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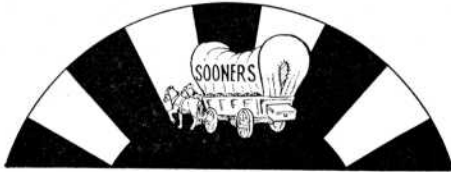
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## The Cover

Dr. Roy T. House, editor of *Books Abroad*, recently celebrated his 70th birthday. On the cover he is shown browsing through a back issue of the publication which has helped put O. U. on the map internationally.

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## Riding the Sooner Range

By TED BEARD

This month—commencement month of June, 1948—we take you in a gallop over the trails of the Sooner Range via special broadcast over WNAD on Sunday afternoon, May 30, when representatives of the Reunion Classes of 1948 from all sections of the country were assembled in the Oklahoma Memorial Union Building. Here is what the radio announcer said in introducing dozens of these prominent Sooner alumni:

"And, on this Memorial Day of 1948 (Sunday, May 30), reunion classes have returned from all sections of the country. For weeks, yes, months, planning has been under way leading up to this hour. This afternoon they are here in the Oklahoma Memorial Union on O. U.'s campus, representing the Classes of 1898, 1903, 1908, 1913, 1918, 1923, 1928, 1933, 1938, 1943, and 1948.

"Beginning with the class of 1898, which, incidentally, is here near 100 per cent of all living members, celebrating their golden anniversary (whatta span of years—they graduated 50 years ago!!). The other classes at five-year intervals are mixing and mingling in the crowds and enjoying their reunion activities.

"Among the prominent alumni here today is the first graduate of the University of Oklahoma, JUDGE C. ROSS HUME, '98ba, '00ma, who, 50 years ago, represented "the graduating class" of the University of Oklahoma. Judge Hume is an attorney and resides at ANADARKO, OKLAHOMA. Incidentally, he is chairman of the reunion committee of the 1898 class here today. Another prominent figure mixing and mingling with the class of 1898 this afternoon is MRS. GRACE KING MAGUIRE, one of the first "music teachers" on the O. U. campus. Mrs. Maguire lives in NORMAN. DR. EDWIN DEBARR, for a number of years a staff member of the University and at one time vice-president of the institution, is visiting with the class of '98 today. Dr. DeBarr resides in NORMAN.

"Forty-four years ago this afternoon, a young graduate of the University was elected President of the O. U. Alumni Association; that man is DR. ROY P. STOOPS, '98ba, a practicing physician of OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA. Dr. Stoops is here today enjoying the reunion of the class of '98 and participating in many commencement activities. This is his first visitation to the campus in many, many years.

"Yes, there are other '98ers here these 50 years after (or soon will arrive) including JAMES L. FREEMAN, '98pharm., of TONKAWA, WILLIAM HENRY McCUTCHEM, '98pharm., of OKLAHOMA CITY, ROBERT F. SNAPP, '98 pharm., of ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO, and EDMOND S. NORRIS, '98pharm., of PAWNEE, OKLAHOMA.

"But let's take a hurried shift to other reunion classes and find what other Sooners are participating in the events of the day.

"SAMUEL AMBRISTER, '08ba, of NORMAN, is here with his fellow colleagues this afternoon. MRS. LENA CORN KEATOR, '08ba, of OKLAHOMA CITY, and MRS. PEARL HUTCHINS PENDERGRAFT, '08ba, who resides at LAWTON, have been observed in the foyer of the Union. HARRY A. GAGE, '08ba, who resides in PAULS VALLEY has reported to the registration desk. MILTON M. MAYNARD, '08ba, who is connected with Monmouth College in MONMOUTH, ILLINOIS, has arrived and is participating in the activities. ERRETT R. NEWBY, '07bm, '08ba, prominent OKLAHOMA CITY official and state leader, is here with his class of '08. ED HARRIS, '08ba, of NORMAN, is here much in evidence with all of the Harris "in family," life members of the O. U. Alumni Association. It is believed that Ed's family, due to his interest in the University, holds more life memberships in the Alumni Association than any other Sooner family, while the gentleman travelling a great distance from 'Down South', FRANK M. LONG, '08ba, of ROANOKE, VIRGINIA, is here enjoying his many friends.

"BESS COLEMAN TAYLOR, '23ba, from AUSTIN, TEXAS, is here with her entire family. RUTH FOREMAN UPDEGRAFF, '28ba, '40ma, has just been observed talking to friends. Mrs. Updegraff's home is in NORMAN. Over in another section, FORREST "DUTCH" DARROUGH, '21ba, '23 law, and GARRETT LOGAN, '23law, both of TULSA, two members of the class of 1923, are chatting with friends, while Senator JIM RINEHART, '23law, of EL RENO, prominent in Oklahoma legislative affairs as well as other state functions, is very much in evidence. Other '23 alumni assembled are: LLOYD L. SMITH, '23law, from MUSKOGEE, OKLAHOMA; HARRY F. CHILDERS, '23eng, KANSAS CITY, KANSAS; ELBERT PIPER, '23ba, AVARD, OKLAHOMA, and JOHN F. WILKINSON, '23ba, prominent Sooner graduate, past president of the St. Louis O. U. Club, and banker of ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI.

"Yes, there are many, many other reunionites in the Union Building this special afternoon. Let's take a rapid survey and check other visitors and their years. Just to mention a mere few—we have noted registrations of: AL DRAKE, '28bus, of KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI; MRS. MARILYN STEEN BRANHAM, '43mus, from PLAINVIEW, TEXAS, who is visiting with numerous friends. These, plus hundreds of others, are participating in the events of the hour while out over the nation and world representatives of the more than 75,000 alumni of the University of Oklahoma are active in every walk of life.

"Yes, out over the nation (and world-wide) these Sooner Alums are stationed. Shall we do a few moments of checking a limited number of spots where Sooners hold forth while awaiting the opening of the next event on the Reunion Class