

Letters

TO THE ALUMNI SECRETARY:

I hereby acknowledge receipt of your kind favor of October 9, informing me of my appointment as a member of the Advisory Council of the University of Oklahoma Association. I certainly appreciate the immediate honor conferred on me, one of the least of alumni, and am still wondering why they should have come so far looking up one who is so far out of touch, even at the best, with the University and state affairs, that his services of necessity be very small. But I have never for one moment lost my high esteem for my Alma Mater, and am ready to serve in any capacity possible. Please keep me informed, and I will try to co-operate to the full of my ability.

Otherwise, I have been looking forward with great interest and great hopes for the Semicentennial of our great Institution. May it be a great forward step.

Personally, we are finishing out six years in this place, or I should have said, have finished six years. In that time, we have paid off the debt on the shell of a church we received, finished it up, and on the 23rd of last month had a beautiful dedication service, presided over by the secretary of the Board of Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Church, New York, Dr. A. W. Wasson. We now have a beautiful parsonage in the last retouches of construction, and have built a garage-apartment with two bedrooms, for pastor's car and sexton's quarters. Spiritual conditions are good.

We will not likely reach home on furlough before February of 1943. With best regards,

CHARLES A. LONG, '05,
Santos, Brazil

TO THE ALUMNI SECRETARY:

I appreciated the *Sooner Magazine*. Pure procrastination I have failed to send you a check every now and then. But here is one for this year.

From my own point of view the Homecoming dinner was a success. I wrote down just for fun and discovered I had spoken to 75 old friends, saw eight I didn't get to speak to, made eight new acquaintances with whom I danced.

There were probably some I didn't recognize because of baldness, fatness or white-headedness. On the whole, I felt repaid for going.

Since we went down on the Special, I didn't see many at Norman and regretted missing the reception. I was very proud of my classmates on the platform. Luster, Muldrow, Kitty, Monroney and Brandt were all classmates.

I heard Dr. Dale over WNAD the other day and learned more about Oklahoma Indians in an hour than I had learned in all my school days. Guess I should have darned socks in school. I concentrate so well, darnin' as I listen.

Here's wishing you luck in Rotary.

MRS. G. C. WHEELER,
(Ida Salin Williams, '20ba)
Clinton, Oklahoma.

TO THE ALUMNI SECRETARY:

I received my *Sooner Magazine* today, and it was just like money from home. I have been very anxious to find out where some of my former classmates are now located and your article, "41 at Work," solved the problem. I was glad to see my good friend Fred Speakman was at Harvard, for when maneuvers are over and we go back to Fort Devens I will look him up.

I have seen several new states and had many interesting experiences since I left O. U. last June. I spent three months at Fort Sill attending the Field Artillery School. From there I went to Fort Devens, Massachusetts, and then on maneuvers here in North Carolina. We are scheduled to leave here sometime around the first of December.

I am still looking forward to the time when all the "mess" is over, and I can return to the University and continue with my law course. By that time, Mr. Beaird, I may be so old that that I can no longer "jerk" soda, and will have to have a "sitting" job.

For your records, my permanent address is Lt. Lemuel D. Thomas, Jr., Fort Devens, Massachusetts.

Give my best regards to Mrs. Lomax and the Union "gang." Thanking you for all past favors, I am

BILL THOMAS, '41ba
North Carolina Maneuver Area.

TO THE ALUMNI SECRETARY:

I am thoroughly enjoying university life again after all these years! Am studying library science here at Illinois University.

Rejoice to hear of the good season in football and even more in the way everything is looking up under Joe Brandt.

ESTHER M. McRUER, '22ba.
Urbana, Illinois.

TO THE ALUMNI SECRETARY:

Enclosed herewith you will find my check in the amount of \$60 to pay for my life membership in the Alumni Association. This is something that I have wanted to do for eight years.

Mrs. Creager and I made the trip to Columbia to see Oklahoma play Missouri. That was just a case where the best man won, but I think that Snorter Luster has done a mighty good job for his first year as head coach. I have always had a very warm spot in my heart for him because during the time that I was in grade school and high school in Norman, I remember some of the remarkable teams that he developed for Norman High School. It took Don Faurot several years to develop the Missouri team and I would like to make a wager that, given the same length of time, Mr. Luster will develop the same thing at Oklahoma if not better.

We made the trip to Columbia on a special train run out of St. Louis, which consisted of twelve cars, and I believe that fully fifty per cent of the people on that train were either from Oklahoma or for Oklahoma. This was surprising to me inasmuch as the train originated in Missouri and was intended for Missouri fans. The oil fraternity of Illinois was certainly well represented on the train. I saw former Oklahoma students from Mattoon, Salem, Mt. Vernon, Carmi, Evansville, Indiana, and numerous other towns in this area on the train.

I want to thank you sincerely for the assistance that you have given me at various times relative to football tickets, etc. In my opinion, you are doing a fine job and I know quite a number of other alumni in this area who feel the same way.

With kind personal regards and best wishes for your continued success, I remain,

GEORGE C. CREAGER, '33bus.
Salem, Illinois.

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