

# Riding the Sooner Range

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**H**IGH noon, February 15—all is well BUT—NOT CALM! So in the rumble, the shift, and the hitting on high, let's go back over thirty days and nights of notes recorded here, there, and everywhere about your friends, associates, past and present cronies—all Sooners in the parade.

First, let's review that long list of "new lifers"—those Sooners who have sworn allegiance to, become a part of—and we hope until Doom's Day will remain active participants in the University of Oklahoma Alumni Association. The parade of new lifers has been quite colorful in the past few days and nights, and we welcome a group of 'em!

Let's look them over, find out where they are now, what they are doing, and what they have accomplished in the past: EDWARD A. EVANS, '12, Washington, D.C., along with MRS. EVANS (GRACE MILLAR, '11), comes into the fold. Ed, of course, is editorial writer for all Scripps-Howard papers and has been for five years, with headquarters in the nation's capitol. Before Washington, Ed had a journalism swing over the states, including work on the *Oklahoma City News* (now deceased), *Denver Express*, *Cleveland Ohio Press*, *San Francisco News*, and *Columbus Ohio Citizen*. His father, DR. A. GRANT EVANS, you recall of course, was president of the University from 1908 until 1911. Drop in sometime when in "the District," either at the National Press Club or the Washington Torch Club, and give Ed a Sooner greeting.

ELBERT VANCE WINNINGHAM, '33ba, along with MRS. WINNINGHAM (LOTTIE BELLE SHANKS, '33 nurse), "jines up" as the new Oklahoma City couple. Elbert is the registered x-ray technician with the Wesley Hospital where he has been head technician for the past seven years. EDNA MULDRON, '18ba, '27ma, that teacher of teachers at the Southwestern College of Diversified Occupations, Weatherford,—and, of course, her pride and joy (and rightly so) is son ROBERT, cadet at West Point—sends a check and "count me in" note. MARGARET MCKINNEY, '24ba, the language slingin' school marm of Cleburn, Texas,—what a "soldier" in her University day—Honorary Colonel of the University R.O.T.C. in 1923, and the only woman ever to have the distinction of wearing the engineer L.K.O.T. pin! Margaret crowned it all off as engineer queen in 1923! Indeed, she is still the queen of birthday rallies!

ROBERT S. TRIPPET, '32ba, (and we hope '41 law, he is still an active law student on the campus)—that *hope* is written with reservations! Indeed, he is an outstanding young law student, and only yesterday we heard a middle-aged citizen of Oklahoma pay tribute to him as being one of the best all-around polished young men he had known at the University in the past twenty years. Watch this boy Bob ten years from today!

CLEO C. INGLE, '24ba, along with MRS. INGLE (HELENE S. EAKIN, '24) breeze in as life members via the school marms' convention in Tulsa a few nights ago. And of course the captain (Cleo is a reserve officer) is patiently awaiting his call on the part of the government to be away from Mrs. Ingle, Donald, age 6, and Carol Sue, age 2½, and his job as active director of the loan association he manages in the city of Tulsa.

GLADYS M. THOMPSON, '24ba, located on Little Silver Point Road, up New Jersey way, with business connections in New York City. She rushes-to-the-aid of O.U. via airmail route, and thus we establish another center in the big Empire State where life members seem to sprout over night. HELEN H. HAMIL, '24h.ec, '24m.h.ec, the charming O.U. home economics teacher, comes in in recent days, although her loyalty to the cause of the Alumni Association and the University in general could not be strengthened, as she has been tops in this field for many many years.

CHARLES H. FAWKS, JR., '19ba, one of the bosses on the present Alumni Executive Board, sells out lock, stock, and barrel in Snyder including his ranch, bank, and other business interests, and his first official act is to become a life member of the Association. And, incidentally, we hope that when he locates in a new home he finds the village of Norman inviting to the Fawks family he heads. In fact, we think he will—we hope, we hope! And the last, but not least, of the life members to come in in recent days is JOHN D. HADSELL, '38ba, son of DR. ROY HADSELL, '04ba, of the English Department of the University of Oklahoma, who is now one of the head men at CAPTAIN BILL COX'S, '21ba, '24ma, military school in Ponca City—and Captain Bill tells us, "a chap who's doing a mighty mighty swell job." So there they are—those Sooners who in recent days have chosen to be lifers. Indeed, it is interesting to note, as the clock ticks off its minutes, Sooners throughout the world grow interested in life memberships without the least "promotional stimulant." We appreciate the courtesies extended!

The next paragraph (or is it an episode) well, here are the notes on it written in a typical Sooner "bull session." In an uppermost corner of a most remote office in the city of Tulsa, the Sooner conclave is in conference. The item, or items, under discussion bears the general title, "There is an O.U. Alumnus for Every Position in America." The subjects under discussion—well, they are no longer subjects, they are realities, and we take our hats off to "JAP" HASKELL, '22geol, the new director of athletics at the University, to SNORTER LUSTER, '22ba, '22law, the new head football coach, and to DALE ARBUCKLE, '27law, '36ed, his assistant. Watch that Sooner trio go! Already (and this item is being dictated some eleven days after their selection on the part of the Board of Regents) they have established many many new alumni connections in the Southwest, and on every corner we hear the old Boomer Sooner spirit coming up. Indeed, this "all-alumnus selection" proved itself as popular among the rank and file as did BOB SEYMOUR'S gentlemanly manner as football player of football players, and as did ORV MATHEWS' stunt in San Francisco, plus the basketball playing of Boy Scat JIMMIE McNATT, student, when it was his and their day to howl and their day to strike!

Oh yes, and here is a paragraph that was picked up in rambling around Tulsa at the O.E.A. meeting for teachers of the 77 counties of Oklahoma. My first associate at alumni headquarters and registration booth—the suave GEORGE HANN, '36m.ed, superintendent of schools at Ardmore (the Atlas, or is it the Alpha and Omega) of the birds who get things done, *and how!* The genial—"extending" BOYD GUNNING, '37ba, '37law, my body-guard and my bouncer (protection) was likewise glad to see Professor George—extended greetings, and was then off for a "Safety Council Meeting." And, too, G. S. "DOC" SANDERS, '24, efficient prexy of the Holdenville Junior College and superintendent of the public schools, was our side-kick in this particular registration.

Later in the evening, with the suave George as my guest, we paid our respects to the Phi Beta Kappa dinner, one of those affairs where O.U.-ites are stacked to the ceiling—paid our respects because it was Prexy Bizzell's last appearance before this group as president of the University of Oklahoma. And flanked on all sides of Prexy Bizzell for this annual event in Tulsa that night were such Sooners as F. F. Gaither, '21ba, '26m.ed, of the O.U. faculty, the red-head of red-heads; HERB WRINKLE, '22ba, '31m.ed, Oklahoma City superintendent; DEAN ELLSWORTH COLLINGS, and many other men in the ranks.

Immediately following the dinner, we *encoun-*

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tered other O.U.-ites, including EMIL R. KRAETTLI, '18, who was not only acting as Prexy's scheduling secretary but official handshaker. CAPTAIN C. GUY BROWN, '23ba, of Fort Sill, removed the bars for a day and drifted back to his school marm activities—and forgetting the salute he was the professor again for the day! Superintendent MAX CHAMBERS, '21ba, '29ms, of Okmulgee, with whom we were privileged to visit for quite some time and discuss many angles of interest dealing with the University of Oklahoma, was as usual surveying the field. And later in the evening, we visited with E. H. BLACK, '19ba, of Bristow, along with Superintendent FRANK HESS, '25ed, of Drumright. All there—a mere handful of the many Sooners interested in the cause, and indeed, that cause seemed centered in Tulsa at this annual conclave of the O.E.A.

Of course, no official O.E.A. meeting or school marm's convention would be complete without an O.U. alumni get-together. This time in Tulsa it was not a luncheon—it was not a dinner BUT it was an O.U. reception. Thanks to the courtesy of DR. FRANK PAULY, '17ba, of the Tulsa Public School system, it was held in the Central High Building. And too, thanks to the efficient work of MARGARET ANNE HAMILTON, '39, the big business executive-receptionist of Tulsa, this reception was a decided success. Not hours before, but days before the arrival of the vanguard in Tulsa, Margaret Anne was taking care of every little detail; organizing, and re-organizing—step by step all the activities to be carried out at this O.U. reception. As usual (and as always) she did a swell job. Assisting Margaret Anne with many many details was past alumni board member ELTON B. HUNT, '13law, Tulsa. He too spared no time or effort in making this O.U. reception a success.

On the evening of the big shin-dig, thanks to the work of MRS. BILL EAGLETON, '19, and that ever-rallying Sooner husband of hers, BILL in person, '14ba, '19law, those who assembled, by cutting their classwork and shunning laboratories for the evening, enjoyed the occasion very much. Among the many many O.U.-ites who attended this particular reception were: JOHN ROGERS, '14law, University Regent—Co-ordinating Board member—and Sooner Deluxe, and too, MRS. ROGERS (HAZEL M. BEATTIE, '17ba) was there with him helping in the activities of the hour while John was explaining to a "group of the boys" the many fine technical points in the proposed co-ordinating bill for which he recently drew the amendment for the governor, the legislature, and the people in the state, proposed for final referendum vote.

One of the early arrivals was MRS. DOLLIE RADLER HALL, '20ba, '21ms, that efficient technician geologist who for years has been outstanding in her work and at the present is of great help as one of the Executive Board members of the Association. Others who "sipped and chewed" were: SUPERINTENDENT N. L. GEORGE, '31m.ed, of Duncan; RALPH MILLER, '24 bus, the outstanding commercial teacher of Central High School, Oklahoma City; JIM ROBINSON, '32ba, '32law, the speech professor of Northeastern College, Tahlequah; MRS. JOE TAYLOR (ELSIE RAPIER, '35 ed), the charming wife of artist JOE of the O.U. faculty, Norman; JAKE HOOVER, '28ba, '39m.ed, of Oklahoma City; E. E. BRADLEY, '39m.ed, of Panhandle A. and M. College, Goodwell; DR. F. C. SNOW, '40ed.d, the National Youth Administration's O.U. Director; CLEO C. INGLE, '24ba, the Tulsa County Alumni Advisory Council chairman; DAVID R. MILSTEN, '25ba, '28law, Tulsa's outstanding attorney—fraternal ambassador. Dave, as you know, was elected as national president of his social fraternity a few weeks ago. And I imagine he covers as much territory by plane, train, and hitch-hiking as any executive in the southwest.

LOWELL C. BROWN, '37m.ed, the director of In-Service Education for the University proper, was present at the reception, meeting his many friends and preaching "good will" for O.U. Lowell was at the convention as the official head of the education information booth, and he did not refrain from passing out additional information about the University whether it was at the reception, on official duty, or off official duty.

And do you think they fail to come from all over whenever there is an O.U. alumni fracas? Well, let's

check further and greet others who attended and note the years and schools they represent. In addition to those enumerated above at the Tulsa reception during the O.E.A., we were privileged to chat with ROBERTA FRIEDMAN, '40fa, Tulsa, the director of kindergarten service for the public schools; EUGENE C. STEVENS, '39bus, Tulsa pipeline official; NAOMI LEVINSON, '39, of Gladewater, Texas; J. W. KLINGLESMITZ, '09, civil engineer of the oil capitol of the world; LEO H. GORTON, '13eng, representing his supply company; BEN COHEN, '40eng, ELIZABETH PENNINGTON, '38bus, the efficient accountant with Tulsa headquarters; JESSE J. MCCREERY, '30ba, chemist for a leading oil concern; J. E. SWAZE, '22eng, another oil official; VARUE LINDSAY, '40 lib.sc, the Drumright librarian; WILLIAM H. SUTTON, '30bus, representing his own manufacturing company; and the long time school teacher of school teachers, J. T. WADE, '24ed, '25ma, of the Tulsa public schools. Yes, they represent classes, colleges, schools—and what have you! And they stack in—they shake (hands)—they exchange greetings, etc. etc., whether it is a reception, a luncheon, a dinner, or just a general session of O.U.-ites.

The registration at the reception was headed by the veteran—venerable and vulnerable Dean of Registration HERBERT H. SCOTT, '26ba, '26ma, Norman, who for years has acted as chairman of registration at many many O.U. alumni functions. He began early in the evening registering the visiting guests and continued far into the night, signing them up as they'd come. Assisting him were other outstanding registrars, including J. F. "MAJ" MALONE, '37ba; GEORGE ED WALTON, '39law; ELEANOR B. ANDERSON, '38ba, BOBBY HUFF (Dean Bob-O-Link), '38ba, all of the University staff from the campus, Norman. Two other members were added to the official registration committee on this particular evening.

The charming RUTH VERNE DAVIS, '38fa, now the "singing" teacher" of Seminole, and indeed, in her day Ruth Verne was one of the outstanding members of the Ladies' Quartette while at the University. And the last member on the registration committee (the committee registered on the books all precincts and wards) MISS FRANCES MARIAN WOZENCRAFT, '39ed, who is now teaching at Seminole, Oklahoma. Your hired hand recommends this registration committee to any organization or corporation as a group who can, and will, register 'em all! So, that's that for the 1941 Tulsa O.E.A.!

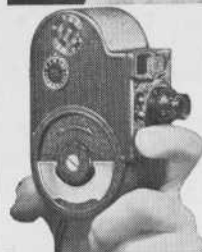
Just here is a little Riding of the Sooner Range at a distance (or writing from a distance)! Seven p.m., C.S.T., makes it eight o'clock on this evening of February 15 in the nation's capitol! Yes, Prexy Bizzell got there—thanks to the American Skyline-Sleeper, Oklahoma City-Dallas, Washington after a late (very late) start due to the governor's educational conference at the capitol in Oklahoma City yesterday. We "loaded" him in and shoved him off for the big Sooner alumni banquet going on at this hour in the nation's capitol. His wire stated, "Departure 11 p.m. Arrived Washington 5 a.m.—All is well." This alumni party—one of those real affairs—planned for a year, O.U. alumni from New York, Philadelphia, and other points of the East, assemble to pay tribute 300 strong to retiring President Bizzell and President-elect Joe Brandt, under the auspices of the Washington O.U. Advisory Council composed of: PAUL A. WALKER, '12law, as chairman; LYNDEN MANNEN, '27ba, '38ma; ROY ST. LEWIS, '15law; JACK FISCHER, '32ba; and EDWARD A. EVANS, '12.

And—more Range gallopin' (at a distance). Of course, you observed the AP wirephoto in the metropolitan press this A.M. (February 15) of the granting—on the part of Temple University—of the doctorate degree yesterday noon to Alumnus President-elect Joe Brandt, '21ba. The dignified and stately dean to Joe's immediate left when this great honor was conferred? Sure—none other than our own alumnus JOHN HERVEY, '23ba, '25law, the distinguished dean of law, Temple University, Philadelphia! A tribute of a Sooner—to a Sooner—and significant for all Sooners of O.U.!

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