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Riding the Sooner Range

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In and at the big shindig at DALLAS, TEXAS ditto in DETROIT—ditto in CLINTON, ALTUS, SAYRE, THOMAS, CUSTER CITY, BUTLER, LEEDEY, FREDERICK, SNYDER—in fact, ditto in dozens of places in America; since that tragic night of the tornado in WOODWARD, OKLAHOMA, literally hundreds of questions have been presented as we ride the Sooner Range; "What happened to JOHN, BILL, or JOE in the Woodward tornado? Who was injured? Who lost property? What's the outlook today?" Based on this barrage of questions and interest on the part of Sooner alumni friends and relatives, we have in recent days worked with TOM Z. WRIGHT, '29 bus, '34law, attorney at law in Woodward, and via Western Union just this minute comes this WRIGHT report:

"WOODWARD

No injury to any person on list. Property damages to following: CARL AMMERMAN, '28pharm; MRS. EDNA AURELL, '28he; W. EARL BAKKER, '33; WAYNE BILLINGS, '25law; BRYAN BILLINGS, '28-'32; W. H. BOATMAN, '31law; MRS. MARY B. BURNS, '36jour; E. D. CAIN, '38eng; A. C. DAVIS, '00pharm; MARGARET B. ENGLAND, '32 nurse; DR. MYRON ENGLAND, '36med, '36md; T. L. HIERONYMUS, '33law; EDNA C. PATTERSON, '41ba; J. F. QUISENBERRY, '30ed; HAROLD F. ROBERTS, '31; MRS. MARY H. SHARP, '24ba; LOUIS SLOWAY, '28-'30; REUBEN K. SPARKS, '32 law; MRS. REUBEN K. SPARKS, '33ba; MRS. IRENE WALKER BOWMAN, '37ed; MRS. RUTH F. WEBB, '31ed; TOM Z. WRIGHT, '29bus, '34law. All have repaired or rebuilt or plan to do so.

TOM Z. WRIGHT."

And what's happening while Riding the Sooner Range as of mid-June, 1947? Well, dozens of interesting items are flashing through. For example—if you like those new shoes you'll buy sometime in the future—you may owe your thanks to an Oklahoman. MISS MARGARET CLARK, '42fa, TULSA, has been appointed designer for a large shoe factory in St. Louis. . . . LUTHER W. GRAHAM, JR., OKLAHOMA CITY, will finish his high school work in LUDWIGSBERRY, GERMANY. Formerly a student at Northeast high school, he will take correspondence from the University of Oklahoma. His father, CAPT. LUTHER W. GRAHAM, is stationed with the 16th Station hospital in GERMANY. . . . DR. HAROLD C. HUNT, (he is an ole co-worker of your Range Rider in Rotary International Circles) superintendent-elect of CHICAGO'S public schools, will be the principal speaker at the annual three-day University of Oklahoma School Administrators' conference beginning July 15. H. E. WRINKLE, '22ba, '31ed, NORMAN, director of field relations in the O.U.

College of Education, said more than 200 state superintendents, principals and county superintendents are expected to attend. HUNT, president of the National Association of School Administrators, will speak July 16 to the general session on "Some Crucial Issues in American Education." Theme of the conference is "Educational Leadership Planning for Today and Tomorrow." . . . When will prices drop? Statisticians in the University of Oklahoma bureau of business research, who take the state's economic pulse daily in relation to national trends, aren't making any forecasts. However, it looks like prices are becoming more stable. Wholesale food prices, which hit their peak in early March, are now down 5.6 per cent over the nation, the bureau reports. But there is some indication, based on a slight rise in May, that food prices may climb. General wholesale levels, however, are down 1.6 per cent from their March 29 peak. Early in April wholesale farm products dropped 3.6 per cent, their lowest level since their mid-March crest. But the latest level is only 1.3 per cent below March figures, which were the highest since 1929. After reaching an all-time high in March, natural retail prices dropped slightly in mid-April. Retail figures are still 32.7 per cent above 1946 and 101.1 per cent above August, 1939. Tabulations by the bureau show that one dollar in April, 1947, bought only as much as 75 cents would a year ago. Today's food dollar equals 49 cents compared to 1939. The clothing dollar in April, 1947, equalled 83.7 cents for the same period last year, while 54 cents spent for clothing in August, 1939, would match a dollar at present prices. Building construction in Oklahoma, which attained its top in March, 1946, has decreased 35 per cent, according to figures based on construction permits issued during the past three months. Most current construction in the state is termed "necessity building" and is being done by large income groups, the bureau says. It was pointed out that low and medium income groups are waiting for a decline in prices before they build. . . . JOHN FISCHER, '32ba, WHITE PLAINS, NEW YORK, author of "Why They Behave Like Russians," is an alumnus of the University of Oklahoma. He was one of the speakers at the recent Oklahoma Institute of International Relations held at O.U. . . . The veterans liaison office at the University of Oklahoma assisted 1,237 veterans and their families during May. . . . Over 200 delegates recently attended the Methodist Student Regional training conference held in NORMAN. . . . BUSHYHEAD, OKLAHOMA, is a small farming community named for DENNIS W. BUSHYHEAD, a one-time chief of the Cherokee Nation. (And some years later, after "civilization was established here on Sooner soil, SENATOR BUSHYHEAD was "produced," namely, SENATOR DENNIS BUSHYHEAD, '29law, now residing in CLAREMORE). . . . Oil was responsible for Ponca City's 129 per cent increase in population from

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The Cover

Mack Easley, '47law, is startled no end when he discovers his entire family is sharing the spotlight while he receives his degree from President George Cross. Appearing from down under is Roger, 1½, and being chased by her mother is June, 3. Mrs. Easley was a graduate student last semester.

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Editor's Note: To George Souris, '47ba, editor of *Sooner Magazine* the past year and now an ensign in the United States Navy, the *Sooner* desk says good luck and thanks a lot for your good work in the Alumni office. The same to Betty McLean, '48, producer of "Calling the Roll of Sooner Classes," and Larry Stephenson, '48, *Sooner* staff writer, whom we expect back after the summer vacation ends.—J.H.

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Drama Students Get Awards

Seven University students are winners of Buffalo Masks awards for outstanding work on the stage and backstage for Playhouse productions during the 1946-47 season.

The awards were presented recently by Rupel J. Jones, director of the School of Drama, at the annual Playhouse banquet.

A special award of \$50 was given Lonny Chapman, president of the University Players, as the outstanding graduating senior in the school.

Juniors and seniors receiving the Buffalo Masks were Jack Blalock, Mary Bunch, Eddie Bill Tucker, Cecil Pickett, Barbara Plomondon, Ila Dell Yarbro and Helen Ditson.

Presentations of "Willies" (not "Oscars") were also given for outstanding blunders made by members of the School of Drama.

The following students were pledged to Players: Phyl Brady, Dawnette Rush, Jean Ramsey, Mary Ansel, Bill Skillman, Mary Jo Langley, Kenneth French, George Moorman, Barbara Robertson, Carol Faulk, Terry Rizzo, Louie Givens, Larry Swanson, Dorothy Hill, Larry Suffil and Bill Weaver.

Riding the Range

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1920 to 1930, as compared with a growth of only 4 per cent in the following decade. (And did this PONCA CITY produce Sooners?? Yes, by the dozens. Among the prominent citizens of the PONCA CITY community, who wear the mantle of Sooner grads are: Department Commander of the American Legion, CHARLES B. DUFFY, '22 law, PONCA CITY, attorney at law; the "bottling man," WILLIAM BURNYS THOMPSON, of the class of '26, ba; the immediate past president of the Alumni Association, MAJOR BILL COX, '21 ba, '24ma, Commandant, Ponca City Military Academy; GLEN CLARK, '13ba, PONCA CITY



Voted O.U.'s outstanding athlete of the year at a student election, Plato Andros (right) sophomore pharmacist and highly respected football and track performer, receives the Adam Hat Athletic trophy from Leon Bert, Oklahoma Daily sports editor during the spring semester.



You'd cry too if you were a king and had no cake. The truth is that His Highness Paul Upton Fisher, campus kiddie king and son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Fisher, pushed his cake to the floor a few seconds before this shot was taken. The demure queen is Carol Shelton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Shelton.

—dozens and dozens of others, too numerous to mention). . . . On BLUE HAWK PEAK, near PAWNEE, stands the home of the late MAJOR GORDON W. LITTLE, known as PAWNEE BILL, Indian interpreter and originator of Pawnee Bill's Wild West circus. (And this same BLUE HAWK PEAK is the permanent home of many Sooner grads, among whom we find GRACE O. ALLEN, '30he; REV. CLARENCE M. BALL, '31ba; MRS. D. C. FERGUSON, '37ba; ALBERT S. JUDY, '22pharm; CORA G. LEHEW, '31he; ZANE A. MENTZER, '28ba, '30fa; MISS M. M. PERKINSON, '20ba, '26ma; DR. C. B. WATERS, '29ba, '32med, '34md.)

So it is on the Range, as of mid-June, 1947! And it is to be away and get at the details, to meet those Sooners early in July in SAN FRANCISCO—two days later in LOS ANGELES—then two days later to get details set for NEW YORK, BOSTON, and the EAST. That will be interesting Riding on the Sooner Range.

Roll Call

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GOTTLIEB-WEAVER: Nuptial vows for Ann Gottlieb, '46ba, '46-'47, Perry, and William Raymond Weaver, Brownwood, Texas, were read April 7 in the home of the bride's parents. Mrs. Weaver is a member of Psi Chi, national psychological honorary society, and now is attending the University studying for a master's degree in clinical psychology. Mr. Weaver is now a student in petroleum engineering at the University. Mr. and Mrs. Weaver are at home in Norman.

HICKS-MILLER: Helen Hicks, '46, Oklahoma City, became the bride of Richard B. Miller, Hereford, Texas, April 5 in Oklahoma City. Mrs. Miller has been teaching at Horace Mann school in Oklahoma City. The couple is at home in Hereford.

HICKMAN-WILLIAMS: Jacquelyne Hickman, '46bus, Norman, and Merle Milton Williams, Berkeley, California, were married April 29 in Norman. The couple is at home in Oakland, California, where Mr. Williams is employed by the Ward Harris Company.