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Riding the Sooner Range

Prepared for Ted Beard
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It's high noon all over! And for several days now we have been hoping to "put to bed" the July issue of *Sooner Magazine*. We have all been aware that our deadline has arrived to submit the last line of copy and go to press—even the Rider of the Sooner Range as he has been covering the "airways" these past 12 days.

It's high noon in San Francisco on this Sunday, July 13—for the climax is about to be reached at the National Assembly of 400 delegates there in the Mark Hopkins Hotel. Those present represent member alumni institutions over the United States and Canada who have held membership in THE AMERICAN ALUMNI COUNCIL down through the past 50 years.

That's the setting. Now, the director of the Magazine Awards and Citations division of the council, Mr. William S. Gibson, of the University of Minnesota, appears before the microphone. Citations and awards are made. To *SOONER MAGAZINE* the following is read, sealed, signed and delivered:

"For Outstanding Editorial Achievement in Publication of an Alumni Magazine—AWARD OF MERIT—In the 1947 Magazine Awards Competition Sponsored by the American Alumni Council for Alumni Publications in the United States and Canada. (Signed) William S. Gibson, Director for Magazines, and Joseph E. Bell, President, American Alumni Council."

Yes, that's your *SOONER MAGAZINE* of the fiscal year ending June, 1947! And, Mr. ROSCOE CATE, '26ba, assistant to the president, commented as he witnessed the presentations: "Good going—and the magazine is competing in some swift company when it faces the publications of the leading Universities and Colleges of America." We modestly think that Mr. Cate **should know**, for he was the able editor of *O.U. Alumni Publications* who years ago breathed new life into *SOONER MAGAZINE* and brought it into its first national spotlight!

The Range Rider remarked as he was called forward to receive the certificate: "It's growing to be a tradition for *SOONER MAGAZINE* to receive national recognition, but it's also a tradition that through the special efforts of the whole staff, by enthusiasm and hard work, we continue to work in 'swift company' and via its pages do a lot of Riding the Sooner Range"



DR. H. V. THORNTON, '22ba, '29ma . . .
Directed Boys' State, '47

Boys' State Again Is Success; Alumni, Students Contribute

Twenty-four alumni and seven students contributed greatly to the success of the Oklahoma Boys' State, sponsored by the American Legion and held on the University's South Campus from June 7 to 14.

Dr. H. V. Thornton, '22ba, '29ma, Norman, professor of government of the University, served as director of the boys' activities. Other alumni members of the administrative staff were James Robinson, '32ba, '32law, Tahlequah, director of publicity; R. Boyd Gunning, '37ba, '37law, Norman, executive officer; Dr. James O. Hood, '29bs, '31med, Norman, medical officer; Leslie Thomason, '36ba, '39ma, Oklahoma City, Americanization officer, and Clee Fitzgerald, Caddo, student in government at the University, military officer.

Other members of the staff who did not attend the University are David Fudge, Oklahoma City, executive counselor; L. B. Peak, Sulphur, educational director; Rev. H. H. Tyler, Anadarko, chaplain; Paul Keen, Norman, Athletic director; Sibyl Maricle, Oklahoma City, secretary, and Mrs. L. B. Peak, Sulphur, assistant secretary.

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The Cover

The beautiful Oklahoma Memorial Union Building, where the student spends his carefree hours and the alumnus happily visits old school friends, provides this impressive cover shot.

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