



At radio station KOMA's banquet on April 5, honoring the national champion Oklahoma A. and M. basketball team, their traditional rival Oklahoma University, was well represented. Here the O. U. director of athletics, L. E. "Jap" Haskell, chats with two former O. U. All-American basketball "greats," Bud Browning, coach of the A. A. U. Champion Phillips '66" and Bruce Drake, head cage mentor at O. U. Nearby is O. U.'s prexy, George L. Cross, and KOMA's director of public relations, Webster L. Benham, Jr., '43ba, with coat "histed" found no use for the black jack (really it's a comb), as Sooner and Aggie fans joined heartily in paying tribute to Coach Henry Iba, All-American Bob Kurland and the Aggie team.

Sooner Sports

By HAROLD KEITH

Playing the toughest schedule ever undertaken by an Oklahoma team, Coach Jack Baer's Sooners won the Big Six championship, swept a five-game Texas trip, closed the season with 17 wins in 20 starts for the highest percentage a Sooner baseball team has amassed in 21 years.

The only defeats were 1-6 to Iowa State at Norman, and 5-6 to Oklahoma Aggies at Norman (12 innings) and 5-8 to Oklahoma Aggies at Stillwater. The Sooners broke even with these two clubs, Pitcher Jack Watkins defeating Iowa State 5-0 at Norman and the Sooners beating the Aggies 9-5 at Norman and 3-0 at Stillwater with Pitcher Jack Venable on the hill.

Centerfielder Dale Mitchell led the club in hitting with .507, highest hitting mark ever compiled over the full season's span by a Sooner. Mitchell was at bat 71 times, got 26 runs, 36 hits, three doubles, three triples, four home runs, ten extra base hits, stole eight bases, drove in 28 runs. He also led the club in hitting in 1942, his sophomore season. No other Sooner in modern times ever led the club in hitting more than one year.

TRACK . . . Coach John Jacobs' Sooners finished fifth in the 18th annual Big Six Outdoor meet May 18 at Lincoln, Neb. No Sooner won an individual championships. Hurdler Jon Sharp was second to Ault of Missouri in the low hurdles, run in 24.2 seconds around a full curve. Two-miler John Canaris ran second to Dick Arlem of Iowa State in 10:18.

FOOTBALL . . . Summer practice, legalized by the Big Six conference, begins June 17 and lasts one month . . . in it Coach Jim Tatum will have new material attracted from the high schools and servicemen not in spring practice. Eddie Davis of Muskogee, fullback in 1942 and just discharged from the army, will be in it and so will Jim Tyree, husky end from 1941 and 1942, if Tyree is discharged in time.

TENNIS . . . Coach Walter Mead's green squad lost only one dual match in five against Big Six teams although playing only once at home . . . the Sooner netsters swept two matches with the Oklahoma Aggies and played a tie against Kansas' Big Six champions, losing 2-4 to the Jayhawkers in an earlier match.

GOLF . . . Coach Bruce Drake's Sooner golfers won the Big Six championship May 17 and 18 at the Lincoln County Club at Lincoln, Nebraska, scoring a low of 608, to 635 for Kansas, 641 for Missouri, 642 for Iowa State, 648 for Kansas State and 663 for Nebraska . . . Charles Coe of Ardmore won the Big Six individual championship with 143 . . . Andy Anderson, Jr., of Oklahoma City was second with 145.

War Crimes Chief Chosen

Maj. Noel E. Story, '42law, Eufaula, was recently named chief of the war crimes branch of the Seventh U. S. Army judge advocate section. His appointment was made retroactive to November 25, 1945 when Major Story took over the duties of acting chief of branch during the absence of his commanding officer.

Major Story is a Field Artillery officer and served with the 76th Division in its rush across Germany to Chemnitz. On V-E Day, he was called from his division to Ninth Army headquarters to become chief of administration of the war crimes branch.

Upon the redeployment of the Ninth Army, Major Story, then a captain, became chief of administration of Seventh Army's war crimes branch. Later, while serving as executive officer of that branch, Major Story received his promotion to the rank of major.

First Sooner Football Fan Dies

R. L. "Bud" Risinger, 80, in whose little green-front, two-chair barber shop the University of Oklahoma's first football team was organized back in 1895, died in Norman this month. He was the father of Jewell Ditmars, '19, Muskogee.

Mr. Risinger not only permitted his shop to become the first University team's headquarters, (the team dressed, bathed, discussed its strategy and had its wounds dressed there) but he himself played tackle on the first University team which lost the only game played that year, a 0-34 defeat to an Oklahoma City eleven.

Those were the days when Norman was a dusty little boom town of one-story frame buildings just built in the Indian country and the University a two-story brick building standing in solitude upon the grassy prairie half a mile southwest.

This first Sooner team was coached by Jack Harts, a 20-year old transfer student from Southwestern College of Winfield, Kansas. Mr. Harts is now a Los Angeles, California, seed merchant.

Only nine students were available for the first game so Mr. Harts enlisted Mr. Risinger, who had never played before, and Fred Perry, who drove the town sprinkling wagon, and both played the whole game.

Neither Mr. Risinger nor Mr. Harts were enrolled but in those distant times there were no eligibility rules to plague the coaches or infuriate the alumni.

From that humble beginning football at the University has made a phenomenal growth. For

52 consecutive years the sport has burgeoned sensationally at Norman until today it attracts crowds of 33,000 here in a single afternoon and is the passion of the University's grads.

But of all the thousands of loyal fans who have cheered, supported and helped University teams in the hundreds of ways all college football teams have to be helped in defeat as well as in victory, "Bud" Risinger was No. 1 at the University of Oklahoma, the first fan, the pioneer.

He not only turned over his shop, lock, stock and barrel, to that first Sooner team, but even more irrefutably proved his loyalty to it by risking life and limb to play the rough game with it although he had never before seen a football game, let alone played one.

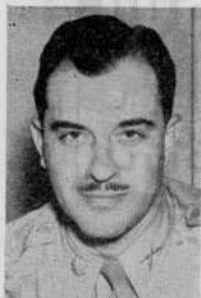
How many modern day fans would be willing to take a chance like that?

Veterans on Baseball Squad

The University baseball squad this year is made up of combat veterans who have returned to school and is coached by a former Navy lieutenant. Jack Baer, '42ed, is coaching the squad made up of Don Smith, '40-'43, Apache; Clarence "Red" Deal, '42-'43, Oklahoma City; Johnny Chyz, '39-'42, Shawnee; Joe Enos, '42-'43, St. Louis, Oklahoma; Jack Watkins, '41-'42, Tribbey; Bill Estep, '42, Phillips, Texas; Roy Angel, '39-'41, Purcell; Leonard Simmerling, '42, Garber; Bob Cairns, '44, Clinton; Charles "Gassy" Hewitt, '40, Madill; Bob Pritchard, '41-'43, Norman, and Bob Hammond, '39-'41, Norman.

Public Relations Officer Appointed

Maj. Gordon G. Murphy, '32-'36, Norman, has been appointed public relations officer at the Field Artillery school, Fort Sill. Formerly an instructor in the department of motors, he has just returned to the school from Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania, where he attended the Army public relations course.



MAJ. MURPHY

Throughout the battles of Ardennes, the Rhineland and Central Europe Major Murphy served as executive officer of the 758th Field Artillery battalion. In addition to battle stars for these major campaigns, he has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal for outstanding service in combat. After occupation duty at Fulda, Germany, from May to July, 1945, Major Murphy was transferred to the Delta Base section at Marselles, France, remaining with that organization until his return to the United States in October, 1945.

Major Murphy received his commission as a second lieutenant of Field Artillery in 1936 upon completion of training in the R.O.T.C. at the University. Called to active duty in March, 1940, he completed the battery officers' course at the Field Artillery school in July and was graduated from the officers' communication course at the school in 1942.

Navy Skeet Shooting Champion Returns

Comdr. William Ragsdale, '27ba, nationally known skeet shooter and Navy small-arms expert, has been released to inactive duty and will return to Oklahoma to assume the state distributorship of "Sun Ray" adaptable metal awnings and jalousies. He will open sales offices and assembly plants in Tulsa and Oklahoma City.



COMDR. RAGSDALE

His release from the service at the Jacksonville, Florida, Naval Personnel Separation Center, where he was special interviewing officer, concluded over four years of duty. Prior to his assignment to the center, Commander Ragsdale had served in the Navy's gunnery training program both in the States and in the Pacific and had been on the staff of the Naval Air Advanced Training Command in Jacksonville.

Past president of the Massachusetts Skeet Shooting Association, he was on a five-man Navy team which won the Navy championship in 1942.

Discharges

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► Capt. C. R. Musgrave, Jr., '42law, Bartlesville, who spent three years in the Southwest Pacific with

an infantry division, was on terminal leave until March 1.

► J. D. Norton, '35, received his discharge from the Army Air Corps in January. Mr. Norton was coach at Walters High School prior to his enlistment.

► Lt. Col. Charles Edward Peterson, '38eng, Wichita Falls, Texas, has received his discharge from the Army after serving in the Pacific.

► Capt. Clare E. Petty, '42ba, '43ma, and Pfc. Eugene C. Bond, '44, both of Norman, have recently received discharges from the Army.

► Harvey Milt Phillips, '22, Oklahoma City, received his discharge from the Navy November 14, 1945.

► Among former University students who have recently been discharged are Paul W. Phillips, ensign, '40lib.sci, Geronimo; Jack W. Burns, staff sergeant, '38bus, Norman; Charles Pyle, captain, '33-'35, Pauls Valley; James T. Blanton, lieutenant, '31ba, '31law, Pauls Valley, and W. K. Pollard, '41ba, Blackwell.

► Cpl. H. Everett Pope, Jr., '38-'41, Tulsa, recently received his discharge from the Army after serving three and a half years in the Field Artillery. He served for six months in Manila.

► Lt. Col. A. H. Ratliff, '35eng, Shawnee, has received his discharge from military service.

► Staff Sgt. Dale Rayburn, '41-'43, Chickasha, has received his discharge from military service and is now living at Colorado Springs, Colorado.

► Sgt. John F. Ringer, '42eng, Andrews, Texas, has received his discharge from military service.

► Lt. Scott I. Robison, '41pharm, Okmulgee, has

been placed on inactive duty in the Navy. Lieutenant Robison entered the Navy in 1941 and served 26 months overseas. He was awarded a Letter of Commendation.

► Ed Rogers, '41bs, has received his discharge from the Army. Mr. Rogers was doing graduate work at Princeton University before entering the service.

► Robert E. Rogers, Jr., '29eng, Oklahoma City, has received his discharge from military service.

► Capt. Irving D. Ross, '41law, Newkirk, has received his discharge from the Army.

► Capt. John R. Runyan, '31-'37, Oklahoma City, has received his discharge from military service.

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