

that must be fulfilled is the recitation of the following pledge by each member:

I PROMISE

To love my God and my country.
To live a clean and honest life.
To respect and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution and the Laws of the State of Oklahoma
To aid all peace officers in the discharge of their official duties.
To stand for right against wrong wherever I may go.
To strive by my conduct to bear example of good citizenship.
To do my work honestly and cheerfully no matter how menial it may be.
To work before God humbly and before my associates with a high heart.
To be always and at all times a good American.

After this, the two men formally present each member with an identification card which serves as admission to all Junior Police functions. The presentation of this card means new hope and a brighter future for many. No matter what the youngster's past may have been, he now is a member of decent society and has the opportunity to succeed with the rest of his generation. A truly "All-American" opportunity.



Orion Burkett, '39ed, '43m.ed, left, hands the all-important identification and membership card to one of his pupils from Woodrow Wilson Public School, Norman, as Chief Wheeler, All-American tackle at the University in 1935, watches the 599th Junior Policeman sign his pledge.

Correspondence . . .

U.S.S. Columbus (CA-74)
c/o F. P. O. New York
(From Naples, Italy)

Dear Mr. Beaird,

This travellin' Sooner was mighty happy last summer when he was able to visit the Lisbon-Genoa-Rome-Gibraltar-Tangier areas. So you can imagine how glad he was to go to England via the "long route"—Gibraltar-Venice-Trieste-Nice-Algiers-Naples-Plymouth.

Can't make up my mind which of all these localities I've enjoyed most. The Casbah in Algiers was more intriguing than those we'd seen at Tangier, Tunis and Bizerte. We had a police-escorted tour through this Algiers native citadel which took us from the ancient Turkish fortress overlooking the Casbah through the narrow, winding cobblestone streets and tunnelways which varied in width from three to ten feet. I sneaked a few glances into several doorways and was surprised to see mosaic patios with shrubbery inside. The roofs on most the dwellings are walled-in playgrounds for the women of each house. All the homes are jammed together so that one could travel anywhere in the Casbah by rooftop. French policemen leave the Casbah at midnight—they're crazy for staying in there at all!

At Venice, we moored the Columbus in the Grande Canale, just a stone's throw from the Doge's Palace and St. Mark's Cathedral from which Marco Polo set sail on his travels to the Orient. We took a gondola tour which took us from the two-mile row of famous Venetian palaces on the Grande Canale to Marco Polo's nifty abode on one of the "backstreet" canals. Incidentally, Venice is composed of 117 small islands, thoroughly divided by 150 canals and connected by 378 bridges.

Trieste impressed me because it looks so much like an average American city—except for a castle perched on its highest hill. Also impressive was the famous "Bora", a strong steady wind which swoops down on the city and deposits people into the harbor if they don't hang on to anything station-

ary. In the old days, hoop-skirted women were fished out of the "drink" quite regularly.

On the French Riviera, we took in everything from Nice, Cannes and Grasse to Villefranche, Beaulieu and Monte Carlo (where we got "taken in!") This Cote d'Azur, as the French call it, was settled by the Greeks and Phoenicians several thousand years ago. The smaller harbor at Nice is just as it was when first built by the Phoenicians, as are Tourettes-sur-Loup, Vence and several other ancient villages tucked up in the Maritime Alps behind Nice.

Here at Naples, we can almost get in our share of sightseeing from the ship—we passed the picturesque Isle of Capri just before entering this attractive harbor. Then, too, there's the majestic Mount Vesuvius, visible on some days from 20 miles at sea. Just to the south are Pompeii and Herculaneum which were buried in 79 A.D. by an eruption of Mount Vesuvius. These cities and several others were rediscovered accidentally in 1748 and are still being dug up with delicate care for fear of destroying priceless relics. Even the ruts in the narrow cobblestone streets, worn by chariots, are still visible. In a museum there are brilliantly-colored paintings which have been well-preserved all these centuries. Also preserved is the figure of a man, still in a position of shrieking hysteria, and nearby, a dog's twisted body, writhing in the agony of suffocation.

Tomorrow we're going over to the Isle of Capri on a swimming party and a Cook's tour of the ancient palaces and villas. We also plan to visit nearby Sorrento and find out what the town's got that makes Sinatra always sing, "Take Me Back to Sorrento."

Enclosed is my \$5 remittance toward my Association membership. Keep those *SOONERS* coming, cuz I always enjoy 'em! Give my regards to the "hired hands."

Sincerely, Ensign George A. Souris, U.S.N., '47 journ.

Wichita, Kansas

Dear Mr. Beaird:

The sample copy of the *Sooner Magazine* has reached me. Thanks very much for it. I have been

out of touch with the University for so long that the magazine made me feel I'd again met old friends.

My husband, Major Key, and I returned from Korea this past summer where he had served with the Army Exchange Service, and I had taught in the American Language Institute for the past two years. It was indeed an interesting and gratifying experience for me in spite of the many inconveniences we were called upon to endure.

Please find enclosed a personal check for my annual dues and the *Sooner Magazine*. Please send the magazine to the above address. My home address is Fort Riley, Kansas where I am now living due to the housing shortage.

It is amazing how many fine things are being done by the University of Oklahoma Alumni Association. I think the *Sooner Magazine* is the best ever.

Sincerely, Mrs. Homer B. Key (Florence Earles, '34m.ed.)

The Chicago Daily News
Rome Bureau

Dear Ted:

This should be in time to wish you and the alumni organization a Merry, Merry Christmas. I look back with a lot of fond memories on the three years I spent there during Frank Cleckler, '21ba, George McElroy, '34Law days.

Christmas in a foreign country is not the same as one at home. This is the 35th country in which I have beaten up this typewriter in the last four plus years.

Under present conditions, Rome must be one of the best spots for living out of the United States.

I am planning on getting to Spain in the next few weeks where Paul Kennedy, '30ba, and I should be able to sing a few Boomer Sooners. I saw Paul a lot last winter in London during the foreign ministers' conference.

Give my best wishes to Roscoe Cate, '26ba, Professor Herbert, Fayette Copeland, '19ba, and all.

Very Sincerely, Ernie Hill, '33ba, Rome Bureau Manager.

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Correspondence

McLean, Virginia

Dear Ted:

I don't know whether you have a list of the following O.U. graduates here in the Armed Services or not, but here are a few I have seen in the *Pentagon Building*. I feel sure there are others. I believe all of the following are lawyers: Lt. Col. Walter Graalman, '28Law; Lt. Col. John Embry, '27Law; Lt. Col. Webster Wilder, Jr., '33ba, '33Law; Lt. Col. Bryon Rakestraw, '33ba, '39Law; Lt. Col. Ray K. Bannister, '32Law; Lt. Col. Ralph Schaller, '30Law; Lt. Col. Walter O. Beets, '28-'31; Maj. James Carter Todd, '31Law; Maj. Neil Keller, '33Law; Maj. Herber C. Leney, '34Law.

There are a great number of O. U. graduates and former students here in Washington, D. C., who have civilian jobs, but you probably have their addresses, as they usually don't move around as much as military personnel.

I am here in the Legislative and Liaison Division and am looking forward to a very interesting session of the 81st Congress.

We are all following the O.U. football team with a great deal of interest. Those who saw the O.U.-Missouri game over television report it was "great."

Sincerely, Merton E. Munson, Lt. Col., F. A., '29ba, '31Law.

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Meet The Governor, Men

It's easy to get acquainted in the Sooner state, foreign students at the University have learned.

Members of the O.U. International Club recently toured the state capitol and met Gov. Roy J. Turner, who posed for pictures with the visitors. The students represented 20 foreign countries.



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