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Riding the Sooner Range

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These are interesting highways!

The trails have been wide and diversified along the Range since the midnight hour of January 1, 1947, when lines and paragraphs were being dashed off for January *Sooner Magazine*. The trails have been "shifting paths" since hundreds of alumni have been contacted, worked "with and for," as we swing into the new year, 1947.

Ten-thousand strong these alumni-in-the-making re-entered O. U. on Monday, January 6, after the Christmas holiday season. Ten-thousand strong with 40,000 aspirations, ambitions and problems! Those 10,000 very alert students were setting up new goals for their range riding in "O. U.-ville." For days and nights we were in close association with them—working, counseling and checkin' 'em in an endeavor to make their range ridin' more pleasant and profitable.

Oklahoma City's Biltmore (dinner service division) has been the scene of a series of Alumni Corporation Board meetings. The Friday, January 10, meeting of the Board of Governors brought together "faithfuls by the dozens." Bond issues, technical legal lease proposals, considerations of laws (for O. U. alumni) passed by the Twentieth Oklahoma legislature in 1945, legal pros, legal cons—all came in for an airing in these Biltmore dinner sessions, pointing toward the big question of the hour—*Is it possible, under the articles of Incorporation of the Oklahoma Memorial Union, for the Board of Governors, (acting for the alumni) to issue tax exempt bonds to the tune of \$1,250,000 and build additional facilities to Oklahoma's Memorial Building . . . to the north, to the south, and up??* (The question at this writing has not been answered BUT will soon be before Federal authorities in "the District.")

Who were some of YOUR Sooner friends visited with and worked with before, in and after this *weighty* Friday the tenth Board session? Plenty! Some were: BILL KERR, '31law, OKLAHOMA CITY; J. D. McCARTY, '36-'39, OKLAHOMA CITY; RALPH KENYON, '37ba, '38law, OKLAHOMA CITY; OWEN TOWNSEND, '40ba, '40law, OKLAHOMA CITY and LOVE COUNTY at large; PAUL REED, '16, SULPHUR; JOE McBRIDE, '28bs, ANADARKO; WALLACE KIDD, '37ba journ, ANADARKO; CHARLIE ENGLEMAN, '33ba, CLINTON; LELAND GOURLEY, '40, HENRYETTA; JIMMIE McNATT, '41bs, WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS; C. GUY BROWN, '23ba, OKLAHOMA CITY; RAY TOLBERT, '12ba, '13law, OKLAHOMA CITY; MENTER BAKER, JR., '42bs, OKLAHOMA CITY; A. N. "JACK" BOATMAN, '14ba, '16law, OKMULGEE; BOB WALLACE, '10, OKLAHOMA CITY; NED SHEPHER, '18, LAWTON; LEE B. THOMPSON, '25ba, '27law, OKLAHOMA CITY; FISHER MULDROW, '22, SEMINOLE; JIM McNEELEY, '48law, BROKEN ARROW; KENNETH HARRIS, '39ba, NORMAN; VIRLIN THOMPSON,

'24bs, OKLAHOMA CITY; GEORGE McELROY, '34law, OKLAHOMA CITY; WAYMAN CORNELSEN, '27-'33, FAIRVIEW; J. PHIL BURNS, '27ba, FAIRVIEW, plus "scads" of others!

A swing into state headquarters of the American Legion (Department of Oklahoma) in the Historical Building early Saturday, January 11, brought forward a conference with more Sooner alums. ELMER L. FRAKER, '20ba, '38ma, OKLAHOMA CITY, the adjutant, along with recently appointed chairman of the Americanism Commission, LECK THOMASON, '36ba, '39ma, WEATHERFORD-NOBLE-OKLAHOMA CITY, plus MILT PHILLIPS, '22, SEMINOLE,—all added to the constructive session. Those were a mere few attending the conference calling for co-ordination in problems affecting veteran legislation, veteran education and veteran problems of sundry types.

To Aggieville (Stillwater) for a full day's conference Sunday, January 12, with such O. U. alum leaders as CHARLES B. DUFFY, '22law, PONCA CITY; J. B. KOCH, '26bs, NORMAN; HARRY SIMMONS, '24ba, STILLWATER; BOYD GUNNING, '37law, '37ba, and VERN THORNTON, '22ba, '29ma, of the University staff, GEORGE GOODNIGHT, '22, CRESCENT, and dozens and dozens of other O.U.-ites—was a "rest day" well spent!

January 14—Well, that Tuesday proved to be a full day and night of alum participation. In the Skirvin Tower at noon, your Range Rider visited and worked with many O. U. sons. We listened attentively to an out-of-state Mental Hygiene Specialist make his recommendations to those 350 men on improvements of mental institutions in the state of Oklahoma. Among Sooners who participated in the two-hour session were J. PHIL BURNS, '27ba, FAIRVIEW; H. K. McDOWELL, '24ba, OKLAHOMA CITY; DR. EARL McBRIDE, '12ba, OKLAHOMA CITY; DR. JOHN LAMB, '28ba, '32bs, '32med, OKLAHOMA CITY; TOMMY BENEDUM, '28law, NORMAN; BOYD GUNNING, N. L. GEORGE, '31m.ed, OKLAHOMA CITY and many others from various sections of the state. To Oklahoma's legislative halls (Capitol) at 2:00 p. m. on this 14th day of January enabled us to Ride the Range on important pending legislation with the 54 Sooner Alumni members of the House and Senate.

A "flivverin'" over to the Grady County capital, Chickasha, participating in alum activities from 12 noon to 12 midnight, January 16, proved an interesting gallop along the Range. Among many, many O. U. Alumni visited on this occasion were CLYDE POWELL, '46m.ed, CHICKASHA; BRUCE MYERS, '22ba, '24m.ed, CHICKASHA; COLONEL JOE MILLER, '22ma, CHICKASHA, O.C.W. staff; EARL FISHER, '17-'18, CARMEN-OKLAHOMA CITY; DON SCHOOLER, '24ba, CHICKASHA; CARL RANSBARGER, '32ma, CHICKASHA; and ELMER FRAKER, '20ba, '38

ma, OKLAHOMA CITY.

Saturday, January 18, beginning at 10 a. m. and concluding at the 5 o'clock evening hour, the recently appointed Building Committee, acting for alumni in the proposed building extensions to the Memorial Union plant, did a full week's work in one day at the Norman headquarters. Active in the day's deliberations, with bond attorneys and rep-

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The Cover

SOONER MAGAZINE presents two of Oklahoma University's cagers of "yesterday and today." The pair, because of their classic courtwork, rank high in contributions to University of Oklahoma athletics in the field of basketball. Bruce Drake, '29phys. ed, the cager of "yester-year" and present popular basketball coach, and Gerald Tucker, the "today" (although tinging on "yesteryear" a bit, perhaps) are the two Sooner stars featured in this February, 1947, SOONER.

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Riding the Range—

representatives out of Chicago and Oklahoma City were: DEAN ED MEACHAM, '14ba, committee chairman, and O. U. staff member; FISHER MULDROW, '22, SEMINOLE; JACK LUTTRELL, '38ba, '41law, NORMAN attorney; ROSCOE CATE, '26ba, assistant president; GEORGE FAGIN, '30law, OKLAHOMA CITY attorney; FRANK CLECKLER, '21ba, Vets Chief and "Century old" O. U. worker and contributor, OKLAHOMA CITY; HILLYER FREELAND, '38bfa, NORMAN, the Range Rider's first assistant and business manager; and WALTER W. KRAFT, O. U. staff member and Sooner Alumni Counselor.

Again it's the Skirvin Tower, Oklahoma City, at high noon on Tuesday, January 21, with 15 other alumni acting as the reception committee headed by American Legion Department Commander, CHARLES B. DUFFY, '22law. There in the Silver Glade Room we welcomed to Oklahoma the national commander (American Legion)—PAUL GRIFFITH. The Commander presented a masterful address before the Oklahoma City Rotary Club members and guests—400 strong! Some of the other Sooners in evidence in "this 400" were: ROSS TAYLOR, '16, BARTLESVILLE; RAY PARR, '32ba, OKLAHOMA CITY; Representative PAUL HARKEY, '39, IDABEL-NORMAN; JOE LOONEY, '20ba, '22law, WEWOKA; C. O. HUNT, '38ed, '40law, OKLAHOMA CITY; Representative WILSON WALLACE, '37ba, '39law, ARDMORE; and BOYD GUNNING, '37ba, '37law, NORMAN. Immediately after the noon session a joint meeting of House and Senate of the Oklahoma Legislature was called to hear another fine address by Commander Paul, who was introduced by Governor ROY J. TURNER. More than 500 O. U. grads were on hand for this day's work, representing more than 100 legislators assembled to discuss veterans' issues, social and educational legislation with CHARLES DUFFY, MILT PHILLIPS and a half-dozen more O. U. grads leading the panel. Thus another O. U. session proved a direct contribution.

In those immediate days (and nights) that followed it was more Sooner sessions in the Biltmore, Oklahoma City, the Veterans Administration Head-

quarters, Oklahoma City, topped by a "revived tradition," (stilled and silenced during World War II years) on Friday night, January 24 in the Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce banquet halls—*The Fifteenth Annual Gridiron*. There as one of the guests of FRED TARMAN, '10ba, NORMAN and HAROLD BELKNAP, '25ba, NORMAN, (the "moguls" of THE NORMAN TRANSCRIPT)—TOM BENEDUM, '28law, PREXIE GEORGE CROSS, "ADMIRAL" T. JACK FOSTER, '29, NORMAN-ALBUQUERQUE-TULSA, along with other guests of Fred and Harold, *saw, witnessed, visited with and enjoyed, to the N'th degree* what proved to be a Sooner dominated cast and audience of one thousand. Making fine contributions in the cast were: ROY STEWART, '31ba, BILL VAN DYKE, '38, FRANK H. SPENCE, '41journ, RAY PARR, '32ba, RALPH SEWELL, '42ba, CARTER BRADLEY, '40journ, and OSBORNE BEENEY, '43.

Among the "Public Life Servants" (Politicians) "Portrayed" by the above Sooner Alums were: C. R. BOARD, '21; HENRY G. BENNETT, '24ma; A. L. CRABLE, '27ma; WILBURN CARTWRIGHT, '20law; R. RHYS EVANS, '36ba; '39law; DIXIE GILMER, '24law; OLIVER HODGE, '37d.ed.; JED JOHNSON, '15; BOB KERR, '16; JOSH LEE, '17ba; "RED" PHILLIPS, '16law; DR. L. H. RITZHAUPT, '21; JIM RINEHART, '23law; JOE SCOTT, '28; STREETER SPEAKMAN, '12law; MAC Q. WILLIAMSON, '10; and WILSON WALLACE, '37ba, '39law. Yes, it was a GREAT NIGHT on the Range—that Gridiron! Every minute something doing—Something doing every minute!! And it *was* a Sooner show!!

All the above spots, times and places were *out on the Range*. Coming in from that Range every 24 to 36 hours to watch the wheels turn in the Alumni headquarters is an interesting path in itself. There, with an Alumni staff trained in their various divisions of alumni detail work, many events roll in and flash upon the screen. For instance, let us take a check today on new Life Members within the past 36 hours and then let us look at another division of the Association to review the "annuals"—that is, the new annuals and the renewals in that same period of time. By checking this list you will

note the names of many of your former friends and associates now scattered to the four corners of the world. The new "lifers" in that period of time are: DAVIE BELLE EATON, '33ba, WINSTON-SALEM, NORTH CAROLINA; JOE M. PROFFER, '40bs, DALLAS, TEXAS; CLARENCE LEE FURROW, '21ba, '22ma, GALESBURG, ILLINOIS; DR. S. F. WILDMAN, '22ba, '22bs in med., '24 med, OKLAHOMA CITY; JOHN O. GALLOWAY, '21ba, CALGARY, ALBERTA, CANADA; LOREN I. BUCK, '27ba, WICHITA, KANSAS; DR. FRANKLIN I. REID, '25bs, '27med, LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA; WAYMAN CORNELSEN, '27-'33, FAIRVIEW; and GEORGE H. McELROY, '34law, OKLAHOMA CITY. The other "hearts made happy" (with 12 months of fine reading material to be delivered to them via Sooner Magazine to their home fireside until February, 1948 and in addition, holding all of the benefits of the O. U. Alumni Association,) are: DR. S. J. BRADFIELD, '15med, TULSA; CAPT. MARGARET GILES, '32bfa, PASADENA, CALIFORNIA; DICK GILLEY, '38ba, '40law, '43ma, HOUSTON, TEXAS; WILLIAM A. McMORRIS, '42bs, TULSA; MARY LIGHTNER ROBBINS, '33bs, PRATT, KANSAS; MORRIS B. TUCKER, '37ba, '42ma, NORMAN; DR. HIRAM MOOR, '25bs in med, OKLAHOMA CITY; LORA FURBEE, '25ba, WASHINGTON, D. C.; C. K. LOWE, '29, MIDLAND, TEXAS; DICK WHITE, '42bfa, SILVER CITY, NEW MEXICO; DR. HALE V. DAVIS, '26ms, DENVER, COLORADO; MRS. LORENA CRUCE NORRIS, '16ba, PASADENA, CALIFORNIA; BRADLEY SCHEER, '41ba, '41 law, ALTADENA, CALIFORNIA; GEORGE A. KRAMER, '38ba, '39ma, APO, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA; JOHN L. MORGAN, '40, RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS; LOUISE B. NEWMAN, '38bs, HASKELL, TEXAS; MRS. MILDRED MAGAN, '35ba, UPPER DARBY, PA.; W. G. JORDAN, '40bs, '41ms, SCHENECTADY, NEW YORK; H. A. LANDSMAN, '42bs, NEW YORK, NEW YORK; JOHN U. WICKLUND, JR., '42bs, CLARE, MICHIGAN; MARY ELLEN BOYD WILCOX, '44bs, GAINESVILLE, FLORIDA; DOROTHY ROSE, '35bs, APO SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA; MRS. CATHERINE HOUCK, '42 bs.soc.wk., PHILADELPHIA, PA.; FRANK D. SMITH, '26-'27, PAMPA, TEXAS; J. C. MONTGOMERY, '30bs, HOUSTON, TEXAS; JANE HAWKINS, '40bm in V.M.E., HARLINGEN, TEXAS; EARL L. JOLLY, '39m.ed, GRAHAM, TEXAS; MAJOR JIM LAIN, '37bs, FT. SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS; MRS. JENNIE K. LITTLE, '42bfs, DALLAS, TEXAS; GRADY H. NUNN, '39bs, '41ma, NEW YORK, NEW YORK; JOE BUCKLER, '23ba, '41ma, MINEOLA LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK; AETON B. COMER, '42 bs, GARY, INDIANA.

Thus a mere few of O. U. Alumni activities (both *inside* the four walls of your Alumni Headquarters work-shop as well as *out on the Range*), are recorded as of current date and hour. No mention can be made of many, many more interesting days and nights spent in work and play when many, many more of your life-long friends and Sooner associates were "making news." The annual Oklahoma Education Association for example, with a couple of days and one night spent in OEA-ing in pleasant association, (as has been the "chance" for 25 years past) with GEORGE HANN, '36m.ed, ARDMORE; JIMMIE FRAZIER, '24ba, '32m.ed, WEWOKA; HARRY SIMMONS, '24ba, STILLWATER; RAY WHITE, '41m.ed, NORMAN; REX MORRISON, '39m.ed, ADA; BRUCE CARTER, '32ma, MIAMI, and numerous other dispensers of the 3-R's. Other "examples"?—The reception by General and Mrs. BILL KEY (for son LT. BOB and new wife) in their lovely Oklahoma City home on Culbertson Drive; the Fraternity Alumni session; the many interesting O. U. Committee and Conference assignments—all these plus more could be recorded in the current event records. But "space closes in" and in ten minutes it's away to the duty assignment in WEWOKA with HICKS EPTON, '32law, DUD CULP, '34law, CALVIN SMITH, '40m.ed, JIM FRAZIER, '24ba, '32m.ed, and numerous other Sooner sons and daughters in the SEMINOLE AREA!! Yep, it's fast and it's swift, this gallopin' along—BUT it's real LIFE—this Riding of the Sooner Range!



Three O. U. co-eds get a first-hand view of the new \$488,000 Scientific Research Building which has been under construction since early January. The architecture of the new building will be similar to that of other buildings on the campus. Located on the archery range across from the University Library, the building will have three floors and half a basement. The first structure to be built since 1936, the new building will have its basement reserved exclusively for research. On the first floor will be an electrical switchboard room for supplying variable currents throughout the building, and an instrument shop for making research apparatus. The second floor will house the department of physics, three lecture classrooms, the Research Institute and the physics department library. The third floor will include two large rooms equipped with chemical hoods so that they may be used for chemical research. When fully equipped, the building will be valued at approximately \$600,000.