

Few O.U. Cadets Don't Know Charlie Miller, The Candy Man

Few students have been enrolled in the University R.O.T.C. during the last 18 years without knowing Charlie Miller. Perhaps they never knew him by name, but they remember him as the stocky little guy with the big black cigar who sold cokes in front of the Armory.

Charlie's been at it for 18 years. He pushed his cart out in front of the Armory in the Fall of '29, and has missed few school days since, rain or shine, being on hand to sell apples, candy, ice cream and cokes to students between classes.

He attributes his long tenure as a salesman at the same location to his honor system. When he is open for business, a pile of change is placed on top of his stand. Students pick out what they want and make their own change.

His motto is "If you're broke, buy at Charlie's." He brags that if a student can't pay when he buys, he can leave his money at the stand next day, next week or next month—no books are kept.

Yes, Charlie agrees that such practice may have cost him at times, but he puffs his cigar, grins, and boasts, "Why I'm still here, ain't I?"

A veteran of World War I, Charlie has since supported a family of four boys and one daughter. At the present time his favorite football player is 190-pound Vincent "Muscles" Miller, his 18-year-old son. Vincent, a 5-foot, 10½-inch right tackle, is on the Norman team. He is a high school junior and is looking forward to playing on the University squad as a 6-foot, 240-pounder.

Charlie says he made the most money at his stand just before the war started. During the war he found himself keeping his stand closed a few hours each day while he drove around to different wholesalers, begging them for a box or two of candy to sell to the Army and Navy students in training at the University. Since the war his business has picked up tremendously and he gets about as much stuff as he can sell, but sells hardly as much as he sold immediately prior to the war.

When asked about why he has never raised the price of a nickel candy bar to six cents as most stores have done, Charlie replied, "These students have treated me right and kept me in business for 18 years, so I'm not gonna run the prices up on 'em."

8. Harly Day	21	24	19	67
9. Paul Merchant	30	23	19	65
10. Bob Jones	21	14	17	45

This quintet of last year's reserves and Courty will largely comprise the Oklahoma team of 1947-48. Behind them Drake is giving close attention to Douglas Lynn, 6-8 freshman center of 1945 who is back from service, Wayne Speegle, a 1947 sub who scored six points last season and Don Leake, Jim Terrell, Jack Hughes, Elton Davis and Keith Miller from last campaign's B squad.

Willard Douglas, '08 Football Standout at O. U., Succumbs

Word has just reached the Sooner campus of the death October 22 of Willard Douglas, Oklahoma tackle of 40 years ago, who in 1908 single-handed gained 220 net yards rushing against Texas on the potent tackle-around play Bennie Owen used in those days.

Douglas, an electrician, died suddenly of a heart attack at his home in Ponca City and was buried at Nash, his old home.

Douglas played in all of Oklahoma's 50 to 0 overwhelming of Texas at Norman in 1908, record score of the Texas-Oklahoma series although touchdowns counted only five points then and the game was called midway of the fourth quarter because of darkness and cold.

He and Ralph Campbell of Edmond, Coach Bennie Owen's famous tackles of 1908, together made 401 net yards rushing and scored four touchdowns against Texas on the tackle-around play that bitterly cold afternoon. And on the last play of the game when Dyer, Texas' fast back, was loose, big Douglas chased him 90 yards and threw him on the five-yard line where Oklahoma's great line of that year dug in and held Texas for downs, saving the 50-0 shutout.

Owen used Douglas to bring out the tackle pass in 1908, three years after the forward pass was created and legalized. Against Kansas State that



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year the Sooner left end backed up a step, putting Douglas aside, and none of the Wildcat players bothered to cover him as he trotted into the end zone and fielded Fred Capshaw's pass for the first Oklahoma touchdown of a 33-4 rout.

Few of Oklahoma's great 1908 linesmen are left. Ralph Campbell died of influenza in 1918, Center Roy Campbell died in a tractor accident on his farm near Wellston two years ago, End Claude Pickard, Guard Porter English and Center Cleve Thompson have all been dead for years while Jimmy Nairn, sub quarter and Tulsa attorney, died last year.

Still surviving are Guard and Captain Key Wolf, now in the government Indian school service; End Vernon Walling, now a Wichita, Kansas, lumberman; Quarterback Earle Radcliffe, a west coast newspaperman; Capshaw, in the oil business in Indiana; Halfback Hugh Roberts, Norman postal employee; Halfback Charley Wantland, in the oil well supply business and still making his home at Edmond, and Fullback Charley Armstrong, Oklahoma rancher and stockman.

State School Heads Meet at O. U.

The Association of School Administrators of the Oklahoma Education Association met for the fall conference Saturday, October 25 on the campus of the University of Oklahoma.

There were more than 500 school administrators present, representing 486 communities of the state.

Paul Allen, '36ma, president of the association, presided at the conference. Arnold E. Joyal, dean of the College of Education, and John E. Fellows, dean of admissions and records and professor of education, appeared on the program.

During the afternoon the group attended the University of Oklahoma vs. Texas Christian University football game at Owen Field.

Mrs. George L. Cross was hostess at a reception during the morning for the wives of the school administrators.

Dr. George L. Cross, president of the University of Oklahoma, is a native of South Dakota. He came to Norman in 1934 as an assistant professor of botany and ten years later was named president.

Sooner Sports

Basketballs Are in the Air

Development of a scoring offense is only one of many problems that faces Coach Bruce Drake as he grooms the new Oklahoma basketball team for its opener here December 1 with Southern Methodist University of Dallas.

Drake has lost four out of the five top scorers on the Oklahoma team that last year won the Big Six championship and defeated St. Louis university's Missouri Valley champions, Oregon State's Pacific Coast champions and Texas's Southwest conference champions on its way to runner-up honors in the nation.

Last year the top of the Sooner individual scoring table looked like this at the close of the long 31-game season:

	G	Fg	Ft	Pts.
1. Gerald Tucker	31	111	103	325
2. Paul Courty	31	90	66	246
3. Dick Reich	31	84	73	241
4. Allie Paine	30	58	57	173
5. Jack Landon	31	57	51	165

However the Sooners have lost all these stars save Courty. Tucker and Reich are playing with Phillips 66's national AAU champions of Bartlesville. Paine and Landon are in professional basketball.

Drake retains the bottom half of the first ten scorers from last year who finished as follows:

	G	Fg	Ft	Pts.
6 Bill Waters	29	46	24	116
7. Kenneth Pryor	29	40	18	98



University R. O. T. C. cadets gather around Charlie Miller, popular "candy man" on the O.U. campus.