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The Cover

Majestic white pillars, spacious lawns and colorful flower gardens combine to make The White House, home of the president of O. U., a beautiful Norman landmark.

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Riding the Sooner Range

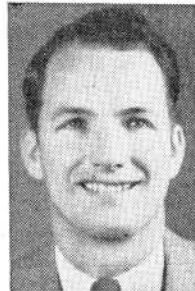
BY TED BEAIRD

(Editor's note: Once again the Range Rider is hard at work in his Union Building office, despite the torrid Oklahoma weather to which he returned from his visits with alumni groups throughout the Pacific Northwest and West Coast sections. Even now his voice streaks west over long-distance telephone wires requesting pictures taken at alumni gatherings and other information that we hope will make his September Range column one of the best yet.

When Charles Ward, journalism senior and special correspondent for the Daily Oklahoman and Oklahoma City Times, commented in one of his articles that "Ted Beard is off on another range tour," he meant just that. For when the Range Rider was not gazing down on the Rockies during his 10,000-mile airplane trek, he was visiting hundreds of alumni. To acquaint you with some of the experiences you may expect to hear about in Mr. Beard's September column, here is more of what Mr. Ward had to say in his news story:

"Ted Beard, executive secretary-manager of the University of Oklahoma Alumni Association, is off on another 10,000-mile jaunt.

"The alumni secretary, who averages traveling 40,000 miles a year, to keep up with the university's more than 75,000 alumni, left by air Wednesday (July 2) for Denver, first step in a series of visits to alumni clubs throughout the west.



CHARLES WARD

From Denver, Beard will go to Pendleton, Oregon, where he served as commanding officer of the training center of the army air field during the war. There he will speak at the annual July 4 celebration sponsored by veterans organizations of the city.

"On July 6, Beard will meet with the 16 O. U. alumni at Spokane. At noon the following day, he will speak at a luncheon at Washington State Teachers College at Cheney, where WALTER W. ISLE, an O.U. alumnus, ('15ba) is president. In an afternoon session he will address a meeting of the public relations department of the college. Beard will meet with President Isle, five members of his administrative staff and the 12 Executive Board members of the Washington College alumni organization in an evening conference, for the purpose of redrafting their constitution and by-laws and modernizing their Alumni Association.

"Tuesday will find the O.U. goodwill ambassador in Seattle, where he will speak at a meeting of the newly formed alumni club. He will then visit the University of Nevada at Reno, where another O.U. alumnus, DR. JOHN O. MOSELEY, ('16ma.)

former head of the O.U. department of Latin, is president. Beard will speak at an open air meeting on the Nevada campus Wednesday night.

"At noon Thursday, he will address a meeting of Reno civic organizations. That night he will speak at a meeting of the Sacramento, California, American Legion post.

"In San Francisco, Beard will attend a meeting of the American Alumni Council July 11 and 12. On Sunday, July 13, he will aid in the organization of an alumni club for the 276 Sooners within a 35-mile radius of San Francisco.

"O.U.'s traveling alumni secretary will move to Los Angeles Monday for a visit with the alumni club there. The organization with 496 members is considered one of the strongest alumni groups in the nation.

"Beard will address civic organizations at San Bernardino at noon Tuesday, and will leave for Norman that night.

"Gov. Roy J. Turner informed Beard of his appointment as an honorary colonel on his staff just before his departure for the tour."—[J.H.]

TED BEAIRD'S AUGUST 'RANGE'

Yes, it takes time to assemble "photographic exhibits," attendance records, and to secure from the various points of the Northwest and the West Coast, notes on the hundreds of alumni that we were privileged to visit "enroute and on tour" some 20 days ago. In due course of time (we hope by time for the deadline for September issue of *Sooner Magazine*) all those materials will be in from the faithful Sooners, the prexies, the vice-prexies, the boards of directors, and others, so that we may reacquaint you with your hundreds of friends—beginning at AMARILLO, TEXAS, on to DENVER, COLORADO; BOISE, IDAHO; PENDLETON, OREGON; SPOKANE, CHENEY and SEATTLE, WASHINGTON; on to the University of Nevada, (RENO), SACRAMENTO, SAN FRANCISCO and LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA. We hope that the word pictures will be produced in due course of time, accompanied by suitable "art work" showing "receding hairlines" and "added bulges."

While waiting for all the faithfuls to produce their materials and get them to our desk, let's take a glance on home feelings and doings, opinions and comments on Sooner alumnus and Sooner alums-to-be, as they trickle across the desk here in alumni headquarters in early August, 1947.

Out PULLMAN, WASHINGTON, way this morning, one of O.U.'s most popular professors, namely DR. CORTEZ A. M. EWING, director of the school of citizenship and public affairs here on this campus, is speaking in his characteristic vigorous manner before the members of the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development of the National Education association. Below is the news release that has just clicked over the wires from PULLMAN, WASHINGTON. To his thousands of former students (now alumni scattered to the four corners) this news release will be of special interest. Here 'tíz:

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"The nation's secondary schools are not effective institutions for teaching good citizenship," Dr. Cortez A. M. Ewing, director of the school of citizenship and public affairs, said here in a speech before members of the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development of the National Education Association.

"Dr. Ewing is visiting instructor in political science for the summer session at Washington State University.

"Speaking on 'Educating Youth for World Citizenship,' he said, 'Adult education is much better for securing good citizenship because adults face the problems, and high school pupils must study for problems which they will not face for some 20 years.'

"Dr. Ewing said the term 'world citizenship' is misleading because there exists no world government or political unit of which to be a citizen, and there seems no prospect of any such world organization in the foreseeable future.

"The United Nations, he stated, is simply a debating society doomed to failure because it has not been delegated the power necessary to support its decisions.

"Citizenship should not be determined by scholastic ability, aristocratic principles or the number of times a man takes a bath, Dr. Ewing stated. 'The worker with the honest smell of sweat about him is often the best type of citizen.'

"Many problems now face Americans which are not readily solved by traditional practices and procedures he told the group, citing as an example legislators trying to understand nuclear energy and to carve out a new place for America in international affairs from their limited understanding.

"Education to secure intelligent political participation of the electorate is essential to good citizenship in a democracy," he asserted, 'but teachers emphasize obedience too much. Some of America's greatest figures were men who dared to be disobedient to authority.'

"Other governments in the world are becoming more efficient, he pointed out, and our legislators must be better trained and democracy must become more efficient.

"We need to distinguish between collectivism and sovietism," Dr. Ewing declared. 'Sovietism springs from Moscow while collectivism has been spreading over Europe for the past 50 years and cannot be stopped by such means as backing a decadent monarchy in Greece.'

So much for the news release from PULLMAN, WASHINGTON!

Fifteen steps over from the Oklahoma Memorial Union Building, Editor Joe Fleming of the *Oklahoma Daily* in his column, "Across from the Union Tower," has this comment to offer on probable enrollment, problems in finance, plus the recently adopted fee system on the part of the State Board of Regents of Higher Education:

"A few weeks ago President Cross estimated that the fall enrollment would probably be 'Around 11,000.'

"On the basis of inquiries from students," he said, 'the enrollment might possibly reach 12,000.' He pointed out that the problem of handling this record enrollment is not one of housing or classroom space as it was last year when 9,800 students were enrolled.

"The big question mark now is the hiring of new faculty members to replace those who have resigned.

"More than 600 professors are needed to staff an enrollment of 11 or 12,000. While the desired student-teacher ratio is 15 to 1, indications at present are that it will be 27 to 1 this fall.

"It's a problem of finances. The university's original request for \$5,729,500 was pared to \$4,520,475. Of that amount 3,367,000 was appropriated by the legislature and the rest is to be made up from university income.

"Even with the appropriation, the income from the veterans administration, the non-resident fee and the now \$48 (maximum) general fee, the total will fall short a few hundred thousand dollars of the original amount requested.

"The university will spend \$2,639,885 on salaries next year. The maximum professorial salary is about equivalent to the lowest median salary of

\$4,600 of the average midwestern university, while the highest median professorial salary (\$6,900) in those schools is far above O.U.'s maximum.

"This means that the university will do well to keep its present faculty and it will be even more difficult to replace top-notch professors who have resigned during the past year.

"It is almost a hopeless task when other states can offer college graduates with no experience \$3,000 a year for teaching in primary grades and the university can offer members of its faculty little more.

"Can Oklahoma afford to spend more than \$10 millions of its \$113 millions tax collections for higher education?

"It can ill-afford to offer substandard education in the guise of a free education.—J. F."

That's it—that's what Editor Fleming said this morning!

Thirty-two steps out the back door of the Union, from the commanding general's headquarters (President Cross' office) has been issued a statement dealing with the Sooner fee hike. The President's statement to the press which, of course, will be of interest to thousands of parents, as well as students reads as follows:

"The University's \$48 general student fee adopted recently by the state regents of higher education probably will assure Oklahoma's sons and daughters a university-level education rather than a less-advanced college status.

"This is the explanation of Dr. George L. Cross, University president, who Saturday partially explained the general fee which this autumn will replace the present system of collecting funds for individual courses. The University president emphasized, however, that many of the details of the recent action by the state regents 'are still a mystery to me.'

"I am neither defending or attacking the general student fee," Dr. Cross explained Saturday. 'But many people have asked me to explain just where this money and the state appropriation will be used.'

"Dr. Cross said the \$48 general fee is expected to give the University a total operating budget for the present year of \$5,729,500, the amount of the original budget submitted by O.U. officials nearly a year ago. This original budget, however, was pared to a total of \$4,808,908, including state appropriated funds and income from student fees.

"If we had had to plan to hold our expenditures for the current fiscal year to \$4,808,908," Dr. Cross asserted, 'the University would have offered its students a low college level of training. I personally favor the operation of a school from state appropriated funds, but to maintain a university level of training and insure the students a real higher education, I believe the \$48 fee is justified.'

"Dr. Cross pointed out that he is not critical of the last Legislature's appropriation to the University.

"The Legislature and the state regents gave us a million dollars more than we had ever received before," the University administrator explained. 'At the same time, however, something has happened to college education—money is being spent in this field at an amazing pace.'

"Ohio State University recently was voted \$23 millions to train a student body approximately twice as large as the University's. At the same time, according to figures released by Dr. Cross, Ohio State will receive more than four times as much for education as the University.

"Schools such as Ohio State, the University of Texas and many other institutions can offer professors tempting salary inducements,' the president said.

"At the present time, he continued, the lowest median professorial salary at a group of midwestern schools is \$4,600, which is the top income for University professors, except for a small handpicked

group of specialists.

"The highest median for this same group of schools is \$6,900, far above the salary we pay our specialists," Dr. Cross asserted. 'In the past few years we have managed to give our faculty members substantial raises. While we were giving these raises many schools maintained or widened the gap,' Dr. Cross explained. 'Therefore, from a general faculty standpoint, the University is worse off now than it was prior to 1940.'

"Dr. Cross took partial exception to this by pointing out that the University has managed in some instances, to retain key educators and to build competent staffs around his nucleus.

"When University authorities submitted the biennium budget to the state regents last summer, they requested \$5,729,500 for 1947-48. The state regents, according to Dr. Cross, were unable to approve this figure but requested \$5,017,000, which would include \$3,367,000 in Legislature-appropriated funds.

"The Legislature trimmed its appropriation to \$2,639,885 and the final budget figure for the current fiscal year was left at \$4,808,908, nearly a million dollars less than sought.

"Whether or not the \$48 general fee, which will be collected from all regularly enrolled students, will include an athletic ticket, yearbook and other special activities, is not known, according to Dr. Cross. He said the state regents probably would meet late this month to clarify the fee schedule announced recently.

"The \$120 non-resident tuition fee probably will not keep many out-of-state students from enrolling this autumn, Dr. Cross said. He reported few cancellations of reservations from out-of-state students."

And that's what "Prexie" George said to the press representative this morning!

Something a little different—yes, different news, still flashing out from the news hound headquarters (the *Oklahoma Daily*) dealing with our Joe—that is, our Joe that *wuz*, namely JOE GOLDING. It was a clever headline. The journalist that wrote it said, "Three Josephs Make a Crowd in Golding Clan." The story? Well, here 'tix:

"Joe is a crowd in the Golding family, especially with three menfolk (papa and two sons) answering to that name.

"Mama Golding of the Eufaula Goldings liked Papa Joseph's name so well that in trying to be impartial to two sons, she promptly christened one Joseph Griffin Golding, Jr., after papa, and the other Joseph Lester Golding (no Jr.).

"Whether a 'Hey, Joe' would start a stampede at the Golding home is unknown but it certainly started the *Daily* sports crew jumping when only a few short weeks after Joe Golding (of Soonerland fame) had signed a five figure pro contract with the Boston Yanks, another Joe Golding cropped up in the morning papers as a newly elected head coach for the Wichita Falls, Texas, High School.

"Some research on the subject revealed the strange fondness for a guy named Joe in the Golding family."

That's it—that's the yarn on Joes!

Forty-seven steps out the side door of the Union over to the field house and the athletic department headquarters comes an excellent story this morning on CHARLIE COE. Sooners all over know of Charlie Coe. (For information and interest of those who have not met him, via the written page and radio, Charlie Coe is an ARDMORE boy and, as the kids say, a "wicked golfer.") Here in the University he is classified as sophomore in the College of Business Administration, and the story this morning answers the question "Is Charlie Coe Material for Walker Cup Match?"

"How about Sooner Charley Coe for the Walker Cup team this year?"

"The slender deadpan from Ardmore won and was medalist of the Broadmoor invitational meet at Colorado Springs, Colorado, won the Trans-Mississippi at Wichita, Kansas, and was a semi-finalist in the National collegiate this season.

"Last year he was Big Six champ, finalist at Broadmoor and placed third in the national collegiate.

"Consistency is Coe's strength. He's long and straight off the tee, sharp around the greens and



DR. CROSS

has developed into one of the best putters among the nation's amateurs. He plays every shot with a cool, methodical calculation of a judge sizing up the cows at a livestock show.

"Coe is a great stretch performer," says Bruce Drake, university golf coach. "He shot five birdies on the last 11 holes in the finals at Broadmoor Sunday, and against Babe Lind of Denver University in the quarterfinals of the national collegiate he birdied five of the last seven holes to win one up."

"Coe has two more years of eligibility at Norman, but he will play only one more season of collegiate golf since he graduates in business next spring.

"Charlie's latest triumph came in the finals at Broadmoor Sunday when he outlasted John Craft, 6 and 5, for the crown that had eluded him the year before.

"Walker Cup play is between picked amateur teams of the United States and Great Britain, and the lanky Ardmoreite should certainly be considered when the U.S. delegation is selected."

That it—the Sooner hope for the Walker Cup!

Now read this ticker-tape as it clicks in via OKLAHOMA CITY from ENID on a Sooner gang:

"Coach JACK BAER, '42bs, and four members of Oklahoma's 1947 baseball team, Big Six and NCAA Fifth District champions, helped power the Enid, Oklahoma, Cardinals to the state semi-pro title at Enid recently.

"BAER, catching for the Cards, collected four hits in the championship game, an 18-3 flogging of the Stillwater Boomers. JIMMY MITCHELL, Sooner second-baseman, LOUIS EUBANKS, Sooner shortstop, and ELTON DAVIS and JACK VENABLE, Sooner pitchers, all played for Enid."

That's it—that's what those Sooner baseball lads accomplished!

And, you will enjoy this summary report on O.U. national competition, via the Big Six—"Join the Oklahoma Sooners and go to a national meet."

"That could be the slogan at Norman since nine different Sooner athletic teams, after winning the Big Six conference all-sports title in a romp, were sent into national competition.

"Since the university competes in only nine sports, that's batting 1.000 percent!

"The Oklahoma football team defeated North Carolina State 34-13 in the Gator Bowl, the basketball team was finalist in the NCAA tournament, the crosscountry team placed ninth in the NCAA meet at East Lansing, Michigan, the wrestling team was fifth at Urbana-Champaign, Illinois, the golf team was sixth at Ann Arbor, Michigan, the tennis team competed in the NCAA at Los Angeles, the swimming team in the National AAU at Tyler, Texas, the track team in the National AAU at Lincoln, Nebraska, and the baseball team in the NCAA meet at Denver, Colorado."

And "Mitch" is making Sooner strides! Read this one: "From the Oklahoma campus to the Cleveland Indians of the American League is the amazing saga of DALE MITCHELL, '43, former Sooner outfielder from CLOUD CHIEF, OKLAHOMA.

"Now all Oklahoma (and Sooner baseball fans all over) jumps out of bed to look at the sports pages and see what DALE did in yesterday's game.

"Leading off for Manager Lou Boudreau's Indians, Mitchell is currently hitting just under .330 and has only Joe DiMaggio of New York, Boudreau and Ted Williams of Boston ahead of him in the American league batting race.

"Last year Mitchell hit .507 for the Sooners, highest average made in 50 years of baseball here, then switched to Oklahoma City where he led the Texas league in hitting. At Cleveland this year he hit consecutively in 22 games to tie Johnny Mize's major league rookie record."

So—we conclude this August, 1947, Riding of the Sooner Range by listing the *success story* of an O.U. chap who has been doing a lot of fancy and effective gallopin's (through the channels of fine arts) on O.U.'s campus these past 33 years!! It's the announcement of the elevation of PAUL S. CARPENTER to the deanship of the College of Fine Arts. Here are the news lines as of six a.m. today:

"If Paul S. Carpenter, director of the university school of music, did not have a full time schedule

before, he does now since he has accepted his appointment as dean of the College of Fine Arts.

"The position was vacated by LEWIS S. SALTER, '12bm, '17ba, who asked to be relieved of the deanship last June to return to the status of professor.

"Dean Carpenter will continue to serve as director of the School of Music until a successor is selected. In addition to directing the school of music, Dean Carpenter has been conducting the university symphony orchestra and directing the string quartet and trio.

"In 1938 Dean Carpenter established the annual festival of American music at O.U. This festival has been held annually, except for the war years. The festival was created as a forum for living American composers.



PAUL CARPENTER

"At present Dean Carpenter is also working on a book which he is writing under a grant from the Rockefeller foundation. The title of the book is *Music, an Art and a Business*.

"In accepting the appointment Dean Carpenter said, 'I'm very pleased and gratified that I have been selected.'"

"Dean Carpenter is a graduate of the Combs Conservatory of Music, Philadelphia, and was an undergraduate student of Henry Schradieck, who was concert master of the Gewandhouse orchestra of Leipzig for many years.

"He has also studied theory with Dr. Hugh Clarke, director of theoretical studies at the University of Pennsylvania.

"He has also studied post-graduate work with Guillaume Remy, director of the Classe Massart of the Nationale Conservatoire of France, a school that has a roster of successful graduates, such as Carl Flesch, and Fritz Kreisler.

"Dean Carpenter began his career at O.U. in 1914 when he came to the university as an instructor in violin. He became director of the School of Music in September, 1946. For several years he was chairman of the department of applied music and theory.

"A member of the American Legion, he served as a lieutenant in the infantry during World War I. After his discharge in 1919, he returned to his post on the university faculty.

"Active in state music circles, Dean Carpenter has served as state chairman of the Oklahoma Federated Music clubs in orchestra and chamber music.

"He is a member of the National Association of Schools of Music, National Association of Music Executives in State Universities and Music Educators National conference.

"His fraternal affiliations include Phi Mu Alpha and Kappa Alpha."

There (above) is recorded the lowdown—the latest in news flashes dealing with dozens of your friends and associates. Come September, new trails will open and items will be listed about "doin's and things," as we continue Riding the Sooner Range.

Correspondence . . .

Former 'Sooner' Editor Reports

"U.S. Fleet Sonar School,
San Diego, California.

"Dear Mr. Beaird,

"I've only been away from O.U. about two months, but I surely do miss my old haunting ground.

"Can you send me a copy of the May and June *Sooners*? I've enclosed a down payment to start me off toward a life membership in the University of Oklahoma Association.

"Although I'm living at the Sonar School Bachelor Officers' Quarters, I'm taking combat information center training at a school on Point Loma, a few miles from here. In C.I.C. school, I'm learning the fundamentals of shipborne radar operations as well as the dissemination and co-ordination of all information necessary to maneuver a ship and fire her guns.

"I'll finish my six-weeks training around August 8 and will report aboard the heavy cruiser, Columbus. I've met some of the officers and crew from the Columbus, and they're a swell bunch of fellows.

"Just before I left (Mr. Souris was editor of *Sooner Magazine* before being graduated in June), you told me I'd be running into Sooners wherever I went. Surely hope I keep up my 'battin' average.' So far I've met Ensign C. F. 'Smokey' Martin, '46, and Mrs. Martin (Wanda McKeag, '46); Ensign Tommy Jo Lambertson, '46, and Mrs. Lambertson, '47; and B. J. Hansen, '46, and Mrs. Hansen (Dorothy Lee Hemphill, '46). I also met Mrs. Earl James, formerly Barbara Marshall, '45. Mr. James received an engineering degree from O.U. in '45. Ensign Paul Baker, '46, is living in San Diego, so 'Smokey' tells us, but I haven't run across him as yet.

"Give my regards to Jess Heck, Billie Tidwell, Mrs. Turnbull, Thellys Gill ('47bus) and the rest of the Alumni Office 'hired hands.'

"Sincerely, Ensign George Souris ('47ba)."

Joel Buchanan Takes Dallas Job

Dallas, Texas

"Dear Mr. Beaird:

"No doubt you may have wondered what had become of me since our last telephone conversation almost nine months ago. I am very sorry that I've been so tardy about writing, but perhaps the remainder of the letter will offer a partial explanation.

"To begin with, let me say that I certainly hated to miss the opportunity of seeing you here in Dallas on the 27th of May, but I was out of town that week and didn't know about the 'get-together' until it was all over. Surely hope that they have another in the not too distant future.

"I received my long-overdue Master's Degree from the School of Business in February and came to work for Ben E. Keith Company here in Dallas the 28th of March. This company is the wholesale Birdseye distributor for all of North Texas, and the possibilities for the future are unlimited. I've spent most of the past three months getting a foundation, and I mean to tell you that I started on the bottom—slinging cases. For the past month I have been shifting from one job to another while the different employees are taking their vacations, and of course that has also been very valuable experience.

"If, and when, you are in Dallas, I should appreciate it if you would give me a ring so that we can arrange a 'get-together' of our own. In the meantime if there is anything I can do for you here, just say the word.

"Yours truly, Joel F. Buchanan, Jr., '42bus."

Vern Bone With Arkansas Paper

"Magnolia, Arkansas

"Dear Mr. Beaird:

"Since I'm now an Arkansawyer of almost a month, I guess it's about time I renewed contacts with Oklahoma.

"I like the job fine. There are enough O.U. grads here to make me feel right at home. Besides Ray and Mrs. Kimball, there are Eleanor Thomson, who graduated with me, and Jimmy Humphrey, who used to be quite a wheel in the back shop of the *Daily*. He's Mrs. Kimball's brother and foreman of the back shop here. Calvin Mannen, a former Union fountain dishwasher, is advertising manager at DeQueen. I feel right at home except that I miss that little white trailer by the stadium. For about the first two weeks we would have given gladly \$50 per month rent for it.

"We now have a fairly nice apartment, and everybody says we're lucky. I know that it pays to work for a newspaper! You read the want-ads before anyone else gets a chance!

"I've become a member of the Lion's Club and

have already played in a softball game against some of your Rotary boys. Beat 'em too. Also had a sore right arm for a while.

"There's a big department store educational program that I must carry out before I start increasing the lineage here.

"Sincerely, Vernon (Red) Bone, '47ba."

McWilliams Studies Theology

Berkeley, California

"Dear Sir:

"Now, to bring you up-to-date on my activities, I shall mention a few items. During the past year, I attended the Church Divinity School of the Pacific (Episcopal), Berkeley. At the present, I am attending the summer session of the seminary. Later this summer, I shall work among the farm migrant laborers in the Modesto, California, area. In September, I shall return to the Divinity School for my second year of study.

"I always read your magazine from cover to cover; it reminds me of a letter from home. The news for the various graduating classes is particularly interesting.

"Perhaps you will be able to mention in the magazine something concerning the organization of an alumni club in this area. There are a number of Sooners now living here.

"Sincerely, Milton McWilliams, Jr., '42ba."

A Mindanao Surprise

(This account appears as it was told by Keith Bennett, business administration junior from Tonkawa, to Jess Heck, Sooner editor.)

It was in December 1945 that I met Angel S. Arabiran. I was a second lieutenant in the Army on Mindanao in the Philippine Islands and had been sent from Manila to Cotabato Province as a real estate officer for the chief of engineers.

Our duties were to pay damages and rent owed by the United States government to private citizens of the province. This was after the Americans had chased the Japs off the island.

My first job was to find the best lawyer in the area to handle our property claims cases, so I went



KEITH BENNETT

directly to the governor of the province for advice. A fat, almost black Moro chieftain, he unhesitatingly recommended "Judge" Arabiran.

I found the latter in the devastated city of Cotabato, capital of the province. A short, slender and youthful looking Filipino, Arabiran was dressed in immaculate, white linen trousers and shirt. The air was sticky and smothering. He appeared to be very cool; but I was mighty hot.

Arabiran from the start was friendly and cooperative. He was largely responsible for the early construction of our headquarters in Cotabato. A few days after my arrival there, he and I were conversing leisurely after completing work on some construction plans. I was talking when Arabiran interrupted:

"Say, you don't happen to be from Oklahoma, do you?"

His question caught me completely off guard. I didn't say anything for a moment.

"You do have a western accent," he added.

I must have taken his perfect American-English for granted without realizing that he must have picked it up somewhere in the States. I recovered from my surprise at his unexpected question to tell him that my home is in Tonkawa, and, that surely enough, it is in Oklahoma.

It was then he told me he was graduated from the University of Oklahoma in 1921 with a law degree. We both were elated that we had found someone to talk to who was familiar with the

Sooner state. I explained that I was enrolled in the University in 1944 when the Army interrupted.

A regular bull session ensued. Arabiran, I remember, asked about a lot of his former classmates and teachers at the University. I can recall three he mentioned: J. C. Monnet, one of his law professors; Wilbur Cartwright and Josh Lee. There were others, too.

He was delighted to learn that the engineer-lawyer feud still exists on the campus.

Then we began exchanging war experiences. His sounded like thrilling storybook material. Arabiran recounted how his home and those of other Cotabatoans were destroyed by the retreating American troops in 1942 so that invading Japanese could not utilize the city. With his family and friends he fled to the wild, hilly country of the province. There, in the primitive village of Dulawan, they were cared for by friendly but backward native Moros.

The Arabirans took but few things with them to Dulawan. The "Judge" said they took a piano for the children, the family silver and his 1921 O.U. yearbook—and that was about all. Previously he had hurriedly buried his valuable lawbooks and school records near Cotabato. When he unearthed them three years later, they were in perfect shape, still wrapped in their special covering prepared by the Moros.

The Japanese controlled what was left of Cotabato until the spring of 1945 when U.S. bombs ran them out. The Japs had started to rebuild the city, but both the yellow men and the town were wiped out during the American invasion of that area later in 1945.

Following the American victory in the Far East, Cotabato citizens left their frugal existence in the hills, and the process of rebuilding started again, but slowly. This time the only interference was a scarcity of essential building materials.

While in hiding during the war, Arabiran became interested in cock fighting. That provided the principal diversion for Moros and refugees alike. Now that the war's over, he's well-known throughout Mindanao both as a lawyer and rooster trainer. Every morning and evening he massages his nine roosters' legs with wine to strengthen their muscles. Several times while I was there he won purses as high as 300 pesos in cock fights. His warring birds participated somewhere every Sunday and holiday. And they have many, many holidays!

Other favorite sports are monkey, crocodile and boar hunting. I went with him several times on these excursions. I never killed but one monkey, and that was enough. They cry like babies when they're hit. To most Filipinos they provide a palatable dish.

I was closely associated with Arabiran, his wife, who is very beautiful, their teen-age son and two young daughters from December 1945 until July 1946, when I left the Philippines. In that time I had discovered that the "Judge" is one of the most important men in his country. His law practice is widespread, and he is a very influential political figure.

One of the things he liked to talk most about was Oklahoma winters. He remarked once quite seriously that he longed to walk through a snow-storm again. Listening to their father tell stories about blizzards and snowmen that American children build is a favorite pastime of his offspring, he commented.

He said, too, that he wants to visit the United States again but not before his new home is built and conditions on the island have returned to normal. He hopes to be able to send his son, 16, to O.U. after he is graduated from Cotabato High School in a year or two.

When I left Cotabato a year ago prior to returning to the states in the fall, the Arabiran family was living in a picturesque thatch house. But they were optimistically awaiting the time when materials would be available so they could rebuild on the foundation of their war-destroyed home.

Enrollment in the University of Oklahoma graduate college this summer tops that of the 1946 total by 28 with 835 students taking advanced work during the present semester.

Paul Miller Resigns AP Post

Paul Miller, '30, former Oklahoma newspaperman and since 1943 assistant general manager of The Associated Press in charge of the Washington bureau, resigned his post August 1. He has joined the Gannett newspaper organization.

Miller began his press career as Norman correspondent for the *Daily Oklahoman* and *Oklahoma City Times*. He will have an executive position with the Gannett organization, with headquarters in Rochester, New York. The concern includes 21 newspapers and seven radio stations in the east.

Miller's successor as chief of the Washington AP bureau is Relman Morin, who has been the bureau chief in Paris.

Miller studied journalism at the University before accepting a job as assistant publicity director at Oklahoma A. & M. College in 1931.

He joined The Associated Press in Oklahoma City in 1932. From here he was transferred to Columbus, Ohio. Since that time he has served in many capacities for the newsgathering organizations, holding posts in Kansas City, Salt Lake City, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, Philadelphia and New York City.

In 1942 he was named head of AP feature service, and in the same year became chief of the Washington bureau.

New O.U. Fees Not So High

How does O.U.'s new standard fee of \$48 per semester compare with the fees charged by the universities of other states?

A survey by Leo M. Chamberlain, vice-president of the University of Kentucky, published in the July 19 issue of *School and Society*, gives a partial answer to that question.

Mr. Chamberlain's study covered 61 state universities and land grant schools, including 19 from the south and southwest.

Fees assessed against resident students ranged from \$30 to \$391 per school year of two semesters or three quarters. The median fee was \$108 per school year, \$12 more than O.U.'s \$96 for two semesters.

The median figure means that as many schools charged more than \$108 as charged below that amount.

One-fourth of the 16 schools charged less than \$83 per year. Another one-fourth charged more than \$140. The median for the 19 schools in the south and southwest is \$141.

Only 13 of the institutions have increased their resident fees since July 1, 1945.

In regard to out-of-state assessments, the survey showed that only two schools have assessments on a reciprocal basis.

These have no fixed fee, but charged an out-of-state student what an in-state person would be charged if the situation were reversed.

Of the remaining 59 schools, the out-of-state tuitions range from \$101 to \$473 per school year. The median is \$253. One-fourth have a tuition less than \$185. Another one-fourth charge more than \$351 per school year, as contrasted to O.U.'s \$240 for two semesters.

The median for 17 institutions in the south and southwest is \$313. Twenty-two of the 61 schools have increased their non-resident fees since July 1, 1945. The median increase was 50 per cent.

Distribution of the July bulletin of WNAD, University of Oklahoma broadcasting station, is scheduled to reach approximately 10,000 copies, according to John W. Dunn, station director. Dunn said it is believed the bulletin has the largest circulation of any issued by an educational radio station.