

Riding the Sooner Range

By Ted Beard

SHAMROCKS, green shirts, and O.U. Engineers on parade! These chaps, some 1,700 strong, representing graduates in various divisions of engineering from the University of Oklahoma, are in this 1940 season indeed getting their "double play." The March issue of *Sooner Magazine* is devoted to "engineering features," while in the August, 1940 issue, it will be their directory—and what a directory it will be, because they are scattered world wide. Recent notes on some of these "Sons of Erin," as we have observed them in action while jogging along the Range, as well as reading of their various successes in the mail which comes across the desk, are as follows:

MAYO B. PARKS, B.S. in M.E. '36, now of the New York Navy Yard at Brooklyn, N.Y., is in off hours enjoying swimming and hiking and applying his extra-curricular activity at Hobart High School and Cameron State College at Lawton to good recreational interests. CRAIG L. MOON, B.S. in E.E. '37, now of Kansas City, Missouri, still following his interest in radio television and looking back on those hours he spent on Tulsa's tumbling team prior to his entering the University. IVAN MILLER, B.S. in E.E. '32, is following his old-established hobby of amateur radio work, and if he can shut out the messages on the ether as he performed in the State Pistol Meet in 1932 when he became state pistol champion, he is indeed still holding up the honors of old Shawnee High School in the early '20s! CLAUD H. HOOKS, B.S. in E.E. '35, the established table hop and dishwasher for four long years at the University while pulling through, has a string of hobbies consisting of military work, reading, shows, radio work and his children, and is applying his electrical engineering talents in his chosen profession with the Southwestern Bell at Oklahoma City.

Lady of the craft (?) Yes, and How! Namely, BESSIE FRANCES KNISELEY, B.S. in Arch. Engr. '36, and then on to the University of California for an M.A. in Arch. '39. She is now located at Berkeley, California as a special instructor in architecture for the University of California, and did she perform while in the University? Well, just look—a regular "duck" in the Ducks Club, an efficient ram-rod of the W.A.A., a "director" of Mortar Board, a treasurer of Spanish Club, secretary of the Camera Club, chief rider of the Polo and Riding Association, secretary of Engineers' Club, on St. Pat's Council three straight years, on the Sooner Yearbook staff representing the College of Engineering, and then to crown it all, was Engineers' Queen in 1933. What a record! What an engineer!! What a gal!!!

That string of years in the South American climate only "seasoned" RANSOME G. HOLLAND, B.S. in P.E. '29, to the continuation of his engineering work now being followed at Ponca City. Ransome, along with wife, MILDRED PYLE HOLLAND, B.S. in H.E. '30, drop by to see us occasionally accompanied by their two charming young daughters. Another HOLLAND, LOYAL B. "JACK," B.S. in E.E. '18, divides his interest and time three ways, independent oil business, his ranch at Hereford, Texas, and his home in Norman—and, in Norman often teaches "the hired hand" the latest bridge technique!

And there was old "Rags"—to the dignified engineering profession, WILMER E. RAGSDALE, B.S. in E.E. '35—who for some years now has been under the immediate supervision of Mrs. Ragsdale, LOIS WHITAKER RAGSDALE, '33ex, and is stationed in St. Louis. How many hours of pleasant work we had with this chap, "Rags," as the chief engineer of WNAD, University Radio Station! My one time "traveling companion," "DOUG" BELL, is now the efficient "son of Erin." DOUGLAS E. BELL, B.S. in P.E. '34, who along with MRS. BELL (MARY ELIZABETH SCHE-

BLE BELL, B.F.A. in P.S.A. '34), are enjoying their home and little daughter at the Houston, Texas, headquarters. (And just here, thanks, "Doug," and Mary Elizabeth, for your new Life Membership in the Association that came in last week!) Our "personal" McClain County engineer, EVERT E. STONG, B.S. in M.E. '34, and MRS. STONG (MARY ALICE COON STONG, '34ex), came in today as the newest Life Members in the Engineering Division of the Association. These "Purcell-ites" are always welcome as they are really home folk to us!

DAVID E. FIELDS, B.S. in M.E. '25, M.E. '38, of Tulsa, has devoted a lot of his time to the writing of special articles for technical magazines in recent years. HAROLD E. MASSEY, B.S. in M.E. '36, has for the past four years been with the I.T.I.O. as special petroleum engineering. FRANKLIN C. MORRIS, B.S. in Arch. Eng. '26, A.E. '30, of the O.U. faculty at Norman, recently was awarded the honor of 20-year Veteran and Silver Beaver in the Boy Scout organization—and that Frank is a chap who *earns* his spurs! JACKIE LYNWOOD RIDLEY, B.S. in M.E. '39, Ponca City, is with the Continental Oil Company and now wrestling with the weighty problems of the oil industry and no longer wrestling as one of the representatives on the O.U. team.

HUBERT WILLIS DAUBENHEYER, B.S. in E.E. '38, is another of the O. G. & E. men working out of the Oklahoma City office. CUNDALL E. TURNER, B.S. in P.E. '32, outside of his engineering duties with the Phillips Petroleum Company in Bartlesville, spends many hours in woodwork and gardening, accompanied on such tours by Eddie, aged 4, and Gail, aged 2. Still another Bartlesville "laborer," LUDWIG A. WEBBER, B.S. in Ch.E. '32, is doing special research work and relaxing with several rounds of tennis daily. DELBERT L. HAYNES, B.S. in Ch.E. '37, Cut Bank, Montana, has for the past year performed special research service for his company, but does find time to participate in the American Institute of Chemical Engineers. "slice in" a little golf, and try his hand at fishing.

LLEWELLYN GOODWIN LEAVITT, B.S. in C.E. '26, is doing special engineering inspection work with headquarters in Minneapolis, Minnesota. RICHARD D. WILLIAMSON, B.S. in Geol. E. '31, who was the very fine president of the Engineers' Club in 1931, and in the same year earned a senior designation of cadet colonel, is another Minneapolis, Minnesota, chap in engineering work. RALPH WESLEY WOLVERTON, B.S. in E.E. '35, Lawton, has for the past five years been with an electrical company and is putting into practice some of the fine points mastered while employed as student helper at the Alpha Gamma Delta house while in the University. JAMES FRANKLIN CRAWFORD, B.S. in M.E. '34, B.S. in P.E. '35, is district superintendent for an outstanding oil concern, and for the past year has been located at Palacios, Texas. L. DAN JONES, B.S. in P.E. '33, breezed off down to Arlington, Virginia, via George Washington University, where he completed his LL.B. in 1938, and has since that date mixed engineering-law as a special attorney for the Department of the Interior.

Do engineers Go West, Young Man—Go West? Yes, West plus North, South, and East, and it is significant to note that forty-five Engineering graduates of the University representing every division of the College of Engineering are scattered to the four corners of the world—outside the jurisdiction of the good old U.S.A. It is also significant to note that forty of these engineers are from the classes of the '30s. Where are some of them? Well, let's look: THOMAS S. NAPIER, B.S. in Geol.E. '34, Pladjve, Sumatra; ALLAN B. COLE, B.S. in P.E. '37, Maracaibo, Venezuela; RAIMUNDO ALBERTO MOLINA, B.S. in P.E.

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'36, Venezuela; CLIFF W. PEERY, B.S. in P.E., '33, Ciudad Bolivar, Venezuela; T. A. KIBBY, B. S. '33, B.S. in E.E. '34, Ciudad, Bolivar, Venezuela; JAMES GEORGE STEPHEN, B.S. in P.E. '34, Peru, South America; FRANK B. LACHLE, B.S. in Ch.E. '31, Brazil, South America; FOAD ALI M. ASHRAF, M.S. in Engr. '34, Iran, Persia; E. FRED HOLLANDSWORTH, B.S. in E.E. '35, New Zealand; WILFRED G. COLEMAN, B.S. in E.E. '38, Corner Brook, Newfoundland; MANUEL G. CICERO, B.S. in Geol.E. '27, Tampico, Mexico; LEOPOLDO NESTOR CORONADO, B.S. in P.E. '32, San Juanico, Mexico; ABBAS SATTAR SIAPOOSH, B.S. in P.E. '38, Teheran, Iran; NEALE V. LAMB, B.S. in Ch.E. '38, Aruba, Netherlands West Indies; RICHARD E. BARRETT, B.S. in E.E. '33, Saint Joseph, Trinidad, British West Indies; J. WILKINSON HOOVER, B.S. in Geol. E. '27, Bahrein Island, Persian Gulf; PERRY B. HACKETT, B.S. in C.E. '34, Honolulu, Hawaii; GERALD M. HECHTER, B. S. in Ch.E. '39, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.

WILLIAM HORN, B.S. in P.E. '37, is another who still follows the short wave radio hobby, and is now and has been since his graduation, field engineer for an outstanding gas concern, being located at Kilgore, Texas.

HUBERT H. THOMPSON, B.S. in Ch.E. '28, has been chemist for one of the leading oil firms for several years, and is located at Tulsa, Oklahoma. ROBERT E. EBBS, JR., B.S. in M.E. '33, Burkburnett, Texas, has a very unique hobby that he develops along with his professional work, namely, the building of a mechanical model building. THERESA HELENA REINHART (MRS. RAYMOND G. DOLAN), B.S. in C.E. '20, in addition to engineering James, 15, John, 13, and Robert, 8, holds the position of construction engineer for the Reinhart and Donovan Company with headquarters in Oklahoma City. CHARLES W. HEWETT, B.S. in E.E. '36, Shawnee, applies double energy to his hobby, namely archery, and is this year president of the Shawnee Archery Club. In his school days, as a carrier for the *Oklahoma Daily*, he evidently developed technique in hitting the bull's eye in the early morning hours tossing the paper at the hole in the front screen door. JOHN A. REINHART, B.S. in C.E. '34, is another part of the Reinhart & Donovan Company in Oklahoma City. EDWIN R. PAGE, JR., as a graduate student at the University of Oklahoma, is following through on some detailed training after his B.S. in E.E. in '38, and hopes to receive his Master's in June, 1940.

EARL L. HASSLER, A.B. '28, B.S. in E.E. '30, M.S. '34, who, during many of his years at the University of Oklahoma was assistant in the Physics Department and belonged to many honorary and professional societies and found time in addition to these to serve on the Student Council in '37-'38. He is now in Tulsa with the Southwestern Bell. WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT, A.B. '30, B.S. in P.E. '31, has for some time held the position of superintendent with a drilling concern, with headquarters at Mount Vernon, Illinois. WADE A. ESKRIDGE, B.S. in M.E. '36, Overton, Texas, has caught the movie photography bug and reports that his wood-working is no longer his hobby, but a drudgery.

HINMAN STUART MILAM, B.S. in P.E. '30, Chelsea, has been assistant superintendent of his company since 1932. MAYNARD G. FULLER, B.S. in C.E. '30, with the Oklahoma State Highway Department at Oklahoma City, states, "I washed dishes, waited tables at a number of places while in O.U., made all my way through." Yes, in addition to this, this chap was one of the designers and erectors of the engineers' famous electrical sign, and was one of the leading members of St. Pat's Council in 1930. J. DAVISS COLLETT, JR., B.S. in P.E. '32, is owner of "Associated Engineers" and operates out of Houston, Texas. LEROY MOFFETT, JR., B.S. in E.E. '29, is now located in New York City. He is in the interesting field of engineering work classified as development engineering, television section, of the National Broadcasting Company. Hundreds of engineers will recall that it was this Moffett boy who received the cup for the best student paper at the regional A.I.E.E. meeting in Dallas, Texas, in

1929. OMEGA CUMMINS, B.S. in E.E. '34, headquarters New Orleans, is with the United States Engineering Department, First New Orleans District, where he is classified as a civil engineer in the Reports Section. During his University career one of his accomplishments was to receive the pistol shot medal, and now, as recreations, he states he bowls, reads, fishes, and *just plain walks!* What a hobby! What a hobby! And—what would the future of the University of Pittsburgh be today without GEORGE LATHAM YATES, B.S. in P.E. '34; M.S. in Engr. '35. With the help of MAXINE SHAFER YATES, B.S. in Ed. '32—the wife—this outstanding chap is climbing on up in his profession in this University of the East!

And a swing from "Representative Yates" of the East, to the *deep, deep West*, brings up to the Bakersfield, California home of FRANK ITTNER, B.S. in M.E. '33, and his charming wife, MARY ELIZABETH SIMPSON ITTNER, B.A. '24, M.A. '25! "Glamour Boy Frank"—and what a record he really did make at the University—plus O.U.'s Mary Elizabeth, do a lot of fancy visiting among the O.U.-ites of the West Coast, and just now, of course, are controlling the arguments pro and con as to the reasons why "STEINIE" GOT ALL THE GRAPES—WHILE OKLAHOMA GOT ALL THE WRATH." Then to breeze back across to the immediate mid-west, and here we are with JOHN B. BENDER, B.S. in E.E. '34, stationed in Kansas City, Missouri, and following out his old tricks of "inventin'." Wonder if John remembers when on a long automobile trip with a lot of mechanical equipment he headed for a college in South Texas, he had to invent a new method of transportation, after stripping the gears of a broken down car.

Thus, here they are in review. As it was then, it is now, "Three Cheers, Three Beers, O.U. Engineers!" And that chant we hear quite often, as we gallop along, Riding the Sooner Range!

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Thrift story

Earl Abner Brown, '20law, Ardmore postmaster, was the subject of one of *The Daily Ardmoreite's* recent "Thrift Stories."

"If there's any reason for my getting into anybody's Thrift Edition, it's just because I've had to be thrifty or starve," Mr. Brown says.

He left his farm home near Marsden in Love County to attend high school at Ardmore. He earned his own livelihood through those four years, and then went to work as collector on *The Daily Ardmoreite* at twelve dollars a week. The yen for higher education took him to O.U. in less than two years.

"Accordingly he showed up in Norman one fine fall day, determined to get a degree in law. He says of that day: 'I walked along Asp Avenue and I saw a big fat man leaning against a tree. I walked up to him and said I wanted a job. Just like that without preamble. He looked me over and said that they needed another man at the S.A.E. house but they had no place for a fellow to sleep unless he wanted to sleep in the basement. I told him I didn't mind, so I got the job.'

The war and seventeen months overseas interrupted his education. He completed it, however, in 1920, and stepped into the state political arena, serving two terms in each house of the State Legislature. He was then engaged in general law practice for several years before being named to his present position as postmaster in 1933.

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