

Riding the Sooner Range

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WITH the mid-November temperature skidding on down toward zero—the Oklahoma breezes grow particularly cold! Not so with these steamed-up Sooners because the past thirty days and nights has developed a series of hours for the nucleus of warm activities!

Thanks to you newcomers—those Sooners who have in the past few hours affiliated—for the first time—as members of the Alumni Association, you are making the office machinery run smoothly! You will make the galloping a little easier! Even though we will be forced to ride the Sooner Range many more miles because of your active participation and your “jimin’ up,” we still like the “shower of gold!” Among the newcomers—MRS. MARIE LUDWIG, '32, Dacoma, Oklahoma; HENRY L. McCONNELL, '36ba, '39law, San Francisco, California, and here's to you, Mac, as a new Sooner alumni member, and may you strut your stuff in behalf of the Sooner football team when they breeze out your way in a few days to take care of Santa Clara! VERA B. NEEL, '24ba, '27ma, the school-marm of Tech Hi, Dallas, Texas—glad to have you and to renew our acquaintanceship started years and years ago on this campus, then you were on to Central High School of Oklahoma City—thence, to the long-horn territory; DR. T. WILLARD PRATT, '31ms, '38med, Cheyenne, the close associate and friend of our long standing Western Oklahoma “Lifer,” LUTHER W. KITCHENS, '16ba—and incidentally night before last, Luther transferred his residence of long standing from Cheyenne to Oklahoma City where he becomes one of the newer G-Men in Federal Education. To our military advocate, CLARENCE R. ROBERTS, '20ba, O. M. A., Claremore, we salute as a new Sooner member. Then down in the deep Reed Territory, Sulphur, Oklahoma, our new medico representative is DR. ERNEST ROSE, '34bs.med, '36med—yes, and in a very brief period of time, not to exceed 120 minutes, we will be on our way Riding the Sooner Range down toward Sulphur. In Sulphur we will join in an O. U. participation of National Education Week this evening, along with University staff members, DOC CORTEZ EWING, Assistant Graduate Dean R. J. DANGERFIELD, J. F. “MAJOR” MALONE, '37ba, DOC PRAY, DOC OLIVER BENSON, '32ba, '33ma, and others, and all this has been arranged by our Sulphur adopted O. U. ambassador-representative, L. B. PEAK, the senior high school prexy. MARY ADELAID SNIDER, '39h.ec, of Muskogee, comes in today as the new Northeastern Oklahoma alumni member, and since we note that she is connected with the General Hospital of Muskogee, we ask Mary Adelaide—“Where, oh where, can one find a nurse!” We know hundreds upon hundreds of Sooners who have had severe headaches since the Cornhuskers breezed down here some two weeks ago! MRS. EVELYN SPEARS, '40, Fox, Oklahoma, is now one of the regularly paid “sistern.” And Lifers—well, they come at the mere drop of the hat. MARTHENA McCONNEL, '37ed, Crescent, jumping in to get on the ground floor; N. L. GEORGE, '26ed, '31m.ed, the dignified superintendent of the Duncan Public Schools, now is a “certificate alumn”; along with many others who are making the fatal plunge to stay in the Association for life!

ELIZABETH JANE ADAMS, '37drama, of the capitol city, Washington, D. C., signs on the dotted line and becomes another of the many

many members in the capitol city. DR. FRANK I. REID, '25bs.med, '27med, Dumas, Texas, joins the parade—and yeah, Frank, we were down in the home village a few days back—BLAIR! LIEUTENANT JAMES A. EMBRY, JR., '37ba, down Pensacola, Florida way, comes in as the new alumni representative from the U. S. Naval Air Station. Power to you, Jimmie! What pleasant hours we once had in Pensacola,



This was the group at the speaker's table when O. U. alumni met at Houston recently. Left to right: Paul B. Hunter, Dr. Joe D. Walker, Wallace Thompson, W. Dow Hamm, Houston alumni chairman; Norman W. Brillhart, president of the Alumni Association; Mrs. Hazel Herd Crosby, and Alumni Executive Secretary Ted Beaird.

but not circling the bay below from an airliner, but down on the old tug-boat, doing a little deep sea fishing. MARTHA GOSSETT, '39phys.ed, Carmel, New York, becomes another of our Yankee representatives as a new member the last few hours. DR. WILLIAM L. VOGT, '32, '36bs.med, '37med, in the medical field service, Carlisle, Pennsylvania, “jines up” and sends us interesting notes on Sooners in the deep deep East. W. H. CLANTON, '23eng, Alhambra, California, shoves a membership check across the desk (and I'll bet that boy is in San Francisco for the O. U. game). LESLIE THOMASON, '36ba, '39ma, the big speech chief of Virginia Intermont College, Bristol, Virginia, drops us an interesting letter and becomes a new member of the Alumni Association. Thus it comes and thus it goes. Naturally we like the “renewal and the old,” but the *new*—well, that's a novel experience for us, as it makes us believe that the Association is doing constructive work!

What floundering around we have had these past thirty days and nights in Riding the Sooner Range! And what a treat it was in the deep dark forest out of Tyler, Texas, for Norman, Mildred, and your “hired hand” to be special guests at the big chicken barbeque, sponsored by the O. U. East Texas Alumni Association. Nice to have seen you, Eddie (ED HOWARD, '31geol.) plus the charming MRS. HOWARD (CoNORMA PERRINE, '30ba); also other Tyler-ites, friends of long standing, M. M. CHURCHWELL, '26ed, '37m.ed, with wife MRS. JESSYE ACREE CHURCHWELL, '21ba; RAY H. HORTON, '30geol; J. MONTE HAYNER, JR., '29, (and Monte is the Lord High Mokus—the chap elected that night to head the East Texas association for the next 12 months)—and we are predictin' that that boy will do a whale of a job. It was nice in this Tyler assembly to visit again with FORREST E. LOVE,

'32eng, to exchange news items about his brother-in-law and sister on the West Coast, namely, BRYAN COLE, '34eng, and DORTHA LOVE COLE, '33h.ec. And of course, as always, when it comes to O. U. functions, Tyler would not be a “complete city” without the “Old Men of the Sage,” such as, A. CLEM WRIGHT, '20ba, '21ma, C. R. STEVENS, '28eng, and JOE L. DUKES, '26law, and they were there with bells on!

That Sooner fracas down in Houston near the coast line of the Lone Star State—well, it indeed was a real eye-opener! Sooners that we hadn't seen or heard of in months plus years were there for the entire evening session, and what an evening they had together! Among those present in Houston were JACK F. AUSTIN, '30bus, and MRS. DOROTHY CHAPMAN AUSTIN, '30, who were quite interested in the activities of the present day School of Business on the O. U. campus. An old 1921 cronic, OLIN G. BELL, '21ba, was there representing

the geological interests, as was his wife, MRS. WILLIE CRUMLEY BELL, '22ba, who greatly enjoyed the session. My former “side-kick” and driving companion during his days at the University, DOUGLAS E. BELL, '34eng, plus his beautiful wife, Mrs. BETTY SCHEBLE BELL, '34fa—well, they were there, and how we enjoyed an exchange of “way back whens!” CLIFF BOWLES, '24geol, was there in person, and a number of his Norman friends asked about him upon our return from the Houston City. MIKE A. CASSIDY, '21, the big shot of the Neon Advertising Company, Houston, enjoyed the football parley introduced into the session. The charming HAZEL HERD CROSBY, '27—well, she was there much in evidence with the lingering co-ed charm of former days. Indeed, Hazel is still an excellent ambassador of the old home town of Nowata, Oklahoma, and through her, Houston has heard of the Northeast Oklahoma stomping ground! THOMAS D. DOPLER, '33ba, '36law, along with wife, MARY IRENE WOLFF DOPLER, '37, was out with the Houston group to meet and greet home town friends and out of town acquaintances. ROBERT R. DURKEE, '24geol—the Uncle Bob to the charming Joan and the *all boy* Pat Durkee just down the street from our home here in Norman—well, he was there to exchange greetings and send a message back to four-year-old Pat from his Texas Uncle. MRS. C. OTIS FLINT (DEEDO SHAW FLINT, '30 fa)—indeed, it was nice to see you again and we know that you are ably representing the 1930 O. U. class in Houston-ville. One of the three '40 grads in the assembly, ELOISE FREEMAN, '40h.ec, is doing a swell job as Home Service Advisor for a prominent light and power concern of Houston. She was there, and, along with the two other '40 grads, claimed to feel “ill at ease” among US old timers! PAUL B. HUNTER, '23ba; J. W. HOOVER, '27eng;

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GILBERT L. HAMPTON, '32ba, '35law; M. M. KORNFELD, '34; PAUL R. MILLS, '14 pharm; M. M. MONTGOMERY, '33eng; DR. LEONARD A. MYERS, '20bs, '22med; L. H. MORRIS, '30; GEORGE I. McFERRON, '20ba; DR. GUY H. ORR, '26zoology; HURLEY C. ROBERSON, '30; FRANK M. RENTFROW, '21 geol; CURTIS SMITH, '29bus; WALLACE C. THOMPSON, '20geol; WILLIAM R. WHITE, '32; along with dozens of others joined the parade with W. DOW HAMM, '22ba, chairman of the O. U. Advisory Council in Houston, to exchange greetings, talk football—live way back when—and what have you, during the evening. And too, Houston-ites who believe in their city, feel they live in a swell town, have an interest in their homes and professions, but still would like to be back at O. U. "all the time, if not more often" were DR. JOSEPH D. WALKER, '20bs, '22med; B. F. ORR, '14 (B. F., as you know, is the brother of CHARLIE ORR, '12ba, '14law, and the Sooner home in Houston is the Texas State Hotel over which his able management is exerted); A. L. KERBOW, '26ed, '34m.ed, now doing a swell job in the University of Houston but still having a *longing* to return to Soonerland; and last but not least, I was privileged to meet one of my old intimate friends for the first time in a series of years, M. L. (SWAMP) KERLIN, '27—and how many fine hours we had together at the University, prior to his leaving the University and breezing back down to Louisiana way, then on down to Houston for permanent headquarters.

The Annual Alumni Breakfast in the city of Dallas on the morning of the Texas-O. U. football game is always an interesting affair. Again this year, as always, they returned from many sections, and among those that the hired hand was privileged to meet and greet after Riding the Sooner Range Dallas-ward was the Fort Worth Advisory Council chairman, FRITZ L. AURIN, '14ba, '15ma; Lawyer-Legislator DENIS BUSHYHEAD, '29law, Claremore, Oklahoma; WILLIAM G. CULLEN, '16ba, the technical staff man for the Internal Revenue Department of the Southwest Headquarters of the Government; LELA GIBBINS, '28, Durant, Oklahoma—how many pleasant hours we spent with this youngster when she was in school as more or less an adopted daughter in the Beird household, coming to us from Waurika, later to complete her work at the University of Missouri; WILDA GRIFFIN, '27fa, '33fa, O. U. voice faculty member and one of the hard working gals in the alumni activities, night or day, rain or shine was displaying to Dallas the *Wilda smile!* WEAVER E. HOLLAND, '13eng, and MRS. HOLLAND, Dallas, were others we were privileged to visit with and exchange greetings from their family next door to us in Norman. BETTY TEMPLE HOWELL, former O. U. campus secretary, was there to meet and greet many of her old friends made while a citizen of O. U.-ville. A. O. JOHNSON, '30ba, '33law, breezing in from Tucson, Arizona, added a high-light to that Dallas morning breakfast party. CLARENCE KARCHER, '16ba—and we did have a chance to visit with him a few minutes after the breakfast was over. CARL H. KUNSE-MULLER, '20ba, another G-man over Muskogee, Oklahoma way—indeed, that boy Carl never misses an alumni function in the Southwest, and we appreciate having him with us. ELIZABETH KEE, '20, Prexy Bizzell's secretary, was there, enjoyed old and new friends, and complained to the hired hand that she was not called on to make a speech—what an orator this Elizabeth! Again we were privileged to visit briefly with another O. U. friend, now of Dallas, Texas, GEORGE C. McGHEE, '33bs. WILLIAM C. McGLOTHIN, '18, along with MRS. McGLOTHIN, was up from Corsicana way for the Dallas breakfast and swapped yarns with PAUL REED, '16, from Sulphur and many other former Shawnee, Oklahoma friends. Indeed, it was nice to see Mac again and to exchange yarns about the early 20's. As usual—and as always—the efficient and charming

ELIZABETH ANN McMURRAY ELLEGOOD, '35ba—"Bookshop Liz"—to her close friends and associates, was present for the Dallas function. O. U. student—wrestling coach—state representative—D. C. MATTHEWS, '38ba, at the breakfast in person, and I am sure if he had watched closely he could have found someone *wanting a job*. Independent geologist, HOMER R. MONTGOMERY, '26ba, of Mineral Wells, Texas, was present at the breakfast, chinning with old cronies; E. O. NORTHCUIT, '19law, Amarillo, Texas dropping in for the 'ham-and' and to announce that January 1, 1941 he assumes his role as judge; KING G. PRICE, '25ex, and INEZ BEVER PRICE, '24ed, Norman, present with friends and enjoying the occasion; HERMAN ZIEMER, '35fa, '40m.ed, and FLORANNA RUHL ZIEMER, '32fa, along with young son, catching the O. U. spirit after their brief sojourn in Kingston, Oklahoma. GUY H. WOODWARD, '20, the oil attorney at Tulsa, in with a group of friends to enjoy the association around the Dallas breakfast table. And what a swell alumni talk Regent Prexy LLOYD NOBLE, '21, Ardmore, made to the Dallas assembly! Indeed, under the able leadership of CARL D. McWADE, '34eng, the Dallas Advisory Council chairman, and due to the very successful introduction by JIGGS WALKER, '40law, '40geol, of the distinguished guest, namely, IRA "BIG BOY" RHYNES, Mattoon, Illinois, and with the timely remarks of Prexy BIZZELL, plus the effective liaison work of Editor ROSCOE CATE, '26ba, plus a general swell gang of Sooners, the Annual Dallas Breakfast for 1940 was something to be long remembered!

It was an interesting evening in Arkansas City on the night before Armistice Day, and there, as usual, REUBEN R. McCORNACK, '30law, and the other Sooners are upholding the laurels of the Sooner institution—they'll all be down in a few hours returning for the 1940 homecoming activities.

It was indeed an interesting morning, afternoon, and evening as we returned from Arkansas City and visited in the office of Senator CHARLES B. DUFFY, '22law, and with RANSOME HOLLAND, '29eng, plus many, many O. U.-ites up Ponca City way. And the new County Attorney ROY GRANTHAM, '34ba, '34law, '40m.ed, along with MRS. MARTHA YOUNG GRANTHAM, '33fa, '36fa—well, we thoroughly enjoyed visiting in their recently completed new home and to learn that Roy had achieved his ambition against odds and was, a few days before, elected to his new public office.

But we must away! Sulphur is at the end of the trail this afternoon—a dash back to the office tomorrow to clean up details prior to the big Annual Homecoming Dinner-Dance, sponsored by the O. U. Alumni of Oklahoma City—then down to Norman for the homecoming activities of Saturday, November 16. And what a Saturday, November 16, it will be! All 18 bosses in town—the Homecoming Parade "bigger and better than ever"—President Bizzell's Honor Classes (alumni section) in their first reunion—state superintendents' noon luncheon meeting—M. U. football team to take care of in the afternoon—back for an Alumni Reception in the Oklahoma Memorial Union Building following the game—dozens of alumni activities in the late evening—Ho, Hum! Won't it be fine at 9 a. m. on Sunday morning, November 17, to "skidaddle" out of town and get down to the cabin-shack in McLain County for a few hours of fresh air! But—that's the way it goes when you are Riding the Sooner Range!

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Charles J. Pipes, '40bs, is high school mathematics teacher and assistant coach at Beggs. The marriage of Mr. Pipes and Miss Dorothy Mae Daugherty, of Lawton, which took place last December 28, was announced June 1.

Mildred R. Pool, '40ms, teaches biology, zoology and botany in the science department of John Brown University, Siloam Springs, Arkansas. She also teaches biology and general science in the high school.