

Correspondence . . .

Faculty Exchange
Norman, Oklahoma

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San Francisco, California

Dear Mr. Crites:

Excuse this delayed letter. My son (David Ray Johnson, '41-'42) listened to you tell the stories of Virginia City and we went through that whole country, Yosemite Valley and over the road that you described. We really had a wonderful time. In fact, many of those things we would have missed entirely had we not had that nice lunch with you and your wife while we were in San Francisco. You will never know just how much we appreciated it and the information you gave us. It opened a new field of thought to San Francisco and also that barren country where the gold was found.

The one thing I didn't like while I was on my trip was those switch-backs down the road after you left Yosemite to get down into the valley. But those queer lakes out there in the desert, a patch of water and sagebrush almost up to the rim.

We enjoyed our stay there in San Francisco and with my son having been stationed there and with a motorcycle I think we learned more in the few days there than the same period of time I ever spent in my life.

Though it's wonderful out there, I still like Oklahoma. If you're ever back this way, remember now that I'm living in Norman, have plenty of room, you're welcome, both you and your wife. Don't forget us and thanks a million for the nice time you showed us while we were there with you.

D. B. R. Johnson, '18ma, Dean, School of Pharmacy.

(Editor's note: Reed Crites, '36Law, is president of the newly chartered O.U. Alumni Club in San Francisco. While Dean Johnson was visiting in San Francisco recently, Reed and Mrs. Crites showed his party what Sooner hospitality is away from the campus).

New York, N. Y.

Dear Ted:

I am really sorry I missed you while I was in Norman, but I am glad to hear that you landed such a substantial advertising contract which I presume is for the *Sooner Magazine*.

Dr. Cross and Mr. Kraettli (Emil R. Kraettli, '18) took me all over the campus, and then we flew above the campus in the new plane the University has acquired. This was quite a thrill for me as well as my sister-in-law, Frances Parker, and my niece, Ruth Jane Parker, O.U. student, who were with me. I would like Ruth Jane to know you for she is doing very well at the University and she participates in a number of campus activities. I understand she is to teach a course in economics at the University this fall.

I spoke to Dr. Cross about the possibility of taking some slides or motion pictures of the campus which could be prepared, together with a statement, and shown at the various alumni meetings throughout the world. I understood him to say that the University now has a photography department that may be able to take care of this project. You who have been at the University, except possibly for the hard work, do not realize what a terrific change has taken place there, even in the short length of time I have been away.

With best regards, Sincerely, Robert H. Parker, '34ba.

Edmond, Oklahoma.

Dear Ted:

The *Sooner Magazine* for September is the best copy of any college magazine which I have seen, in my opinion. The front cover picture, showing two white men eagerly learning from a man of darker color, is equal to hours of sermons and tons of editorial print in many pulpits and journals. The cartoon, the article on the Boston chapter, that about the "King of Queens," and the President's story about the poor sports who cannot understand that competition, the life of football, also plays an important part in the scarcity of 50-yard line tickets—all these were good.

The picture of future fraternity men in Holmberg Hall, learning that fraternities are joined only on invitation, and other facts of life, shows the bigness of O.U.—the rushees fill a hall that used to house the student body with ease. The news of the classes is interesting as usual, and some of the page political ads indicate an advertising solicitor who could sell the Old Nick an overcoat in August.

Speaking of *corn*, the biggest news in Oklahoma this year was given comparatively scant coverage. A few weeks ago I read in our leading newspaper that Garvin County farmers, several of them, had produced 100 to 119 bushels of corn to the acre, from a species of hybrid seed from Bloomington, Illinois. The county agent at Pauls Valley, though doubtless an Aggie, will confirm (or deny) the truth of this story; and if true, it is vastly more important than all the fiction about the "Iron Curtain."

Tell your addressing department that neither the "Mc" nor any other part of "McReynolds" is silent.

Best wishes, S. A. McReynolds, '25fa.

Roanoke, Virginia

Dear Ted:

Thank you again for sending me the addresses of O.U. folk in and about New York City.

I have been a bit remiss about writing you of the trip and folk seen, but you know I am a working man. I must get my home work done by the time school opens for me, August 31.

To my disappointment, I found that people leave New York City for the summer. Of the ones I knew best, only Robert Calvert, '09ba, '10ma, and Mrs. Calvert were left. The Hauns were too far away to get back, and the Chester Reeds were not able to come in because of sickness. Bob and wife were at the broadcast, and Bob was lucky enough to be asked a question and smart enough to give an acceptable answer and receive a prize. Our daughter, Edith, student at O.U., got her voice on the air when asked if she liked the desert passed around. I had sent a recipe for my favorite dessert and she said, "I ought to like it, she (Mrs. Long) is my mother."

We had ten personal friends at the broadcast to our surprise, besides our son Lewis, '47ba, and Edith. Lewis, you know, was in the Lisle Fellowship, Watkins Glenn, New York, and had just finished. Edith was at the Methodist Camp at Yonkers, working in the Bronx, and we were able to wait for her to finish the following week and brought her home with us.

The "Betty Crocker Magazine of the Air" people were wonderful to us, just could not do enough for us while we were their guests. Susan Adams, "Aunt Susan" of Oklahoma City broadcasting fame, was quite excited when she learned that I was an O.U. man. It was she who sold the program to General Mills. Zella Lane, a Kansas girl, who speaks for Betty Crocker, was pretty as well as attractive. In fact, the whole cast are lovely people, the kind one likes to have as friends. We got acquainted with them by their given names—Annette, Elsie, Lois, Bill, Winn, Susan, and Zella.

You asked why we got on the program. Well, this spring Mrs. Long had a lot of sewing to do for Edith, and while sewing listened to the radio. One day she said to me, "Do you know you might get a trip to New York, if you would write a letter about your wife." I wrote, recommending her for "The Homemaker of the Week," because of her work in Brazil, rearing a family of "better babies" against handicaps of having to boil their food, boil all milk and water, as well as filter the water, and yet found time to work in the church, community and write a weekly article for the best daily paper, and write a half dozen books, (of course in Portuguese).

After we had forgotten about the letter (March till June), they sent a man to investigate to see if I had told the truth. They found I had told only a part of the story and selected Mrs. Long for their 29th Homemaker. Of course, I co-starred as her husband, and had to read a part of my letter on the program. Besides all expenses of the trip, two days in a lovely suite at the Hotel Pennsylvania, they gave several nice presents—blankets, fireless cooker, their electric iron that irons both ways, and a half dozen steak forks—only we can't afford the steak.

We picked Edith up after her work was finished, made a visit to friends on Cape Cod, then went to Niagara Falls which Edith or Mrs. Long had never seen. Lewis went on to Boston to see a Navy friend, then came home from there.

Edith will be back at Norman early, but Lewis is to live at home this winter, teach a couple of courses at Roanoke College and take a couple as well.

Sincerely, Frank M. Long, '08ba, '09ma.

Calling the Roll of Sooner Classes

~1899~

50th Class Reunion
June 5, 1949

~1904~

45th Class Reunion
June 5, 1949

~1906~

Eva E. Stitzel, '06ba (Kingfisher), is now living in Roswell, New Mexico. Mrs. Stitzel has taught in Waukomis, Enid, Medford, and Metropolis, Illinois. She is the mother of three sons.

~1909~

40th Class Reunion
June 5, 1949

~1914~

35th Class Reunion
June 5, 1949

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