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Riding the Sooner Range

By TED BEAIRD

They galloped over the trails, thousands strong—to THIS homecoming! It was O.U.'s bigger and better homecoming of '46. And—what a grand one this spectacle was! With an all-time HIGH record number of alumni and students crazily participating in the celebration it was, indeed, O.U.'s "kick off" in post-war activity!

More than 4,000 class-weary students, out of the 10,000 plus potential Phi Beta Kappas, got festivities off to a roaring start on Thursday night (November 14) when their spontaneous and determined march upon the White House lawn resulted in Friday "free cuts." President George L. Cross even took time out from the little room of Oklahoma City's Hospital Ward, where he was nervously awaiting the stork's arrival, to give the frenzied mob his official go-ahead signal!

Thousands of old (and many not-so-old) grads began to arrive in droves a day prior to the "kick-off." The influx continued until the opening whistle of the Missouri-Oklahoma football contest the following afternoon, when an unequalled crowd of 33,431 hilarious spectators watched the big Sooner squad slaughter the touted Tigers, 27-6. Although the great Oklahoma victory climaxed the reunion, it was but one of a number of events prepared by the Sooner Alumni Association, the University, campus organizations, and Norman townspeople for the visiting former students.

That 14, November, Friday was bleak and cold! Foul weather failed to put a damper on preparation activity—it was "full steam ahead." Float and house decorations far exceeded expectations both in number and quality. DELTA GAMMA Sorority and PHI GAMMA DELTA Fraternity overcame stiff competition to win the decoration contests. Other organizations placed as follows: Second, ALPHA GAMMA DELTA Sorority and DELTA CHI Fraternity; third, KAPPA KAPPA GAMMA Sorority and BETA THETA PI Fraternity.

A huge and accurately detailed map of Oklahoma, on which were outlined the old Indian territories, adorned the DELTA GAM front lawn. The DELTA CHIS used a clever Indian pow-wow setting as the theme for their winning display, presenting in addition a tableau of Oklahoma's history from covered wagon to the present.

No lull in activity was apparent until the wee hours Friday night. Highlighting the opening of the welcoming festival was the Union Activities Board's variety show in Holmberg Hall. BOB PENNEY, '45geol, NORMAN, was in charge.

Appearing on the program were the University Men's Glee Club, under the direction of CHESTER FRANCIS; the Women's League Trio, comprised of SUSIE GRANTHAM, RYAN, MARGARET PHYER, LAWTON, and MARGARET IVY, WAURIKA; GEORGE MOORMAN, MAZIE, who presented a South American dance interpretation; and ANNABELLE, '44music, and LILA FERNE

ESCOE, '44, OKLAHOMA CITY, whose special presentation was the same act they used while touring with a U.S.O. group in Europe and South America during the war.



This "Plummer" may not be able to fix a leaky faucet or a stopped-up drain, but she's a whiz with a baton! She is Pat Plummer, freshman in the University College and one of four twirlers with the O.U. band. Pat was graduated last spring from Central High School, Oklahoma City, and in the above picture she is in the uniform she wore as a high school majorette.

The Cover

Lynn Riggs, '20-'23, formerly of Claremore, was "saturated in Oklahoma history and legend" from the time he learned to walk. Thus, it is not difficult to understand how he could write his famous play, "Green Grow the Lilacs," whose setting is near Claremore.

A versatile writer, Riggs has written scenarios for the motion pictures, "The Plainsman" and "Garden of Allah"; he has been selling poetry since his pre-O.U. days to quality magazines, and has written 15 plays.

He recently completed "Tragic Ground," a musical play, and is nearing completion on a new play called, "Verdigris Primitive." (See story, "Riggs Knows His Oklahoma," on page 3.)

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THE ANNUAL HOMECOMING MEETING (SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1946) OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA (ALUMNI) ASSOCIATION. Reading from left to right—seated at table: President George L. Cross, University of Oklahoma; O.U. Alumnus, Bob Wallace, President Board of Regents; Major Bill Cox, President of Board; O.U. Alumnus Joe Looney, President Dads' Association. (Standing, reading from left to right) Ted Beaird, Executive Secretary-Manager of Alumni Association; Gray D. Harris, Alex, District VI Executive Board Member; Paul Reed, Sulphur, Alumni Representative on O.U. Athletic Council; June Baker Durkee, Mangum, First Vice-President; Max

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An informal dance in the Union Ballroom followed the show, with WARREN MORRIS, ELDO-RADO, KANSAS, in change.

The show and dance was just a part of the Union Activities Board's homecoming contribution. Active on the board's committee were the following: Program, RAYMOND WHITE, '41ms, associate professor of secretarial science, and BOB PENNEY, '45geol, NORMAN; parade; BEN HEAD, '42bus, OKLAHOMA CITY; dance, L. E. "JAP" HASKELL, '22geol, O.U. athletic department director, and JUNE HODGE, NORMAN; house decorations, DR. GLENN C. COUCH, '37ms, director of student affairs and dean of the University College, and BILL OLSEN, SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH; reception, DR. E. D. MEACHAM, '14ba, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, and TAFFY WILLIAMS, COLLINGSWOOD, N. J.; publicity, STEWART HARRAL, '36ma, director of journalism school, and THELMA DICKEY, OKLAHOMA CITY; pep rally and halftime activities, JIM MAYFIELD, '28ba, manager, University Book Exchange, and JAMES STEELE, DUNCAN.

Other members of the U.A.B. executive committee include: MARY LOU STUBBEMAN, '45bus, director, Union Activities Board, ROLAND CHAMPION, PEKIN, ILL., general chairman of homecoming activities; WAYNE FULLER, WAURIKA, and JOE HOLLAND, NORMAN.

Other events on the Friday calendar included formal dances by Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity and Worcester House residents. Chaperons at the annual

PiKA black and white affair were DR. CHARLES C. BUSH, '32ma, and MRS. BUSH, DR. and MRS. J. L. MAYFIELD, BURTON H. GILDERSLEEVE, TED M. BEAIRD, '21ba, and MRS. BEAIRD, '24; and MRS. H. A. NEDOM, PiKA hostess. All are from NORMAN. Worcester chaperons included DEWEY McKNELLY, '33ma and Mrs. McKNELLY, MR. and MRS. J. W. REED, VIVIAN NEMECZEK, '36bs, and MRS. NEMECZEK, all of NORMAN.

This university city was bristling with activity by sunup Homecoming Saturday, November 16! Half-awake students were putting final touches on floats or cleaning house, while scores of Sooner alumni were about early in order to prevent missing anything of interest.

The annual parade (under the marshalship of the ole veteran of former parades prior to World War II—BEN HEAD, '42bus, Oklahoma City) always one of the biggest treats of homecoming, started rolling at 10 o'clock. Thousands of spectators lined Norman streets to get a glimpse of the 60 floats entered by sorority, fraternity and independent organizations. Top awards were ALPHA CHI OMEGA, SIGMA NU and the AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF CHEMICAL ENGINEERS, respectively.

Leading the parade was the University Band, followed by the Thomas C. Reynolds (University) Post (303) of the American Legion color guard. Also participating were PAULS VALLEY, KING-FISHER, and SHAWNEE bands, winners in the Band Day parade here October 19, and the NORMAN ROPING CLUB.

The busiest spots on the campus from early in the morning until game time, and then again after the grid classic, were the lobbies of the Oklahoma Memorial Union, where hundreds of former students registered and renewed old friendships.

The foyer of the Oklahoma Memorial Union, bedecked in its "flowers and ferns" was a busy spot early that homecoming morning. The Registration Committee, headed by Chairman FUNSTON F. GAITHER, '26ms, and Co-Chairman GLENN C. COUCH, '37ms, were up and about early, with their assigned Sooners registering the mobs as they arrived. Serving with GAITHER and COUCH were:

RALPH BIENFANG, ARTHUR B. ADAMS, dean of Business; RAYMOND CREWS, '41law; G. ED WALTON, '39law; KENNETH HARRIS, '39ba; LLOYD SWEARINGEN, '21ms; J. C. POWELL, '24law; E. E. HATFIELD, '36ma; RUTH ELDER, '34ms; JOHN FREEMAN, '42bus; WILDA GRIFFIN, '33fa; STEWART HARRAL, '36ma; D. B. R. JOHNSON, '18ma; FRANK BALLEAT, '18ma; RAYMOND WHITE, '41ms; THURMAN WHITE, '41ms; PAUL MacMINN, director of student affairs; JACK DOUGLAS, '36ba; BOYD GUNNING, '37law, and C. F. DAILY, '35d.ed.

Members of the Alumni Executive Board held their annual meeting following the parade in the Union's "Y" Lounge. Present were TOM CAREY, '08ba, OKLAHOMA CITY, past president and trustee of the life membership trust fund; COL.

FRANK CLECKLER, '21ba, OKLAHOMA CITY, past executive secretary and past Executive Board member; MRS. JUNE BAKER DURKEE, '42fa, MANGUM, first vice president; MAX COOK, '41law, CLINTON, Executive Board member-at-large; JOE LOONEY, '22law, WEWOKA, past regent and president of the University Dads' Association; JAMES R. FRAZIER, '32m.ed, WEWOKA, District IV Executive Board member; JAMES L. ROBINSON, '32law, TAHLEQUAH, District II Executive Board member; MAJ. BILL COX, '24ma, PONCA CITY, president of the Executive Board; HERBERT BRANAN, '38law, OKLAHOMA CITY, Executive Board member-at-large, and JAMES C. HAMIL, '36law, MADILL, District III Executive Board member. PAUL REED, '16, SULPHUR, alumni representative on the O.U. Athletic Council; GRADY D. HARRIS, '18, ALEX, District VI Executive Board member; L. E. "JAP" HASKELL, '22geol, GRANVILLE NORRIS, '29ba, MUSKOGEE, alumni representative on the Athletic Council; GEORGE D. HANN, '36m.ed, ARDMORE, immediate past president of the Executive Board; O. F. MULDRON, '22, SEMINOLE, past president of the Executive Board; JUDGE W. R. WALLACE, '10, OKLAHOMA CITY, president of O.U. Board of Regents; DR. GEORGE L. CROSS, president, University of Oklahoma; SUE STARR VIRTUE, '43ba, NORMAN, advisory council representative; MARY LOU STUBBEMAN, '45bus, NORMAN, advisory council director; and ISABEL CRIMM, '46ba, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, advisory council representative.

Lunch was served in the Union Blue Room to Alumni Executive Board members and their wives, following adjournment of the annual business meeting.

A carnival couldn't have afforded more fun than the old grads experienced during the action-packed halftime festivities of the '46 Homecoming game. The red-uniformed Sooner band, the student card section, and 30 Big Six distance runners kept the capacity crowd well entertained.

An additional feature was the traditional peace pipe smoking ceremony, a halftime highlight of M.U.-O.U. games, which was revived after having been abandoned during the war years. Representing Oklahoma's SEQUOYAH CLUB, SOLOMON KELLY, OKMULGEE, and GLENN HAMILTON, ANADARKO, made peace for another year with our M.U. Tiger neighbors by swapping puffs with DUKE SULLIVAN, student president of the MYSTIC SEVEN, M.U. honorary fraternity. The pipe will remain in the hands of the victorious Sooners until the 1947 gridiron contest.

Members of the SEQUOYAH CLUB added more color to the intermission program by crowning their Indian princess, MARGARET TALKINGTON, an Alpha Phi pledge from CLAREMORE. MISS TALKINGTON was attired in full Indian regalia as were her assistant, RUEY HAZOZOUS of APACHE and her escorts, GEORGE PRICE and TED BAKER, both of CHECOTAH.

Just about everyone was in the packed OWEN stadium including DR. STRATTON D. BROOKS, former University presy. C. ROSS HUME, '98as, ANADARKO, the University's first graduate and HARRY FORD, '98, OKLAHOMA CITY, were special guests in the box of PRESIDENT CROSS. These two grand YOUNG men were seated directly on the 50-yard line where 50 YEARS ago they were playing Sooner football for their Alma Mater. Hume performed in Sooner football paraphernalia a half-century ago.

After the game, faculty members and townspeople entertained approximately 1,000 jubilant alumni at a reception in the Union Lounge. MRS. E. E. DALE, '17ba, NORMAN, was in charge. Hosts on hand to greet the visitors were L. E. "JAP" HASKELL and MRS. HASKELL, '23; R. W. HUTTO, '10ba, and MRS. HUTTO, NORMAN; ROSCOE CATE, '26ba, and MRS. CATE, '30ba, NORMAN; F. E. TARMAN, '10ba, and MRS. TARMAN, NORMAN; and V. E. MONNETT, and MRS. MONNETT, also of NORMAN.

In charge of refreshments were MRS. M. L. WARDELL, NORMAN, who was assisted in serving by MRS. W. B. BIZZELL, NORMAN; MRS. WILLIAM B. COX, PONCA CITY, wife of the Executive Board president; MRS. CHARLES DUF-

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Riggs Knows His Oklahoma

Lynn Riggs, who was responsible for the beginning of fabulous "Oklahoma" when he wrote "Green Grow the Lilacs," had something new to say about the play when he arrived in Oklahoma City recently for the "First Nighter" of OKLAHOMA. With icycles hanging from the brim of his gray felt snap brim he reminisced.

The gentleman playwright, whose horn-rimmed glasses somehow escaped fogging over when he stepped inside the Skirvin hotel lobby from the freezing rain, predicted that "Oklahoma" in one form or another will be playing for 50 years.

"The play is completely American, it becomes ageless. It is one of those things which will last forever . . . Our children will see 'Oklahoma,'" Riggs said.

Standing easily, with two books, not his own, tucked under his arm, the distinguished-looking Riggs revealed that he experienced mixed feeling when he thought of the play, explaining that "it's the only play other people have done things with." "However," he added, "the play is a constant excitement to me—it's always fresh to me."

Riggs, apparently eager to talk about the play, explained that two of the roles were drawn from the characters of his relatives—Aunt Eller being the person of Riggs' Aunt Mary Brice, late of Claremore, and Laurey, a cousin who died. "This cousin had a wonderful quality of character," Riggs recalled, "'Green Grow the Lilacs' had its setting just outside Claremore."

The playwright, whose outstanding impression upon meeting is that of being a gentleman above all, saw only the opening performance of "Oklahoma." He left ten hours later for New York, his home since he came out of the Army, to return to his half-finished play "Verdigris Primitive," this setting laid near Verdigris on the Frisco.

He has just completed a music play "Tragic Ground," on which he is collaborating with Aaron Copeland and Agnes DeMille.

The Riggs story began in 1899, his birth date. The son of a cattleman and of Cherokee Indian blood, Riggs, as a youth, drove a grocery wagon and attended Oklahoma Military Academy. Following his OMA graduation in 1917 he caught a freight train to Chicago where he worked for an express company. His next stop was in New York where he swept Wall Street offices, reported on the Wall Street Journal, and sold books at Macy's for \$10, a week.

Later, he was reporter on the Oil and Gas Journal in Tulsa, and in the autumn of 1919 Riggs went to Los Angeles, where he worked as a movie extra and read proof on the Los Angeles Times.

HE ENTERED THE UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA IN 1920, WHERE HE WAS A MEMBER OF PI KAPPA ALPHA FRATERNITY. RIGGS TAUGHT FRESHMAN ENGLISH AT THE UNIVERSITY IN 1922-23 AND WHILE THERE CORRESPONDED WITH JOHN McCLURE, WHOSE POETRY HAD INFLUENCED HIM, AND WHO LIKE HIMSELF, WAS A LITERARY PROTEGE OF H. L. MENCKEN, THEN EDITOR WITH GEORGE JEAN NATION OF SMART SET.

Riggs had been selling poetry to the better magazines since 1919.

By 1926 he was back in New York hoping to crash Broadway. In the meantime he worked on a chicken ranch, in a glass factory, sung in Chautauqua and in a picture show, and had written poetry. The play was the offering "The Domino Parlor," which Lionel Barrymore said was the best play he had read in 20 years.

In all, Riggs has written 15 plays of which at least 10 have been produced or bought for publication, and most of which are about old Indian Territory.

Other Riggs plays include "Cuckoo," written during the Christmas holiday at the University in 1920 and produced there in 1921, "Knives From Syria," "Sump'n Like Wings," and "Big Lake," Riggs' first Broadway production which prompted critics to predict that something fine would come of the talent shown.

His next offerings were "A Lantern to See By," "Rancor," "Borned in Texas," produced by Ar-

thur Hopkins under the title "Roadside." This play was called "the greatest of American dramas" by Arthur Hopkins, one of the most distinguished of Broadway producers.

"Green Grow the Lilacs," produced by the Theater Guild in New York, was rated one of the 10 best plays of 1931. Riggs started writing it in the Cafe de Deux Magots on the left bank in Paris where he was there on a Guggenheim Fellowship. He finished the play in the south of France.

Riggs creates successfully for both screen and stage, and has spent much time in Hollywood. His poetry has been collected under the title "The Iron Dish" (1930).

His poetic and regional plays have brought Riggs outstanding success as a dramatist—a success secondary only to his ability as a scenarist and director.

A notable comment from Riggs appeared in one of the show's early playbills, to wit, "I didn't have to invent anything for 'Green Grow the Lilacs,' I was saturated in Oklahoma history and legend from the time I learned to walk."

This was Riggs' first Oklahoma visit in 15 years. He plans to stay longer when he returns in April.

33 O.U. Faculty Members Listed in '46-'47 "Who's Who"

Thirty-three members of the University faculty have been chosen for the 1946-47 edition of "Who's Who in America."

Included in the list are: President George L. Cross; Dr. John B. Cheadle, legal adviser to the president; David Ross Boyd, professor of law; Dr. Arnold E. Joyal, dean of the College of Education; Dr. Maurice H. Merrill, '19ba, '22law, professor of law; Lewis S. Salter, '12bm, '17ba, dean of the College of Fine Arts; Dr. William Schriever, director of the School of Engineering Physics, and Dr. Alice Sowers, director of the Family Life Institute.

Dr. Arthur B. Adams, dean of the College of Business Administration; Joseph H. Benton, '20ba, '21fa, '41ma, professor of voice; Walter S. Campbell, professor of English; William H. Carson, dean of the College of Engineering; Wilbur F. Cloud, '25ba, '26ms, professor of petroleum engineering; Dr. Ellsworth Collings, professor of school supervision; Dr. E. E. Dale, '11ba, research professor of history.

Dr. C. E. Decker, research professor emeritus of paleontology; Dr. Cortez A. M. Ewing, professor of government; Dr. Roy Gittinger, '02ba, regents professor of history; H. H. Herbert, professor of journalism; Dr. Roy Temple Howe, professor of modern languages; Dr. R. L. Huntington, '17ba, director of the School of Chemical Engineering; Dr. Oscar B. Jacobson, research professor of art; Dr. V. H. Kulp, professor of law; Dr. J. H. Marshburn, professor of English.

Dr. E. D. Meacham, '14ba, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences; Julien C. Monnet, dean emeritus of the School of Law; J. L. Rader, '08ba, '13ma, University librarian; Dr. S. W. Reaves, dean emeritus of the College of Arts and Sciences; Dr. Aute Richards, professor of zoology; Joseph E. Smay, professor of architecture; F. G. Tappan, director of the School of Electrical Engineering; Dr. Floyd L. Vaughn, professor of marketing, and Dr. A. O. Weese, acting dean of the Graduate College.

Medical School faculty members listed include: Dr. J. P. Gray, dean of School of Medicine and superintendent of University Hospitals; Dr. James B. Eskridge, Jr., '19bs, '21md, professor of clinical obstetrics; Dr. Robert M. Howard, professor emeritus of surgery; Dr. Everett S. Lain, professor emeritus of dermatology and syphilology; Dr. LeRoy D. Long, '15, associate professor of surgery; Dr. Walter A. Lybrand, associate professor of medical jurisprudence, and Dr. Earl D. McBride, '12bs, associate professor of orthopedic surgery.

Dr. H. V. Thornton, professor of government at the University of Oklahoma, is director of Boys' State of 1946.



Glancing back fifty years, JUDGE C. ROSS HUME, '98ba, '00ma, ANADARKO, and HARRY FORD, '98, OKLAHOMA CITY, arrive at O.U. Alumni headquarters Homecoming morning. They are promptly "registered in" by Executive Secretary TED BEAIRD and immediately they check the headlines of O.U.'s OKLAHOMA DAILY to check on the possibility of other Sooner alums of their day who may have arrived during the wee hours to participate in the November 16 affair. Those fifty years after have left their traces!

Science Group Elects 4 Profs

Dr. J. Teague Selft, chairman of the department of animal biology at the University, was elected president of the Oklahoma Academy of Science at the 35th annual meeting at Oklahoma A. and M. College, Stillwater.

Three other O.U. faculty members were elected as officers of the Academy. Dr. A. O. Weese, acting dean of the Graduate College and professor of Zoology, was elected permanent secretary of the organization.

Dr. Howard W. Larsh, chairman of the department of plant sciences, was elected assistant secretary-treasurer, and Dr. Ralph Marsden, associate professor of geology and geography, was elected vice-president of section B.

O.U. Budget May Be Decreased

Institutions of higher education in Oklahoma may not receive more than 23 per cent increase in their appropriations during the next biennium, Roger Phelps, state budget officer, told the O.U. chapter of the American Association of University Professors.

If the \$10,000,000 tax reduction program proposed by the state interim tax committee is approved, the University and other state schools will

not receive the amounts which the State Board of Regents has requested. Total appropriations cannot exceed \$42,600,000 because of the budget-balancing amendment to the constitution.

The University has asked \$5,017,000 for the first year of the next biennium and \$5,092,000 for the second year. The present allocation is \$3,424,134.

During the business session of the meeting, a committee was named to study the Oklahoma Teacher Retirement law and prepare recommendations for possible action by the Legislature. Dr. Leonard Logan, professor of sociology, will head the committee, with Professors Stewart C. Wilcox, department of English, and L. A. Doran, department of government, as members.

Daily Wins Two Major Awards

Two major awards were won by the Oklahoma Daily at the 27th national convention of Sigma Delta Chi, professional journalistic fraternity, in Chicago.

The student newspaper won second place in both straight news writing and feature writing divisions in competition with college newspapers from the entire nation.

The awards were presented to Charles L. Ward,

delegate from the University Sigma Delta Chi chapter, at the final convention banquet.

The Daily placed first in the feature writing division of the student newspaper contest in 1941. This year's convention was the first held since that year.

A copy of "Sigma Delta Chi News," University chapter publication, was reproduced at the convention in connection with a demonstration of facsimile transmission of newspapers.

'37 Lawyers Plan Memorial

Plans for a memorial scholarship have been announced by the University law class of 1937 in honor of two of its members killed in World War II, Leroy Allen and Harry Riley.

Earl Sneed, '34ba, '37law, associate professor of law, recently presided over a reunion of 75 alumni of that year where they formulated plans for financing the scholarship.

Elliott Fenton, '35ba, '37law, Oklahoma City, was elected secretary of the organization and will head the committee appointed to work out the details of the law scholarship, the first to be offered in the law school. William T. Brunson, '37ba, '37law, James O. Bradley, '37law, and James McWilliams, '37ba, '37law, all of Oklahoma City will serve on the memorial fund committee.

Dillar, Dollar, Prexy Is Proud Of His Newest Scholar

BULLETIN

At 9:15 p.m. Friday, November 15, Mrs. George L. Cross gave birth to an eight-pound boy in St. Anthony's Hospital in Oklahoma City. President Cross left a regents' meeting on the campus about 8 p.m. and arrived in Oklahoma City just in time to be present at the event.

The new arrival has been named Braden Riehl. Mrs. Cross and the baby were reported "doing well."

The Crosses have two other children, Mary Lynn, 14, and Bill, 9.

By RAY PARR, '32ba

(Special reprint from the Daily Oklahoman)

It is with a great deal of satisfaction that we are able to record that the president of a state university is just as silly as any other mortal—such as, for instance, an unlettered newspaper reporter—when he has just become the papa of a brand new boy.

We just happened to drop by St. Anthony hospital on the chance we might pick up a ham sandwich from a pretty nurse we know in the nutrition department when we are startled by a

dazzling flash, of atomic proportions, swirling up and down the corridors.

It turns out to be the beaming countenance of Dr. George Cross, who for the purpose of this article we shall refer to as George, as at the moment he is not acting like a Dr.

You have heard, no doubt, of a college president being on the beam. Well, this is the case of a beam being on the president.

It seems, the best I can make out, that with just slight assistance from Mrs. Cross, George has had himself a son.

"Quite a boy . . . quite a boy," he says, with that proud smirk that all new fathers bore their friends with.

"Aren't you walking around a little early?" I reply, in my most cutting manner, seeking to jar him down to earth.

But this remark sails right over his head.

"Oh, no, I am feeling fine," he says.

He is not even nervous, he explains, adding, "have a cigar," and poking his pipe in my face and chomping down on my cigar.

I carefully extracted my cigar—it is of surprisingly good brand, too, coming from a college educator—and resign myself to hearing the details.

"He weighs nine pounds," George adds, with a lyrical note in his voice.

This later turns out to be a gross exaggeration as the official records disclose that Braden Riehl Cross lacks a full ounce of attaining this mark.

"What color are his eyes?" I ask, knowing full

well I will have to listen to this, too, sooner or later.

This brings a bit of pained surprise to his expression.

"Blue, of course," he snaps.

Needless to say, George has blue eyes while Mrs. Cross only has brown eyes.

I see there is no need to ask him who Braden Riehl looks like. That would have been an insult to my intelligence, from his viewpoint.

"And did you see all that hair?" continues George.

"He'll probably lose it all," Mrs. Cross says dryly. "Most babies do."

George shot her a sharp glare. The idea of his son losing hair!

I am unable to comprehend the foolish attitude of these boasting fathers—especially from one who already has experienced the miracle of fatherhood twice.

Why, when I had my son three years ago, I hardly mentioned the fact. But say, there was a boy for you. I'll never forget my first look . . . the cutest, smartest. . .

All the time they are bringing in a steady procession of flowers from friends of Mrs. Cross. George accepts them all with coy modesty, while Mrs. Cross stretches her neck for just one small glance.

"I wonder," she mumbles, "just why they bother to give the wives all this calcium when it is the husbands who have all the children."



Watching their favorite Sooners (vintage of 1946) take care of the Missouri Tigers Homecoming afternoon, November 16, from the fifty-yard line box of President GEORGE L. CROSS, HUME and FORD intently watch the parade of the stars on still familiar grounds, even fifty years after their playing days.

Faculty

W. Page Keeton, dean of the University Law School, and Dr. Maurice H. Merrill, '19ba, '22law, recently attended the eighth annual meeting of the Oklahoma Bar Association in Tulsa. Dr. Merrill was a member of the House of Delegates from the Cleveland County Bar Association and also presented the report of the Commissioners on Uniform State Laws.

Howard H. Rowley has been appointed associate professor of chemistry at the University. He graduated from Northwestern University and is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, the American Chemical Society, the American Association of University Professors, and the Iowa Academy of Science.

Dr. Alice Sowers, director of the Oklahoma Family Life Institute Extension Division, returned recently from Chicago, Illinois, where she met with the executive committee of the Adult Education Department of the N.E.A. Dr. Sowers was educational consultant for the film "Shy-Guy" produced by Coronet Magazine.

Dr. Oscar B. Jacobson, University art professor, has a collection of 22 paintings done in Colorado this last summer on display at the Art Museum. He has shown exhibitions in New York, Chicago, St. Louis, Kansas City, Dallas, Houston, and Colorado Springs, as well as at Syracuse, Cornell, Grinnell, and the Universities of Kansas and Wisconsin.

Helen B. Burton, director of the School of Home Economics represented the University at a celebration of fifty years of Home Economics at the Ohio State University.

At the recent meeting of the Oklahoma Home Economics Association held in Oklahoma City, Laura A. Miller, associate professor of home economics, was elected vice-president. Susan Millier, assistant professor of home economics, was elected councilor of the State Association. Helen B. Burton, director of the School of Home Economics continues as president for one more year.

Burton H. Gildersleeve, formerly of the Ohio State University faculty, and Donald V. Allgeier have joined the staff of the University. Mr. Gildersleeve is an associate professor of finance. Mr. Allgeier is a new instructor in business communication.

Dr. Gustav Mueller, chairman of the philosophy department at the University, is again the American editor of *Sophia*, an international journal of philosophy history, published in Italy. The magazine was suspended during the war. Articles are written in English, French, Spanish, Italian and German. A former University professor is still turning out books on how to write business letters. He is William H. Butterfield, now educational director of the National Retail Credit Association, St. Louis, Missouri. His recent book is "How to Write Good Credit Letters."

Walter S. Campbell, professor of English at the University, is the author of "Jim Bridger, Mountain Man," published recently.

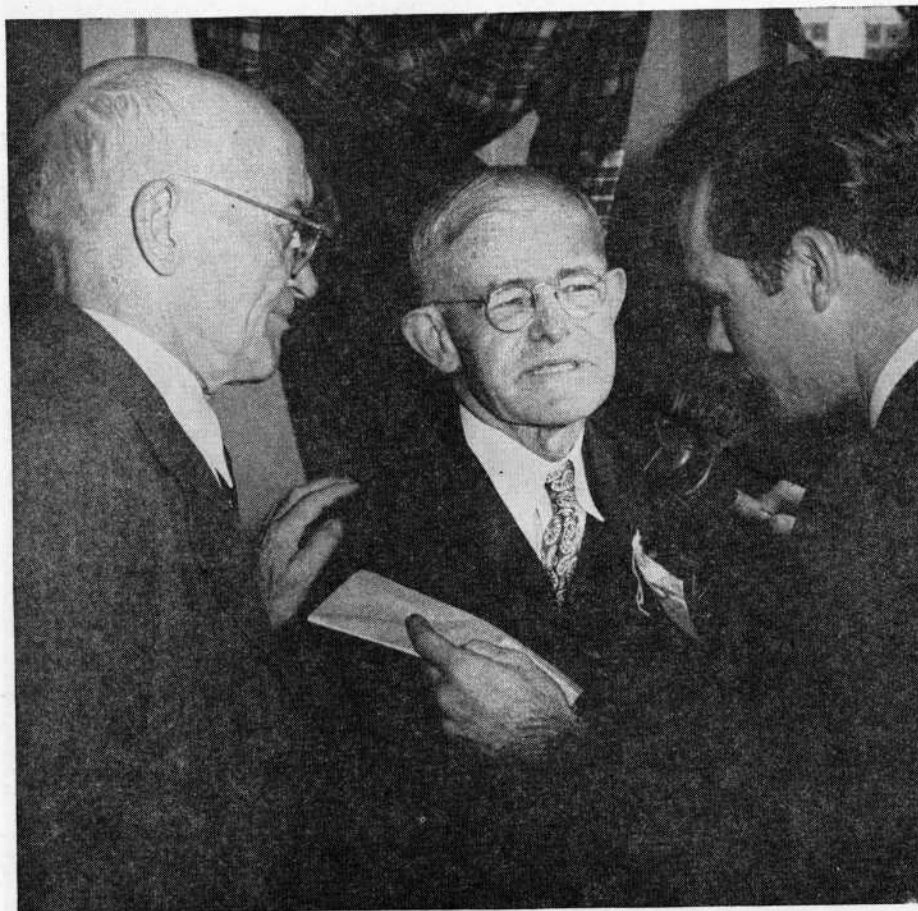
Dr. Helen B. Burton, director of the University School of Home Economics, has been re-elected president of the Oklahoma Economics Association.

Richard N. Kuhlman is chairman of the administrative committee of the University School of Architecture.

Dr. Ralph Bienfang, University pharmacy professor, has been named a member of the committee on alumni activities of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy.

Don Clark, assistant professor of radio at the University, came to O.U. this fall from radio station KFDD, Amarillo, Texas, where he has been news editor for the past two years. Prior to that he was head of the speech department at Amarillo College and newscaster for station KGNG, Amarillo.

The Midwest Conference of Pharmacy Secretaries has been instrumental in forming narcotics laws and in helping plan a prescription service for veterans of World War II.



Thirty minutes after arrival of HARRY FORD, '98, and ROSS HUME, '98ba, '00ma, at the O.U. Homecoming for 1946, these two "youngsters" find themselves not only "up in the air" but going out over the air via the wave lengths and the microphone of WNAD, the University of Oklahoma station. These Sooner football stars of yester-year explained to Announcer Hugh LaRue how they bucked over the goal line back in 1896.

Merrill Attends National Meeting

Dr. Maurice H. Merrill, '19ba, '22law, professor of law, attended the annual meeting of the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws at Philadelphia, October 21-26. He is one of the three Commissioners representing Oklahoma, by appointment of the Governor. The conference approved and recommended for adoption in the various states a Uniform Criminal Statistics Act, a Uniform Reverter of Realty Act, and a Model Administrative Procedure Act.

It considered drafts of a Uniform Commercial Code, a Uniform Ancillary Administration of Estates Act, a Uniform Reciprocal Judgments Act, a Uniform Desertion and Non-Support Act, and a Uniform Divorce Recognition Act, the draft of this last being prepared by a Committee of which Dr. Merrill was chairman. Consideration also was given to a Model Public Health Act and a Model Act to Provide an Administrator for State Courts. Progress was made on all these acts and they are continued upon the agenda of the Conference for further drafting by the committees in charge, and for consideration by the Conference at its next meeting.

The Conference also determined to undertake the drafting of a Model Oil Conservation Act, and authorized the appointment of a committee for that purpose.

Approval was given by the Conference to minor revisions in the Uniform Vehicle Code, previously prepared by it in co-operation with the National Conference on Street and Highway Safety. Savoie Lottinville, '29ba, director of the University Press, has written an article, "What Would You Publish?" that is featured in the November, 1946, issue of the College and University Business Magazine.

Audio-Visual Group Meets

Five University faculty members and one graduate student participated in the program for the conference on Standards in Teacher-Training in Audio-Visual Aids held December 11, on the campus. Five more faculty members were among the 40 educators attending.

Edgar Dale, research assistant of the Bureau of Educational Research, Ohio State University, and Francis Noel, chief of the division of audio-visual aids, California state department of Education, headlined the group.

Dr. Arnold E. Joyal, dean of the College of Education, was chairman for the opening session, "What Should Be Included in a Beginning Course in Audio-Visual Aids?" Dr. Garold D. Holstine, director of the University Laboratory Schools, was discussion leader for this session.

Leo F. Cain, professor of education, was chairman and Thurman J. White, head of the department of audio-visual aids, was discussant on the session, "What Audio-Visual Aids Equipment Should Be Provided by Local Schools?"

Henry Hansen, graduate student in the School of Education, and Boyd Gunning, director of the Extension Division, participated in the evening program.

Dr. W. B. Ragan, associate professor of elementary education; Dr. F. A. Balyeat, professor of secondary education; Dr. Hervey Hansen, director of public information of the Extension Division; Dr. S. E. Torsten Lund, professor of education, and Herbert E. Wrinkle, director of high school relations, attended the conference.

Transradio Press and N.E.A. have given Golding honorable mention, and N.E.A. selected Andros and Walker on their second and third teams.