetic program which you are carrying on in connection with the alumni organization, and to say that the magazine, as well as the various activities which you are so capably fostering, are a great credit to the school and should be a source of pleasure and enjoyment to the various alumni wherever they may be or whatever they may be doing. Of course, Oklahoma City is almost overrun with alumni, and I seldom leave the office without running into one or more with whom I was in school. However, it is indeed interesting to read or hear of others from all over, and to keep up somewhat with their progress.

As for my own experience, I find that life has been pretty good, and that my practice here has far exceeded my expectations, what with handling tax cases exclusively. I find that there is a considerable demand for a specialist in that work, and the practice together with a rather strenuous attempt to compile a somewhat practical text on taxation, has left me very little time to spare.

JOHN K. SPECK, '28bus
Oklahoma City

To the Alumni Secretary:

Your letter of November 3 interests me very much and I hope that I may be able to serve the Alumni Association in some manner. However, I must first present to you the circumstances that exist here in Eastern Venezuela.

As you may notice, I am writing this letter from San Joaquin, which is merely our camp erected by our company. Our main office is in Caripito and I was there when I received your letter. Now I am in this field (San Joaquin) and nobody knows just how long I will be here nor where I will go from here. That is the kind of life most of us live here. I am about eight hours from Caripito by car in dry weather, an indefinite time by car in wet weather and about fifty minutes by company plane. Our only other connection is by company radio. I probably won't have occasion to return to Caripito for some time.

I have found only three other graduates from Oklahoma University here and at the present all of them are in Caripito. They are: M. R. Pitman, '33; Mrs. Helen Falley (I don't know her maiden name), a graduate in the geology about 1934 who worked for Humble Oil and Refining company for a short time; and W. W. Butcher, '37 geol. These persons may be addressed at Caripito, c/o S.O.V.

I mentioned the plan of the advisory council and they seemed interested and wanted to know more about it. As I left rather suddenly, we had very little time to discuss matters. If you would write to each of us and explain exactly how we would function and what our obligations will be, I would greatly appreciate it and I am sure that the other three grads would be as appreciative. Let me know if it is possible for us to have our council in spite of these above conditions, or, if this is impossible, if those three in Caripito could form a council with one of them as chairman.

This is very interesting to me and I am anxious to do what I can. Thanks for the opportunity offered to me.

WOODROW HUDDLESTON, '39eng
San Joaquin, Venezuela

To the Alumni Secretary:

Things have a funny way of just "happening" to me. For instance, last April 3 I left Purcell for a two or three weeks' vacation. I spent one week visiting in the Texas Panhandle and then went to Tucumcari, New Mexico, where I remained six weeks. The next thing I knew I was in Los Angeles, California, where I spent a week taking in the sights of Hollywood and surrounding scenic spots.

The next jump found me in Stockton, California, for a week—from this point I took in Yosemite National Park, scenic drives through the southern part of the Great Redwood Empire, and finally over the mountains to the famous San Francisco Exposition.

A 400-mile trip on north found me in Grants Pass, Oregon. While there I took trips to the Oregon Caves some sixty miles distance, and to the beaches at Crescent City, California, up the new Pacific Coast Highway for 50 wonderful miles of ocean-side beauty and then, back to Grants Pass through the northern part of the Redwood Empire. I was very fortunate in getting two side trips to the world famous Crater Lake in Oregon—the first one being on the 4th of July at which time we enjoyed snowball fights and bonfires.

After four months in this beautiful and fruitful country of Oregon I was called home because of the serious illness of my father. He is much improved and I am about ready for another job, or a husband, (or both!)

It's odd how you hear about O.U. alumni in a place where you have been staying *after* you leave there. But that thing invariably happens to me and it is a shame because I miss meeting a lot of fine people I know. I like to hear about all the O.U. grads I possibly can.

WANDA E. McCARLEY, '36
Purcell, Oklahoma

To the Editor:

I am a '39 (mid-term) graduate in petroleum engineering and have since been employed by the Eastman Oil Well Supply Company, Atlantic Pipeline Company, and Shell Oil Company, Inc. I recently resigned from the Atlantic Pipeline and accepted a position with the Shell Oil Company in Wasson-Bennett pool of Yoakum County, Texas.

STEVE E. MASOERO, '39
Denver City, Texas

To the Alumni Secretary:

I enclose the biographical information requested in your recent form letter.

I heard Fred Waring's *O.K. Oklahoma* on the broadcast a few weeks ago and think it the finest Oklahoma song I have ever heard. The song the band sang at the Nebraska game was also a peach. Something should be done to eliminate the use of old *Boomer-Sooner* as the song has no significance to many people except to make them wonder why the Oklahoma band is playing the *Yale Boola* song.

We have had a couple of real swell football seasons and we all should be proud of our team. We lost a game on a tough break to Missouri and we lost a game to Nebraska that was as swell a football game as you will ever hope to see. Oklahoma's team was a team anybody could be proud of and the band display between halves, particularly the singing, made one of the finest football shows ever in this part of the country.

AL DRAKE, '28bus
Kansas City, Missouri

To the Editor:

This will acknowledge your letters of December 16 and yesterday. The turn-out at the Oklahoma-Fordham game was quite satisfactory. I went down and asked Ned Irish, sports director of Madison Square Garden, to send you the pictures.

It might interest you to know that a complete page of pictures of the game was published in one of the leading New York papers. If you would like these pictures in addition to those Irish sent you, I think I can secure them from the newspaper. It was a splendid game and of course I was much pleased that Oklahoma won.

Now, as to your most recent letter regarding the organization of an Oklahoma Club, I am very much pleased, because I would like to get somebody to head up a club here that is more permanently located. Due to the fact that I am on the road so much, we ought to have a club headed up by someone other than myself.

I am willing to continue as chairman of the council and it is my feeling that the council and the club should coordinate their activities, particularly under that kind of an organization.

HUGHES B. DAVIS, '17
New York City, New York

To the Alumni Secretary:

Attached hereto I am returning the biographical information on the form prepared by you. I think that you are to be complimented in your effort to obtain information of this character. The years roll by too quickly, and permanent records make for accuracy.

DAVID R. MILSTEN, '25, '28law
Tulsa, Oklahoma

To the Editor:

After reading the grand article about the O.U. alumni of Washington and their reception for President Bizzell, I have been anxiously waiting to read of the reception of Dr. Wardell and the new *O.K. Oklahoma* song from Fred Waring's orchestra in New York City on December 6.

It was a grand turnout and enjoyed by all of us who were fortunate to be able to attend. Dr. Wardell is a speaker of such a rare gift of holding an audience motionless and spellbound. We'd like to have him again.

Our master of ceremonies, Lloyd Morrisett, assistant superintendent of schools, Yonkers, New York, was a genial and capable master of ceremonies. He was a last minute substitution but reacted as a true Sooner would.

We, who are separated from our school friends by distance feel closer to our school by meeting at infrequent intervals as most people do who live in New York.

Since December my position has changed. I am now located at Yonkers General Hospital as assistant operating room supervisor. Please don't let me lose an issue of the magazine because of the change of address.

HELEN M. McMURTRY, '32nurse
Yonkers, New York

To the Editor:

I had my address changed only recently and in a way sort of hate to impose upon you so much, but surely appreciate the magazine. So if you will, please change my address from 510 North Broadway to the one appearing below.

LINDSEY MARTIN, '39bus
1516 North Topeka
Wichita, Kansas

The Alumni Office is always glad to receive prompt notification of a change in address, regardless of how often. We would rather change an alumnus' address in the files every day, if necessary, than to keep using an out-of-date address.—Ed.

To the Alumni Secretary:

Sorry I have delayed so long in showing my appreciation for the picture and copy of *O.K. Oklahoma* which I received.

This was the first O.U. affair of any kind I have attended since leaving school in '27, and I thoroughly enjoyed it.

We think the song *O.K. Oklahoma* very good, and wonder how it is liked on the campus.

PHILLIP C. KEIPER, '27eng
Westfield, N.J.

To the Alumni Secretary:

Enclosed find another money order for \$5, reducing my balance due the Alumni Association to a grand total of \$25, right?

I was glad to learn from the *Shield and Diamond* that our fraternity had finally installed a chapter at A. & M., too

SUBERT TURBYFILL, '25FA, '26, '32M.A.
Balboa, Canal Zone.