

Same Bud -- Different Locale

BY MAX GILSTRAP, '37JOURN, STAFF MEMBER, CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR

Editor's note: Max Gilstrap, author of this yarn about the organization of the Charter Alumni Club of Boston, is a former staff member of the University. During World War II, Max was editor of Stars and Stripes in the European Theater of Operation during the combat period in that theater. Following V. E. Day, he was flown to Tokyo where he assumed editorship of Stars and Stripes with the Army of Occupation in Japan.

Bud Wilkinson has done it again!

Ye Olde Boston hasn't seen so much excitement since the famous tea party. This capital of the bean and cod will never be the same again.

Oklahoma's genial football coach—fresh from triumphs on the West Coast—has breezed into town, met with 50 Sooners from these parts, and has left another spankin' new Alumni Club throbbing with enthusiasm.

It all started when Range Ridin' Ted Beaird, energetic executive secretary-manager of the University of Oklahoma Association, squinted an eye Bostonward and flashed a signal: "Bud Wilkinson is coming!"

Receiving the message at their home in a Boston suburb, Tully Nettleton, '23journ, and Ruth (Sprague) Nettleton, '26ba, set out, a la Paul Revere, to alert and lasso every Sooner for miles around for a super-duper get-together. Ruth and Tully, characteristically, succeeded.

Famed Bud was a big enough drawing card for any Sooner shindig. But Tully said it was to be Bud—plus movies of last year's crucial Oklahoma-Missouri football game—plus entertainment and refreshments. So the Sooners—always eager, especially in New England, for an excuse to get together—began to flock into the spacious Nettleton home at Waban, Massachusetts.

Ringling Brothers couldn't have organized a better show. Tully and Ruth had planned everything with precision right down to having nattily dressed son Neil tend to the parking of cars. They met the guests warmly at the door then turned them over to Zilpha Gilstrap (wife of Max Gilstrap) who introduced them around to fellow Sooners.

"Fer gosh sakes, this cain't be Streeter Stuart of '36! You ole son of a gun. I hear you're announcing at WBZ in Boston. Well, well, well . . . Fredericka Feldman, don't tell me! How did you wander off way back here? Hi Max, can you still make with the whistle? . . . Oh Henry—Henry Peek! What's this I've been hearing about that double set of twins? . . . So this is Mrs. Robert Harper. I've been wondering what Bob's wife would be like. Hmhmhm! . . .

Hey Tully, how's about getting Bud to talk to us! . . ."

At this point Max Gilstrap, former ranger-naturalist in the West, entertained with some whistling, accompanied at the piano by Zilpha. Then affable Bud Wilkinson took over and the party began to roll like an Oklahoma team up the field.

Bud said he had been teaching at a coaching school over at Springfield, Massachusetts. Ted Beaird had urged him to hop over to see the alumni in this vicinity at the first opportunity. And this was it.

Bud, a football star with many honors, may have been a Minnesotan up until two years ago, but he is every drop a Sooner now. As he told modestly of O.U.'s fine football record under his tutelage; of the recent changes that have taken place at the University—new buildings, doubled enrollment, etc.—it became evident why the alma mater sends him out.

One wife summed up the general impression Oklahoma's popular coach and athletics director made on the group when she arrived home after the party:

"If Bud Wilkinson is representative of the people who are continuing to guide the students at O.U., we can be sure they are in good hands."

Bud's comments were crisp, cogent and humorous during his movie showing of the Oklahoma-Missouri football game. He left no doubt of his skill as a football tactician. Several of his stories, in fact, revealed a person whose sense of fair play and ideals make him more than merely a successful winner of football games. His kind of talk and example are the permanent stuff which help young men build character.

After O.U. trounced Missouri 21 to 12 in the movies, the party turned to the election of officers of the new O.U. Club.

Officers elected were:

President: Max K. Gilstrap, '37journ, staff member of *The Christian Science Monitor*.

Vice-president: Robert W. Danielson, '43 bus, assistant to the dean of the Graduate School of Business Administration, Harvard University.

Secretary-treasurer: Marilyn Hoffman, '45journ, secretary to the woman's editor, *The Christian Science Monitor*.

A committee appointed to plan the by-laws of the new organization, included Fredericka (Ravin) Feldman, '36journ, and G. B. "Bub" Fulton, '22Law, Boston.

Streeter Stuart, '32ba, '36ma, announcer for Boston's big radio station WBZ, both

for radio and television programs, was appointed to head an entertainment committee for succeeding meetings. Future gatherings will be held quarterly with the next one scheduled at the home of Mrs. Feldman and her husband, Sol, in Lynn on the evening of Saturday, November 13.

Undoubtedly, one of the most enjoyable parts of the meeting was the chit chat carried on by the Sooners after the business meeting when groups swapped reminiscences while enjoying Ruth Nettleton's bountiful spread of cookies and iced punch.

Wilfred (Wif) Coleman, '38eng, sales engineer of General Electric, chatted with Mrs. Elizabeth (Patton) Du Bois, '39fa, about her 40-mile drive over to the meeting from Worcester. Elaine Anderson, '46 journ, newest Sooner graduate, told of her fling at free lance writing after graduation and of her new work in the advertising department of *The Christian Science Monitor* in Boston.

With William E. Bennett, '23ba, of Lexington, came his sister Mrs. Teresa Bennett Fulton, '28ba, and her husband "Bub" Fulton. The Fultons have lately moved to Boston from Los Angeles. Their son James is at Milton Academy getting ready to attend Radcliffe.

Loy L. Long, '25ba, from the Foreign Missions office in Boston spoke of a return to India this fall to do some social work . . . Rev. John K. Montgomery, '21ba, of the Fisk Memorial Methodist Church, Natick, was telling about his 25th wedding anniversary scheduled on August 15th . . .

There was Mrs. J. S. Ewing, '12-'13, (Maude Staedlin at O.U.) formerly of Medford, Oklahoma, now of Dallas, talking to her daughter, Mrs. (Barbara Jean Ewing) Danielson, '43bs. Mrs. Ewing, from the oldest graduating class represented, said that Oklahoma always has one rooter "on the other side" when the football team comes to Dallas to play.

Lawrence Galasso, '43bs, from Monson was congratulated for the longest drive to the meeting—about 80 miles. He is working on turbo jet engines with United Aircraft in Hartford, Connecticut.

Additional Sooners who registered on Tully and Ruth's guest book included:

Robert R. Cunningham, '44eng, (and wife), Beacon Hill, Boston; Mrs. Jenny (Levy) Breedveld, '24ba, (and husband), Jamaica Plain; John D. Matthews, '42bs,

(Continued on page 29)



1



2



3



4



5

The Boston Story

1. Max Gilstrap, '37journ, is the new prexy of the Boston area O.U. Alumni Club.

2. Left to right, Tully Nettleton, '23journ; Mrs. Nettleton (Ruth Sprague Nettleton, '26ba), and Bud Wilkinson, Sooner coach, in the entranceway of the Nettleton's Waban, Massachusetts, home.

3. Newly elected officers of the Boston Club are left to right, Robert W. Danielson, '43bus, Boston, vice-president; Miss Marilyn Hoffman, '45journ, Boston, secretary-treasurer, and Max K. Gilstrap, '37journ, Newton Highlands, president.

4. The youngest alumna present at the Boston clan-gathering was Miss Elaine Anderson, '46journ, while Mrs. Maude Staedelin Ewing, '12-'13, Dallas, Texas, was a member of the earliest class represented.

5. Posed for the *Sooner* camera are members of the newly chartered Boston Alumni Club. First row seated from left to right—Streeter Stuart, '32ba, '36ma; Max Gilstrap, '37journ; Mrs. Zilpha Gilstrap; Tully Nettleton, '23journ; John D. Mathews, '42bs; Samuel Yaffe; William E. Bennett, '23ba, and Lawrence J. Galasso, '43bs.

Second row—Mrs. Merle M. Stuart; Mrs. Fredricka Ravin Feldman, '36journ; Mrs. Teresa Bennett Fulton, '28ba; Mrs. Barbara Jean Ewing Danielson, '43bs; Mrs. Marilyn Millard Harper, '44ba;

(Continued on page 29)

the University, Miss Alexander was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

Ledbetter—

(Continued from page 14)

includes seven regular army enlisted men—four master sergeants, two technical sergeants and one buck sergeant.

Unusual in these crowded times is the emphasis O.M.A. places upon "individual instruction" for cadets. Under school rules no class can have a larger enrollment than 25 cadets.

"This fact alone allows the teacher to give individual instruction to each cadet," Ledbetter explains. "This also accounts for the very high scholastic rating attained by O.M.A."

Reams could be written about Captain Ledbetter and O.M.A. Ledbetter's principle interest is in seeing that O.M.A. lives up to its aim—"You send us a boy—we send you a man."

IMAGE IS NOT AVAILABLE ONLINE DUE TO COPYRIGHT RESTRICTIONS.

A paper copy of this issue is available at call number LH 1 .06S6 in Bizzell Memorial Library.

Bud—

(Continued from page 8)

(and wife), Cambridge; Mrs. Jane L. Keddy, '33ba, Wakefield; Mrs. Rosemary (Hudson) Fitzgerald, '36ba, Cambridge; Mrs. Elizabeth (Patton) Du Bois (and husband), North Reading.

Alice Darner, '45fa, Boston; Marian Wright Radavich, '40ba, '42ma, (and husband), Boston; Robert S. Harper, '41ba, and wife (Marilyn Millard) Harper, '44ba, Somerville; Henry Lawrence Peck, '36eng, (and wife), Hyde Park; Mrs. Samuel (Ella Lee) Yaffe, '30ba, (and husband), of Brockton; Edward Gill, '40-41, Brookline; Dr. Morris E. Katz, '40bs, '41med, (and wife), of Malden; and Joseph H. Strain, '43, Suffolk University, Boston.

Boston—

(Continued from page 9)

Mrs. Maude Staedelin Ewing, '12-'13; Mrs. Marian Wright Radavich, '40ba, '42ma, and Mrs. Ruth Sprague Nettleton, '26ba.

Third row—Alice Darner, '45fa; Mrs. Ella Lee Yaffe, '30ba; Mrs. Jenny Levy Breedveld, '24ba; Mrs. Mary W. Peck; Mrs. Jane L. Keddy, '33ba; Mrs. Rosemary Hudson Fitzgerald, '36ba; Elaine Anderson, '46journ; Marilyn Hoffman, '45journ, and Mrs. Morris E. Katz.

Fourth row—Robert W. Danielson, '43bus; G. B. Fulton, '22Law; Robert S. Harper, '41ba; Henry L. Peck, '36eng; W. G. Coleman, '38eng; Edward Gill, '40-41; Robert R. Cunningham, '44eng, and Dr. Morris E. Katz, '40bs, '41med.

Hal Muldrow, Jr.

'28

Insurance of all Kinds
Bonds

Security National Bank Bldg.

Norman