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Riding the Sooner Range

By TED BEAIRD

IN all professions and walks of life—well, I just wonder when they're riding the various ranges if an early spring atmosphere seems to take hold? As characteristic as a few particles of dust traveling eastward from the west in Oklahoma; as characteristic as the first robin of spring making his appearance on the O.U. campus after a winter's vacation; as true as Math. 5 is still tough for an O.U. freshman—some annual routine must be entered into in the carrying forward of the O.U. alumni program! This Sunday afternoon, March 9, is no exception to the rule. Indeed, it is a routine matter for the official 1941 Nominating Committee appointed by and assembled with President NORMAN BRILLHART, '17ba, and your hired hand, along with a staff of reporters from the local and state press to go into action to perform their bit of service for the University proper via their special committee work for the Alumni Association. It is *not* a routine matter, however, to review this special committee's accomplishments! So here they are,

MATTIE MULDROW REISTLE, '22, the wife of CARL REISTLE, '22eng, the prominent and prosperous young O.U. business executive of Houston, Texas—and cousins, well just too many cousins to mention are either now or have attended down through the years the University of Oklahoma." Fish and wife, MARGARET DANNENBERG MULDROW, '30ba, head a typical O.U. alumni home and their interests never waver. In his home city of Ardmore, Fish Muldrow's participation in the civic life of his community is unequalled and his participation in Masonic circles throughout the state is well known to his thousands of friends and associates. Indeed, he makes an excellent chairman of any committee in which he is interested!

Yes, Fish has a strong group of O.U. alumni to help him on this Sunday afternoon in selecting the fifteen nominees for the 1941 ballot. ALTA LOOMIS CARDER, '06ba, is here participating in the work. The listing of her present occupation as housewife is indeed her vocation and avocation



The executive board nominating committee at work. Left to right, D. Horton Grisso, Mrs. Alta Loomis Carder, Alumni Secretary Ted Beaird, O. F. Muldrow, Alumni President Norman W. Brillhart, Suzanne Arnote and Jack Campbell.

after miles and miles of travel, reporting to the Executive Board meeting room in the Oklahoma Memorial Union Building exactly on the dot of 2:30 o'clock for a full afternoon's participation in surveying and checking names of the O.U. alumni world-wide for the purpose of selecting 15 nominees for the board ballot for the 1941 season. Headed by O. F. MULDROW, '22, as chairman for the Nominating Committee and with "Fish" Muldrow flanked on his left by the prexy of the *special corporation* and your hired hand on his right to check biographical information, addresses, etc., the committee is off and under way to perform its services. Yes, Fish Muldrow has been designated by "Prexy Brill" as the chairman to represent the board for the Nominating Committee. This boy Fish has not given mere series of hours to his alumni work and the University proper, but it has now multiplied into months, and months into years, that he has continued his participation in carrying forward the interests of alumni as well as the University. As he puts it, "Well, O.U. is a part of us. You recall my dad was a member of the Board of Regents for years. My Brothers, HAL (LT. COL. HAL MULDROW, JR., '28bus), now in army service at Camp Barkley, Abilene, Texas, and ALVIN, '33law, now in army service at Fort Sam Houston, along with my sister,

now that her three children have assumed their role in life and left the home fireside at Cordell, Oklahoma. Indeed, Alta Loomis Carder has seen the little city of Cordell, Oklahoma develop down through the years. For a period of 19 years (1915-1934) as teacher in the Cordell Senior High School—well, she saw many of the local sons grow up to be mature citizens as they settled down in the city of Cordell or went out to other spots in America to fill their niche in life. So now at the present date, no wonder the hobbies and recreational interest of Alta Loomis Carder are her grandchildren!

The second lady on the Nominating Committee this Sunday afternoon is the charming SUZANNE ARNOTE, feature writer for the Oklahoma Publishing Company, Oklahoma City, who up until the time of her B.A. degree in 1936 was the "pet of the campus." Now, out in adult life she is following through in her professional work as she did in her four years as a student of the Antlers Senior High School where she was a member of the debate team, tennis team, and crowned it off as a leading member of the senior high school honor society and thus was awarded the American Legion Auxiliary medal as the outstanding high school girl covering a four year period. And did she go places while in the University? For her high scholastic standing

various honors were conferred upon her including Phi Beta Kappa, Theta Sigma Phi, Mortar Board, Letzeiser Medal, Sigma Delta Chi award as outstanding reporter, and Sigma Delta Chi senior scholarship. Along with all this, she ran the stairs on the Oklahoma Daily to "crown it off" by being elected in her senior year as the madam editor of this daily publication, thus becoming the second of three women in the history of the University of Oklahoma to assume the management of this important news medium.

Indeed, it takes the steel eye and the cold countenance of a banker to make a committee well balanced, and on this Nominating Committee appears as adviser and official committee member D. HORTON GRISSO, '30bs, of Seminole, Oklahoma. Interests? Yes, plenty of them, but chiefly the wife EVELYN JOSEPHINE FLEGER GRISSO, '30, and the two charming young daughters, Kelly Grisso, 9, and Margaret Ann Grisso, 7.

The fifth member of this committee, and last but not least, JACK E. CAMPBELL, '35ba, '38law, Assistant County Attorney, Creek County, Drumright, Oklahoma. In listing biographical information, he is suave enough to state, "activities in Drumright High School—well, nothing worth mentioning," but let's look at his record while a student at the University of Oklahoma. In his legal profession he achieved as an undergraduate the honor and distinction of Phi Delta Phi, a member of Congress Club on the campus, a leader in the Jazz Hound organization, and a pillar of Rostrom. And, too, as law student proof reader he worked at this assignment as well as other hard jobs on the campus to help finance his way through school. Out in life as a member of civic and fraternal organizations he is indeed contributing to his state of Oklahoma.

Sunday afternoon, March 9, has slipped away! In this late evening the official 1941 Nominating Committee has completed its work. Fifteen nominees (from which five will be elected by the O.U. alumni members scattered world-wide on or before May 15, 1941) have been selected. These five new board members to be selected from the fifteen nominees will take their seats officially at the annual board meeting on commencement afternoon, June, 1941, to begin their three years of service. Let's check the fifteen nominees and note their accomplishments as they have chased up and down the highways, indeed, as they have Ridden Their Sooner Range.

At large, there are six nominees from which two will be elected by official ballot. MISS BERNICE BAKER, '23, of the College of Arts and Sciences, Hobart, Oklahoma, an active statewide (indeed, nationwide) worker in the Business and Professional Women's Club. At present, she is serving on the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce in her home city,—in school, she was a Chi Omega, with honors cast her way by Delta Psi Kappa and Phi Mu Gamma,—a very efficient manager of farm and business properties as executive trustee of the Baker Trust Estate, work that she has performed (and with credit) since late 1923. E. E. BRADLEY, '39ed.m, one of the outstanding professors of the Panhandle A. and M. College, Goodwell, Oklahoma, a man who has made a regional and national contribution in his work, and a chap who is still to go places as a speech educator due to his enthusiasm and intense work. His very successful service in some of the better high schools of the state led some years back to his appointment to the college staff at Goodwell. Just now he is in the midst of last minute work to take care of several hundred visitors from the thirteen central states in a large educational convention in Oklahoma City next month. GEORGE D. HANN, who first attended O.U. in 1918 when he was a member of the S.A.T.C. during the World War and received his Master of Education degree from the University in 1936. As superintendent of schools at Ardmore for the past few years, and covering a series of years in the same executive position for the Clinton Public Schools prior to Ardmore, he has made a marked success in his chosen field. As past president of the Oklahoma Education Association (in 1935) he is known intimately in educational circles throughout the state. In Ardmore, his participation in civic and fraternal life is known to his numerous friends and associates.

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HIRAM IMPSON, '15ba, McAlester, (an EARLIER day representative on the ballot as an at-large nominee), first enrolled in O.U. in the prep school division in 1910, was a very active man on the campus in the field of journalism, which possibly led to his vocation of newspaper publisher in later life. As a past president of the Chamber of Commerce in McAlester, and as past president of Rotary, and due to his participating in Army circles, his affiliation with the National Association of Post Masters, as well as his many other interests, he is known far and wide for his civic spirit. JOE W. LEE, '31ba, whose business interests for several years have been centered in radio, is at the present time connected with station KGFF as general manager, in Shawnee, Oklahoma. Indeed, he has covered the dial in radio since 1934, having been associated with KADA in Ada, KTOK in Oklahoma City, and as managing director of the Oklahoma Network, Inc. In discussing with him his activities while at the University and asking about his special interest, he stated in a nonchalant manner, "No special activity or activities worth listing, save being chosen senior class speaker at Phi Beta Kappa initiation in 1931. The profs told me it was for having the highest scholastic record of 1931. Well, the speech was a flop!" EMERSON N. PRICE, '30ex, Vinita, listed as merchant, but indeed, it is not a small concern over which he has the title of merchant. He has various business interests as well as civic and fraternal interests listed over the past few years that class him as the "boy who runs on high" representing Northeastern Oklahoma.

Districts 2, 4, and 7 of the Alumni Association (these correspond to the Congressional Districts of Oklahoma) have Board members whose terms expire as of June 9, 1941. In each of these districts there are three nominees selected by the Nominating Committee discussed above. Let's look over the prospective "bosses." Yes, they too have all made contributions, so let's list 'em.

In District 2, GEORGE ENGLISH, '38law, Okmulgee. Well—he won his spurs at the University, and he is still at it! The honorary fraternity, legal division, Phi Delta Phi, fell in his lap (after his laboring to earn it). As former county attorney of Okmulgee County, he is now practicing attorney and following out the bent of his early training at the University in his civic work in the city of Okmulgee and making practical application of the principles learned in Phi Delta Kappa while a student on the campus of the University.... VIRGIL ALEXANDER, '24ba, Muskogee. For twenty years as minister with the Methodist Church, he has become intimately acquainted with leaders in various sections of the state, and too, he was an active man on the campus *back when!* Being the "budding parson," naturally the honor of Delta Sigma Rho fell his way at the University. As an S.A.T.C. "rookie" in 1917 on the O.U. campus, he was likewise a charter member of Phi Gamma Delta. Yes, he's a fishin' preacher—really enjoys it and admits it! His work in the Masonic lodge, as well as his contribution in Rotary, makes him well known in his home city of Muskogee.... The third nominee in District 2 is another outstanding superintendent of public schools—a chap who really has come up by the boot strings (and *straps*), namely, J. ARTHUR HERRON, '32bs, '36ed.m, Beggs, Oklahoma,—interested in all phases of strict curricular, as well as extra-curricular activities in the field of education. He has made his contribution (and is still making it) since his graduation in '32. An enthusiastic member of the Lyons Club, worker in the Chamber of Commerce, and active in the O.E.A.—well, he just covers all avenues.

Yes, it is likely to be a "hos' race" in District 4, as here the nominating committee has designated three outstanding alumni as nominees to battle it out at the polls! D. HORTON GRISSO, '30geol, the cool—collected—reserved banker of Seminole, discussed at the beginning of this article. (And to keep the record straight, he *vociferously* fought to keep his name off the ballot, but his friends in the district had insisted that he be one of the three nominees prior to the meeting of the official committee—and he was overruled.) The next nominee of the

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Marshall—Jack Livingston, '37ba, '39law, county attorney, Madill.

Murray—Harold Springer, '37ba, '39law, county judge, Sulphur.

Noble—Henry Dolezal, '33law, county judge, Perry.

Okfuskee—Jess Miracle, '25, county judge, Okmah.

Oklahoma—Lewis R. Morris, '15ba, '15ma, '17law, county attorney, Oklahoma City; Frank P. Douglass, '16law, Oklahoma City, district judge, District No. 13; Clarence Mills, '23law, district judge, District No. 13.

Okmulgee—H. A. Carter, '22, superior judge, Okmulgee; James A. Nevins, '39, county superintendent, Okmulgee.

Ottawa—Howard M. Scott, '27ba, county superintendent, Miami.

Pawnee—H. D. Ballaine, '31law, county attorney, Pawnee; W. F. Benson, '28, county superintendent, Pawnee.

Pittsburg—William Jones, '25law, county judge, McAlester; Paul Gotcher, '32, county attorney, McAlester.

Pontotoc—Si Freeman, '37law, county attorney, Ada.

Pottawatomie—Tom Stevens, '28law, county judge, Shawnee; J. Knox Byrum, '27law, Shawnee, district judge, District No. 10.

Roger Mills—Orval Grim, '28, county attorney, Cheyenne.

Seminole—Bob Aubrey, '28law, county judge, Wewoka; Tommy Biggers, '34law, county at-

torney, Wewoka; Calvin Smith, 40m.ed, county superintendent, Wewoka.

Sequoyah—W. S. Agent, '33, county attorney, Sallisaw.

Stephens—G. H. Bond, '21, county judge, Duncan.

Tillman—E. Mac Townsend, '32law, county judge, Frederick; Louis A. Palmer, '40law, county attorney, Frederick; Edgar Allgood, '27ba, county superintendent, Frederick; C. E. Haas, '13pharm, court clerk, Frederick; John B. Wilson, '35ba, '37law, Frederick, district judge, District No. 22.

Tulsa—Bert Johnson, '24ba, '29law, W. N. Randolph, '10ba, '12law, common pleas judges, Tulsa; Dixie Gilmer, '24law, county attorney, Tulsa; A. Garland Marrs, '08, sheriff, Tulsa; Oliver Hodge, '33m.ed, county superintendent, Tulsa; Leslie Webb, '18ba, '20law, Tulsa, district judge, District No. 5-a; Harry L. S. Halley, '17law, Tulsa, district judge, District 5-a.

Wagoner—Jean R. Reed, '31, county judge, Wagoner.

Washington—R. H. Neptune, '37law, county attorney, Bartlesville.

Washita—Ray T. Plumlee, '33law, county attorney, Cordell.

Woods—Bill Gruber, '37law, county attorney, Alva.

Woodward—Willis Smith, '36law, county attorney, Woodward; J. F. Quisenberry, '30m.ed, county superintendent, Woodward.

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district, the distinguished judge, ROBERT D. HOWELL, '25ba, '28law, the Fourteenth Judicial District Judge, with home in Holdenville. Another *legal product* that has earned his district judgeship in regular manner as assistant county attorney for three years and county judge for six years, he learned in practical way to administer justice on the district bench. A very active Kappa Alpha while on the campus of the University, Judge Howell likewise presided as president of the Interfraternity Council, was active in the old Soonerland Follies, and made close harmony with the O.U. quartet and glee club.... The distinguished professional man, namely, DR. WILLIAM P. LONGMIRE, JR., '34ba (and then off to Johns Hopkins School of Medicine for his M.D. in '38), of Sapulpa, is another nominee in District 4. Activities? Indeed, entirely too many—*too many* to list in any Range Riding write-up, as we could spend *paragraphs* on the accomplishments of this young professional medic. Really, no young man in recent years has accomplished so many outstanding honors and participated as a leader in so many student groups as did "Billy" Longmire while a student at the University of Oklahoma. Naturally, he topped it off by being the president of his social fraternity, Beta Theta Pi, achieved scholastic recognition in Phi Beta Kappa, and due to his outstanding research work the honor of Sigma Xi was cast his way.

District 7 (the region of the short grass) has three outstanding nominees. MRS. REBA CROW BURTIS, '26ba, Clinton, the charming wife of *old wheel horse* BUFF BURTIS, '27ba, a friend of long years standing, the charming mother of Betty Lou, 10 years, Martha Jane, 8 years, and Buff, Jr., 4 years. In the University, she was active as a member of the Women's Council, the W.A.A., Ducks Club, and the honor of Delta Psi Kappa came her way. She is known far and wide by her "sistern" in her sorority, Alpha Xi Delta.... For the first time in the history of the Association, a "first year man," due to his popularity in his district, and at the insistence of his many friends and admirers, has been nominated to the Executive Board, namely, LOUIS A. "PADDY" PALMER, '40law, the newly elected county at-

torney of Tillman County, Frederick, Oklahoma. Indeed, he did support himself entirely by "barbering on the corner" while a student at the University of Oklahoma. And if he *shaves* the decisions in the same manner that he *peeled* the profs and graduate students on this campus—while in his chair—well, he will get his share of the verdicts as prosecuting attorney. Watch this chap "Paddy" step along.... And last but not least, the third nominee for the short grass region, SUPERINTENDENT LONNIE T. VANDERVEER, '39ed.m, Cordell, and as we have often said before, we repeat again, "the ambassador for O.U. in the deep Southwest." A chap highly admired among his friends and associates, he has made an outstanding contribution as past president of the O.E.A. in 1939-40 in trying to solve the educational problems of the common schools of this state.

So there they are, the *IT* gang (five in number) that nominated the *ITS*, meaning the fifteen nominees, as presented in this galloping over a series of outstanding men and women.

Yes, the rockin' chair is to catch five (and indeed five good ones)—we mean the men who go off the alumni Executive Board after their three years of service, but we will be paying a tribute to them for the fine service they have rendered in person at the annual Board meeting in June when they sing their swan song. Space here will not permit reiterating the outstanding accomplishments of the five retiring Board members, but we do in this closing hour of their administration—after the three long years of night and day work in the interest of the Association and the University proper—do off our hats—and say, "*OLIVE OIL* to the rockin' chair gang of '41," namely FRANK CLECKLER, '21ba, Muskogee; NORMAN BRILLHART, '17ba, Madill; MAX CHAMBERS, '21ba, Okmulgee; HICKS EPTON, '32law, Wewoka; and FINLEY McLAURY, '16law, Snyder. Good going—and smooth sailin'—to the five of you, and may you (as "has beens") fall to the rear of the parade, but continue in the future as you have in the past, to beat the tom-toms with us as together we do more Riding of the Sooner Range.

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