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O.U.'s outstanding senior man and woman senior for the 1947-48 school year, Bette Yarger, Madill, and Charles Ward, Heber Springs, Arkansas, receive congratulations from Charles B. Duffy (left), newly elected president of the Oklahoma Dads Association, and Joe Looney, retiring president. For additional details see stories on pages 20 and 26.

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# Riding the Sooner Range

By TED BEAIRD

**Editor's Note:** The Riding of the Sooner Range was covered over a new "avenue" for this November issue of Sooner Magazine. In this month's column, from a special view recording of the homecoming broadcast you will find an excellent summary of the 1947 reunion activities and re-meet many of your old friends who returned to the O. U. campus for this annual event.

FRANK BAKER: Ladies and gentlemen, this is Frank Baker of WNAD—"The Voice of Soonerland"—speaking to you from the second floor lounge of the Oklahoma Memorial Union Building here on the main campus of Oklahoma University. A lot of the O. U. ex's and grads have come back to the campus today to see the great football game here this afternoon. Now, they are flooding in and will meet a lot of their old friends of years gone by here in the Union. They are milling around in the lounge and out in the halls of the Union—in fact, overflowing the place. In just a few moments we are going to present to you TED BEAIRD, the Executive Secretary-Manager of the University of Oklahoma Alumni Association, for an interview with some of these ex's, so keep listening, because if you haven't been fortunate enough to get here today, you may be able to meet some of your old friends here over the airways.

We've seen a great game here this afternoon. We've had a great day all the way through. This morning we saw a colorful and clever parade put on by the fraternities and sororities and other organizations here on the campus, that took place at about 10:15, and then this afternoon we saw a very good football game in which the Oklahoma Sooners trampled over the Iowa State Cyclones. And now, ladies and gentlemen, here is TED BEAIRD by my side to take over the microphone and interview for you some of the ex's who are with us this evening. So, Ted, it is all yours.

TED BEAIRD: Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen. As the boys have told you, at the beginning of this broadcast, a special recording is being made for the Alumni Clubs throughout the country. We are broadcasting through the facilities of the University radio station, WNAD, and a "wire recording" is being made by an alumni group miles from here so that we can take the recording out to the O. U. alumni clubs throughout the country.

This morning the annual Executive Board meeting of the Association was held. General HAL MULDRON, '28bus, being called out on Army maneuvers, the Board was handled in all of its deliberations by the first vice president, GRADY D. HARRIS, '18, of Alex. The first man we are going to hear from on this alumni Homecoming broadcast this afternoon, in a summary of some of the highlights of the morning's activities in the Executive Board meetings, with some 57 past presidents, president of the University, president of the Board of Regents, president of the Dad's Association and the Executive Board itself in session, is

Grady D. Harris, of Alex. Take 'er away, Mr. "Prexy"!

GRADY D. HARRIS: We had a wonderful meeting this morning. Had a nice address by President George Cross of the University, who gave us some of the future plans of the University, some of the needs. Also had a nice talk from LLOYD NOBLE, '21, president of the Board of Regents, and other fine discussions. One of the main things brought out in the Executive Board meeting was the future possibility of the Texas-Oklahoma football game, being played in Dallas each year. A resolution was passed requesting that this game be cancelled if possible and be played in Texas and Oklahoma—if possible, to change the contract to be played in the towns of both schools, that is, AUSTIN, TEXAS and NORMAN. We hope something can be worked out because the majority of the people in Oklahoma and the Alumni Association feel that this game should not be played in Dallas any more.

BEAIRD: Thank you very much, Grady. I don't know whether the announcers gave you the big results of the afternoon or not. Did you give the score on the game this afternoon?

FRANK BAKER: No sir, I didn't, Mr. Beaird. Would you like me to give them?

BEAIRD: Go ahead and give them a summary.

FRANK: All right. I had to leave before the game was over in order to get here for this broadcast, but when I left I believe the score was 27-9.

BEAIRD: Thank you very much. The next gentleman, an alumnus visiting here this afternoon who has been in on all of today's activities, is J. PHIL BURNS, '27ba, of FAIRVIEW. Phil is district governor of Rotary 124, the Oklahoma District. He is down today, throwing away Rotary cares and all other cares! Phil, what have you enjoyed in the way of some of your old friends and the activities of the biggest Homecoming O. U. has ever had in this 1947 Homecoming session?

J. PHIL BURNS: Well, Ted, it has been a gala occasion. I have seen most of my old friends whom I knew here in school, and I certainly wish all of the grads and the former alumni could have been here. We are in the Student Union Building now, enjoying delicious coffee and doughnuts that have been served to us, free. We are having a lot of fellowship. We certainly wish that you were here.

BEAIRD: Thank you very much, Phil Burns. The next alumnus that comes in is from OBERLIN, OHIO. A boy that I would like to have tell some of the early-day activities of 1916-17—BUT we cannot "air that!" My side-kick and my associate as a

kid in the University, JACK FROST, '26ba. Jack, come in.

**JACK FROST:** Thank you, Ted. It has been grand being back here, 21 years after leaving O. U. It was grand to see that football game this afternoon. And, it was much nicer to see O. U. win. It made the Homecoming worthwhile. Though we can't see quite as many of the old faces back here, I am certainly not disappointed. There are so many new buildings and things, the old place doesn't look quite like it once did, but it's a grand place still. Thank you, Ted.

**BEAIRD:** Thank you very kindly, Jack. We are glad to have you back down here from Ohio way. And now, ladies and gentlemen, a southwestern Oklahoma product and an alumnus of the early twenties now in WASHINGTON officially, but back today with all Washington cares thrown away, **HARRY WIMBERLY**, '24ba, formerly of the Board of Regents of the University, and at the present time on the Federal Power Commission. Commissioner Harry Wimberly. Harry, what year did you leave this school?

**HARRY WIMBERLY:** Ted, I left in 1924. Officially I am still a resident of the state of Oklahoma, and officially, and unofficially, and with all my heart, I am prouder of the University of Oklahoma today than ever before. Coming down here and seeing the tremendous activity that is going on and realizing that at this time there are over 12,000 students in the University of Oklahoma certainly makes one proud. But at the same time it places upon the state and upon every friend and every graduate and every former student of the University a greater responsibility than ever before. If this University goes forward, which it will and which it must, it is going to have to receive greater assistance, greater appropriations, from the state, and that is going to be an essential undertaking of every friend of the University, to see that this institution does get the necessary aid and appropriations. This institution, the University of Oklahoma, is one of the greatest assets of the state, and we must keep forever at it, to build it so it can take its place in the greater things that are ahead for Oklahoma. It has been a great pleasure to be here, Ted.

**BEAIRD:** Thank you, Harry. And now, ladies and gentlemen, we want to present the coming alumnus of the year, the gentleman who just one week ago was honored as one of the two outstanding seniors among our student body. I refer to the young gentleman who received the Dad's Day award as the outstanding man senior of the University of Oklahoma. He is steeped in journalism and is soon going out to fill his place in the alumni ranks of the University of Oklahoma—**CHARLIE WARD**, of Arkansas. Charlie, take it away.

**CHARLES WARD:** Thanks a lot. It's swell to be here and it just thrills me to see all the fellows who have gone out and made good come back. I am anxious to get to Washington to see Wimberly

and some of the others up there. It is really swell to see all of these old students come back.

**BEAIRD:** And of course, you will be in Washington on the 10th to the 15th inclusive with five other University of Oklahoma student members of Sigma Delta Chi at your National Convention; and the University of Oklahoma Alumni Club in "the District" will take care of that gang while in the nation's capital. And now, from up Michigan way, a man who had a great deal to do with the Detroit-O. U. game in Detroit this year, I present **EARL BARTHOLOMEW**, '21ba, '22eng, '23 eng, of Ann Arbor. The home town is Ann Arbor, is it not, Earl?

**EARL BARTHOLOMEW:** No, Birmingham, Michigan—really Detroit.

**BEAIRD:** Birmingham. I'm sorry. Earl, take it away.

**EARL:** It is always a pleasure to come back to Oklahoma. It's the real home. I am particularly gratified, coming back here at this time, to see so much building activity around. Particularly this fine new building that the Institute of Research is putting up. I am particularly interested in research; that is my line. We feel that the hope of the world and of Oklahoma resides in research. Thank you very much, Ted.

**BEAIRD:** Thank you very kindly, Earl Bartholomew. Earl, what was your year? What year did you graduate?

**EARL:** Well, first in 1921.

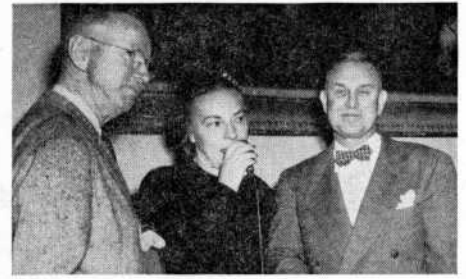
**BEAIRD:** 1921. Of course, that is the class of all classes. (Beaird, '21ba—J.H.) **COL. FRANK CLECKLER** is back today, class of '21, and I have seen dozens of others. We are glad to have you '21 boys back. And now, we take you to an alumnus who is visiting here this afternoon, who resides in the city of CHICAGO. He is down on the campus today for the 1947 Homecoming activities, **IVIN RICHARDSON**, '17ba, of Chicago.

**IVIN RICHARDSON:** Thank you very much, Ted Beaird. It is indeed a pleasure to be here. As past president of the O. U. Alumni Club of New York City, it is a great pleasure to be back here on the campus. I think it is a great service to all of the alumni in getting together and organizing various groups throughout the United States. We have a grand bunch in Chicago, and it's really a pleasure to be back here with you. Here you are, Ted.

**BEAIRD:** Thank you very kindly, Ivin. Glad to have you back. And now **DEAN D. B. R. JOHNSON**, '18ma, of the School of Pharmacy, has some of his fine men back for this Homecoming activity and I am going to ask the Dean to introduce these gentlemen and also to give the years that they were here in school, and what they have observed from the standpoint of Homecoming activity in 1947.

**DEAN JOHNSON:** I am glad to introduce to you, **HUGH KIDD**, who is now from **AMARILLO, TEXAS**. He graduated in 1938. Hugh Kidd.

**HUGH KIDD:** We had a lot of fun out at the game today, and we sure are glad to be here to see the Dean and all the rest of the old faculty, also the



Here are three alumni who were on hand at Homecoming time. Left to right, Mort Woods, '13, Ardmore; Kitty Shanklin Rountree, '23ba, Oklahoma City, and Boyd Koepke, '21, St. Louis, Missouri.

Acacia Fraternity. We certainly enjoyed the banquet that they had last night. Everything has been a lot of fun.

**DEAN JOHNSON:** I want to introduce to you another one of the boys who just came back from flying a B-29 from Tokyo—**WALTER SCHEFFE**, '39pharm.

**WALTER SCHEFFE:** Well, the activities here this evening are very fine. It was a nice game—Oklahoma University won. It's a good thing to come back and see the people with whom you went to school. It has certainly been a wonderful Homecoming. Thank you, Dean.

**DEAN JOHNSON:** I want to introduce to you a young man by the name of **MAC A. TRACY**, who graduated in 1909. He is now in Dallas, Texas.

**TRACY:** Good evening. Not Dick Tracy. Came up to see the game today and found Oklahoma on top as usual.

**BEAIRD:** And now, coming through the doors into the broadcast booth here in the Lounge, is a lady who has been the real "spark" behind University of Oklahoma alumni activities in Oklahoma City for several years, **KITTY SHANKLIN ROUNTREE**, '23ba, who is here with her husband, Dr. Charles Rountree, and the two sons of the household for activities of this Homecoming day. Kitty, you are the rose among all these thorns. Namely, you are the only lady that has been invited to participate in this informal interview during the radio period. How about greetings from up the capital city way?

**KITTY SHANKLIN ROUNTREE:** I extend greetings from the Oklahoma City alumni secretary and I want to tell you that we always enjoy having you in Oklahoma City for the pre-Homecoming festivities.

**BEAIRD:** Thank you kindly, Kitty. And now, the old sage of the South, **MORT WOOD**, of **ARDMORE**. And your year was what, '01; '00, or OH?

**MORT WOOD:** Oh, not so long ago.

**BEAIRD:** Mort Wood, of Ardmore.

**MORT WOOD:** I would like to give you greetings from the illustrious class of 1913. The one from which I did not graduate! But I should have. Got interested in farming, you know, and since this is not a cow college, I deserted it after a couple of years. At Homecoming time I always come back regularly and enjoy it immensely. Thank you.

**BEAIRD:** Thank you kindly, Mort. And now, another of the '21 boys, **BOYD KOEPKE**, of **DALLAS, TEXAS**, and points north, south, east and west. Boyd, that's right, isn't it, '21?

**BOYD KOEPKE:** That's right.

**BEAIRD:** Give them a greeting from Dallas and the other territories you cover.

**BOYD KOEPKE:** Greetings from Boyd Koepke from the alumni group of Dallas, Texas, a city to which I recently moved from St. Louis, Missouri. I graduated in 1921 in the petroleum engineering school and it has always been a great thrill to find myself on the territory close enough to Oklahoma where I could get down to see a Homecoming game, and today has really been a thriller. Oklahoma performed very well and it was a great pleasure to be up here for the game and to see so many of our friends here at the Union Building this evening.



Sooners got a chance to tryout their speaking voices over the air at Homecoming. At the "mike" in this picture is Harry Wimberly, '24ba, Washington, D. C. Others are, left to right, Earl Bartholomew, '21ba, '22eng, '23eng, Birmingham, Michigan; Ivin Richardson, '17ba, of New York and Chicago, and Charles Ward, student, who earlier was named outstanding senior man student at O. U. for the 1947-48 school year.

BEAIRD: Thank you, Boyd. Thank you, Mort, and thank you, Kitty Shanklin Rountree. I believe, during the course of the afternoon, that we have picked up several of the classes that you will be interested in, in this special recording and broadcast that we are making for alumni throughout the country at the present time. The class of 1919 has not had its representative around here and just now RANDELL COBB of OKLAHOMA CITY, class of 1919, appears on the scene. So, Randell Cobb, take it over!

RANDELL COBB: I have enjoyed the day very much, we have had a fine football game. It was fine because we were here and saw the game and we won the game, so we aren't disappointed. And, I convey greetings from the class of 1919. Thank you.

BEAIRD: Thank you, Randell Cobb. Now, to my right and to my left, more than 1,000 alumni are participating in hot coffee and doughnuts. Ever increasing crowds are filling the entire foyer, the Woodruff Room, and the Lounge Room of the Oklahoma Memorial Union on the campus of the University of Oklahoma. As we stated to you at the beginning of this broadcast, a special recording is being made and will be taken out to the various clubs out over the country in the immediate future. This, along with the color motion picture films, gives a special "back on the campus" touch to the alumni sessions in all sections of the country. And now, a visiting Judge! Presenting JUDGE RUTHERFORD BRETT, class of '20 and '22.

JUDGE RUTHERFORD BRETT: Hello, class of 1922 law, A. B., 1920. Great game, great crowd, great reception.

BEAIRD: Thank you. And now, stepping over to the class of 1925, Dean Johnson, introduce this alumnus.

DEAN JOHNSON: This is ALLEN HEARD, '25pharm, who is now from Tulia, Texas, and Vernon, Texas. Allan, come in.

ALLAN HEARD: A very happy day to attend this nice game. My first time back for Homecoming since '25. I am indeed glad to be here and say hello to the class of '25.

BEAIRD: Thank you very much Allan. Glad to have you here at this particular time. Now today's activities are drawing close to a close, and so are the activities that began on Thursday night here with the most mammoth pep rally that the student body of this institution has ever staged. I am sorry that I cannot bring you greetings from the President of the University of Oklahoma. I have been with the gentleman all afternoon, most of the afternoon in his box on a cold, dreary, rainy day. He was in no condition to be out watching a football game this afternoon, so he has retired to his home with a severe cold. But, I do bring you the greetings that he extended through me to you. And now, we are going to turn this particular section over to the greetings of another distinguished alumnus, a chap who is not only a graduate of this University but a former Dean of the Law School and is now associated with us in the city of Norman as citizen-alumnus, JOHN HERVEY. John, what is your year, I have forgotten.

JOHN HERVEY: Class of 1925.

BEAIRD: Bring the greetings, will you?

JOHN HERVEY: Hello, everybody. You ought to be here. We have had a grand football game. We've got a gloriously decorated hall and an audience of alumni who have gone out of this institution since, what year, Ted, '92?

BEAIRD: Since '92.

JOHN: '92. And we send greetings and we wish that you were here, one and all.

BEAIRD: Thank you, John. And now, I am turning the microphone back to the staff announcer of WNAD. We have enjoyed being with you this thirty minutes and we will see you out there in various spots of America while we are Riding the Sooner Range!

FRANK BAKER: Thank you, Ted Beaird. WNAD signing off—5:59 CST!

Dr. C. C. Rister, history professor at the University, is writing a history of oil in the southwest.

## Correspondence . . .

### Wanted: Reunion in Japan—

Yokohama, Japan

Dear Ted:

Greetings as I start a 30 months assignment with Military Government over here.

If you have any simple way of locating the name of people with addresses of APO 343 (Yokohama, 503 (also Yokohama) or 500 (Tokyo), I'll try to see what can be done to get them together.

My family is parked in Norman with Vic, Jr., a fine arts freshman. I hope to bring them over next year.

I'll write more later, after I find out what this is all about over here.

Sincerely, Lt. Col. Victor C. Searle, '28ba, '29ms.

### Indiana Alums, Sound Off!

Bloomfield, Indiana

"Dear Mr. Beaird:

"I seem to be the only Sooner graduate in or near this part of Indiana; if there is any other I have never heard a peep from him. Since the death of my brother, Dr. W. P. Haseman, I have more or less lost touch with Oklahoma U. His daughter, Marthena, lives in this county, not far from our old homestead, but of course as you know she is not a Sooner grad.

"As for myself, I have been in Bloomfield since 1920. I have worked in my husband's law office since 1922, and for the past ten or 12 years have taken over all the abstracting of land titles. So, maybe you think I haven't had a workout the past two or three years!

"I would almost be afraid to come back to Norman. You see, after my graduation in 1913, I did not return to the campus until 1925, and I could not even find the house where I lived three years with my brother! I found the street and was able to count the steps from the Spoonholder to our front door (or what once had been our front door) but nothing looked familiar. Dean Buchahan had lived across the street from us, but I could not even find his house. The old president's house was down on the corner to the east, but I could not even identify it. If Norman had changed that much in the first 12 years after my graduation, I feel quite sure that after 34 years I would not even be able to find the street leading to the University.

"Each fall during football season my youngest brother, who is now the county agricultural agent (he was graduated from Missouri University in

1917) and I have great sport listening to the O.U.-Missouri tilts, and we each can stir up quite a bit of enthusiasm for our respective alma maters, almost as much as we did when we were still in school! Something seems to get in your blood at school, something even better than vitamin which has to be replenished each today, that is much akin to family relationship. It never runs out nor entirely dries up.

"I hope, however, to get back to the campus sometime before I have to have a guardian to look after me or have to come on a pair of crutches, and I hope to meet on the front library steps and chat with Helen Holtzschue, Deborah Haines, Shorty Toberman and a few more of the old-timers.

"Sincerely, Bertha A. Crane (Mrs. J. Clyde Crane) '13ba."

### Sooner 'Sleuths' Succeed—

518 Greenwood Street  
Evanston, Illinois

Dear Sir,

I am quite confident that it's people like me that lead to gray hairs. It has taken no less than six notices to get my dues paid. I am pleased to note that your super sleuths have tracked me down to Chicago. Up to this point it has taken me some weeks to receive my magazines; but I made no effort to let you know our address, since I couldn't find one on the park bench that has been our home for some time.

Now, however, we are established, we hope, for a few months anyway. What I would like to know most of all is how I can get in touch with the Oklahoma Alumni group here in Chicago. I have met several O. U. grads, but none were informed about any organized group, and I feel sure there must be one.

It will be good to be among some Oklahomans again. Ever since I married a Yankee husband, we have been on the East coast where we have attended numerous football games, reunions, etc., but all at William and Mary, which is his alma mater. That's all very well, but when I started saying "ouht" and "about" I said it was time for us to head west.

Thanks for being so patient with my slowness, and thanks for putting out such a good magazine. It brings me much more than \$3 worth of pleasure.

Sincerely, Margaret Prock Pettet, '42h.ec.

Dr. Leonard Logan, director of the University of Oklahoma Community Development Institute, is aiding the Little River Valley Association in plans for construction of flood control dams on Little River.



These three alums provided a study in facial expressions as they participated in the Homecoming broadcast over WNAD. Not asleep, just meditating, is J. Phil Burns, '27ba, of Fairview (left). And Grady D. Harris, '18, (right) isn't scared; instead he is alert, ready to catch his on-the-air cue from Frank Baker (center), WNAD announcer.