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Riding the Sooner Range

By TED BEARD

Four years can and have passed! It was four years ago tonight, August, '42, seated in this same cabin spot, with the discarding of civilian socks and striped ties, the order of the hour; getting ready to make the initial flight to Miami Beach, Florida, and the series of Army months that followed in World War II, that the Range article was being written.

Yes, the Range notes were dashed off here at WINNEMUCCA, 15 miles out from the O.U. campus in McClain county. No, it was not Winnemucca by name four years ago tonight. The name WINNEMUCCA was added (changed from Sail-Kraft) many months ago. The change was made during active combat hours of World War II by the late regular Army 1st Sgt. ART PRESSLEY—first sergeant under my command of World War II (and incidentally the soldier who taught his commanding officer more tricks of the trade in this man's Army than could have all the brass and braid in any man's armed forces!!)

Yes, ART changed the name to WINNEMUCCA, (where for 20 years the Beard household has enjoyed the Sooner throngs), in his personal cable to me, following the B-29 raid from Saipan to Tokyo (the number one flight in bombing of Tokyo on that Thanksgiving Day). On that particular night (having started my terminal leave some 10 days before) I was organizing the O.U. charter alumni club in New York City. The cable was forwarded and reached me there. As Art said, "Let's make the official name WINNEMUCCA. It's more in keeping. You know, the old Indian name meaning "Home of the little moccasin."

Yes, four years have passed! It was an eventful four years on the Range. Four interesting but problem years.

But why the musing? Those four years are history! Let's cut the glance back in retrospect. The trek on the Range in recent weeks should be recorded. So—here we go recording thoughts as they flash through tonight on recent Soonerisms and Sooner-actions!

It has been a mad scramble these recent weeks watching PREXY GEORGE and his able Sooner assistants ROSCOE CATE, '26ba, Norman, GLENN COUCH, '31bs, '37ms, Norman, "DANNY" DANGERFIELD as well as scads of others swinging high and swinging low, clipping the red tape, to relax momentarily and watch the wheels go around.

An interesting scramble wherein O.U. triples overnight. Yes, today it is the *old* campus (that's the one that you and I have known these thirty years)—but since yesterday, wherein O.U. is taking over the North and South Naval installations, it is now the *old* campus, the *North* Campus, and the *South* Campus!

Come September 15th if priorities, materials and workmen keep rolling in and on the beam in

this on the around-the-clock pace—IF—Well, PREXY GEORGE tells us if all works well we can get set and expect 22,000 students. (That's right pal, 22,000! Think it over. Just a few months ago, prior to Pearl Harbor, those campuses were corn patches and wheat fields, and as you recall it was not unusual to take a pot-shot at a jack rabbit out in those wilds.) BUT *now*, possibly 22,000 students out in those pastures!

How are we going to seat, stack or store 'em? How are we going to be able to find a roof for that many heads? But of more concern just now to the University administration, what priority system can we set up to allow entry to O. U.?

Well, here's the answer, it's just off the press. We hope it's *fair*.

In order of consideration for admission and enrollment, the priorities will be:

1. Former University students.
2. Oklahoma veterans.
3. Other Oklahoma residents.
4. Junior and senior out-of-state veterans.
5. Freshman and sophomore out-of-state veterans.
6. Other juniors and seniors.
7. Other freshmen and sophomores from neighboring states.

Time out. Here comes a messenger. It is the New York Alumni calling about "that shindig" scheduled for the hours 7:30 to 11:30 o'clock on the night of Friday, September 27th in New York City. Sure, we'll get them together! With two special trains running out of Oklahoma City by way of New York for the Army-O.U. game Saturday, the 28th, at West Point, it's a *Natural!* We will get all those Oklahoma Sooners breezing into New York on the special trains together with the Yankee Sooners up East, and little ole New York town will know the Sooners have been up in their village when curfew sounds on that September, '46 assembly!!

So, with this assignment just made—it's off again to the grindstone, to pick up the routine and complete the task of getting this little job done up BROWN! Indeed, there is going to be a lot of fancy Riding of the Sooner Range in this Post-War fracas!! Come on *down* East and join this O.U. Parade on the trail!

EDITOR'S NOTE: It's not only the coming "shindig" in New York that causes the Range Rider to get back to the "grindstone and routine," it's that constant flow of incoming Sooners to stop long enough to say, "Hello!" as they arrive from far-off places, which were once war theaters.

It's the constant dingling of the telephone; the delivery of wires and special letters, wherein some Sooner alumnus (or alumnus-to-be) needs a little special attention—those are the things that go on hour after hour, day after day, as Ted Beard continues the Riding of the Sooner Range.—G.S.

The Cover

Four Oklahomans who participated in the first term at the American Legion College at Indianapolis, Indiana, July 8 to 20, get together for a Sooner gabfest between classes. They are, from left to right, Edgar Ray Boatman, Okmulgee, a student; Raymond H. Fields of Guthrie, national director of American Legion public relations, a faculty member; Ted M. Beard, executive secretary and manager of the Oklahoma University Alumni Corporation, consultant to the College administrative staff; and Fred Scott Barbee, Norman, a student. (See reprint from U.P. out of Indianapolis, Indiana, July 20, on page 2 Sooner Magazine this issue on details covering the meetings of these Sooners.)

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Governor Kerr Speaks at O. U.

Leadership of tomorrow is dependent upon the schools of today, Governor Kerr said in a speech at a joint meeting of the Speech teachers and School administrators held July 16.

"We must learn to get along together," Kerr said. "There are some people in Oklahoma I don't like—and there are even some people in Oklahoma that don't like me." He stressed the element of getting along, saying it concerned individuals, groups and nations.

"Labor must have full employment and good prices; agriculture must have full production and good prices," Kerr asserted. "They are very interdependent and industry is dependent upon both of them."

"There are a lot of things we do not like about Russia," the governor stated, "and a lot of things we do not understand about her."

"The problem," he said, "is in the lap of our educators. When we have learned to get along with Great Britain and Russia and all the rest of the foreign nations, we will have met one of the greatest challenges before us today."

"The world is looking to this nation for leadership in the postwar era," Kerr asserted, "and if we fail to furnish it, to whom shall they turn?"

Leaving the problems of the nation and the world in the hands of the educators, Kerr said he was glad to see the educators of Oklahoma getting a livable salary. "But," he added, "I'm really ashamed of the fact that they aren't paid 50 per cent more."

"Educators must also work together," he said, "to gain more support for education. We must maintain the gains that education has achieved in recent years and build a greater structure upon this foundation."

Ex-WAVE Is Music Teacher

Miss Maurine Timmerman, who will join the faculty of the University of Oklahoma as assistant professor of vocal music education in September, was recently discharged from the WAVES. She will direct the women's choral club, teach junior high school music work, and supervise teaching in grade school. Miss Timmerman received a B. A. degree from the University of Minnesota and an M. A. degree from the University of Idaho.

Enrolment at the University reached an all-time high for summertime with 4,124 students.

Beard, Barbee, Boatman, Fields Attend American Legion College

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., July 20—(UP)—Four native Oklahomans figured prominently in the successful launching of the first term of The American Legion college which concluded its two-week session here with commencement exercises Saturday. The unique college, designed to acquaint young Legionnaires with the basic structure and programs of the largest of veterans' organizations drew an enrolment of 61 students from 33 states and the District of Columbia.

Ted M. Beard of Norman, for 16 years executive secretary and manager of the University of Oklahoma alumni corporation, served as consultant to the college administrative staff. Beard, a two-war veteran and one of the originators of the Legion national oratorical contest, also instructed in public speaking.

National Public Relations Director Raymond H. Fields, of Guthrie, freshly returned from Bikini atoll where he witnessed the first postwar atomic bomb test as American Legion correspondent, was a member of the college faculty. One of a score of American Legion division chiefs who briefed students on the nature and scope of their respective divisions. Fields gave a personalized account of the Bikini test.

Edgar Ray Boatman, Okmulgee, and Fred Scott Barbee, Norman, were Oklahoma's student representatives in the college. Boatman, 21, an Army Air Force veteran, will return to Okmulgee Junior college in the fall. He is a member of White Williams Post 10, the American Legion.

Barbee, a counselor at the veteran's guidance center at Norman, received a BA degree in psychology from the University last May. A past commander of the Floyd L. Perry Post 147 at Miami, he served five and a half years in the Navy in two World wars.

J. H. Felgar, Dean Emeritus Of Engine School, Dies

After an illness of one week, Dr. J. H. Felgar, dean of the University College of Engineering for 28 years, died of virus pneumonia on July 19.

Funeral services were held July 21 in the First Presbyterian Church with the Rev. John B. Thompson conducting. Bearers were elders who served during Dean Felgar's term as senior elder of the church.

Having completed 40 years of service on the University faculty, he was honored at this year's spring commencement exercises by a group of early-day alumni, who presented his portrait to be placed in the University Library.

Dean Felgar came to the University in 1906 as an instructor in mechanical engineering. Two years later, he became acting head of the School of Applied Sciences, and the following year, was appointed dean of the College of Engineering.

During his administration, the Schools of Chemical, Petroleum and Architectural Engineering, and Engineering Physics were added to the curricula. The Engine Building and Laboratory and the Petroleum Laboratory were constructed during Dean Felgar's tenure.

When he became dean, the college had less than 50 students. By 1937 the number of students having received degrees was 2,200.

Born in 1874 in Stuart, Iowa, Dean Felgar received his bachelor's degree in 1901 at the University of Kansas, where he was a Phi Beta Kappa. He later attended Armour Institute of Technology, now the Illinois Institute of Technology, where he received his B. S. in Mechanical Engineering and his Mechanical Engineering degree in 1905 and 1911, respectively.

Years of service as a leader in promoting engineering education rewarded Dean Felgar with the honorary degree of doctor of engineering in 1929 by Armour.

Organizations of which he was a member include Sigma Tau, Tau Beta Pi, the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, the National Society of Professional Engineers and the Oklahoma Society of Professional Engineers.

Free Schooling in China Offered

Dear Sirs:

I am a Sooner graduate of 1943 having a degree of master of chemical engineering. After I finished my Sc.D. from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, I worked with Socony-Vacuum Oil Company of New York and Fansteel Metallurgical Corporation of North Chicago, Illinois.



CHEN CHUN KU

After the unconditional surrender of Japan, I returned to China from the States and became manager of *Edward Company, Room 509, No. 24 Central Road, Shanghai*. Starting next fall, I shall also hold a professorship in National University of Chekiang.

In my academic position, I have negotiated with National University of Chekiang to welcome our Sooner friends to study here. National University of Chekiang shall provide free tuition, free room and board to those friends from O.U., and possibly will provide a part of travelling expense for those O.U. members on vacation to travel in every part of China.

In my business position, I try to develop trade relations between the United States and China. I shall be only too glad to contact any of our O.U. friends who have the same intention as I. There is a tremendous opportunity before us.

I shall appreciate your help in recommending any Sooner to me who is interested in the above two paragraphs. Please advise them to contact me at my address in Shanghai.

Also please bill me for the unpaid portion of my life membership in the O.U. Alumni Association. Please mail the Sooner Magazine to my new address in Shanghai.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Chen Chun Ku, Sc.D.

Gourley Wins Editorial Contest

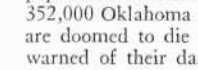
Winner of an editorial contest sponsored by the Oklahoma Division of the American Cancer Society was Leland Gourley, '40, editor and owner of the

Henryetta Daily Free-Lance. The award was for the best editorial on cancer appearing in an Oklahoma newspaper during April.

J. W. Kayser, Chickasha Star, was awarded second place; Joe N. Croom, Okmulgee Daily Times, third place; and Bob Lee Kidd, Jr., '36journal, Alva Review-Courier, fourth place.

The contest was part of a comprehensive plan which was organized and set in motion in January by a Press Relations Committee comprising 12 state newspapermen. This campaign is designed to reach the 352,000 Oklahoma men, women and children who are doomed to die of cancer unless they are forewarned of their danger.

LELAND GOURLEY



Minneapolis Sooner Club Formed

Minnesota received a touch of Oklahoma recently when a group of O. U. alumni organized the Minneapolis Sooner Club.

Ralph Campbell, '29, was elected president of the club; Lowry Crites, '29, first vice president and "chief custodian of the Sooner spirit," and Benton Ferguson, '31ba, second vice president, corresponding secretary and treasurer.

All Sooner alumni in the Twin City area desiring to join the club may make arrangements by contacting Ferguson at 1370 Northwestern Bank Building.