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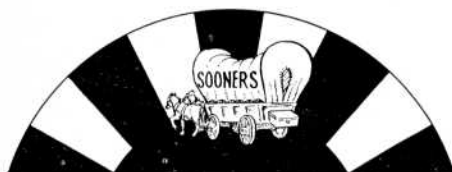
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## The Cover

*Looking through the face of the clock in the Union Building, a structure erected by engineers, this 1938 camera shot catches PE and Chem E laboratory towers and the Chemical Engineering Building in a tableau symbolizing Mankind's debt to the engineer.*

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# Riding the Sooner Range

By TED BEARD

The fortnight (mid-February to mid-March, '49) on the Sooner Range has been most interesting. Failing to come in meek and mild as a lamb, the activities continue as a roaring lion! Assemblies throughout America have demanded the attention of Sooner alums these past four weeks.

The 58th state meeting of the Oklahoma Education Association brought thousands of University of Oklahoma alumni into Oklahoma's Capitol City. (See special candid camera shots portraying the activities of a cross-section of these thousands on other pages of this issue of SOONER MAGAZINE.) As ever, and as down through the years, among the many participants (not shown in the pictorial section) of the Oklahoma Education Association's various meetings were: President C. DAN PROCTER, '36m.ed, '43d.ed, Oklahoma College for Women, CHICKASHA; President TOM T. MONTGOMERY, '26m.ed, Southeastern College, DURANT;

ELBERT COSTNER, '29ba, '34ma, Superintendent of Schools, POTEAU; Prexy GEORGE L. CROSS, O.U.; M. L. WARDELL, '19ba, O.U.; R. L. "RED" McLEAN, '38m.ed, Superintendent of Schools, ANADARKO; Prexy BRUCE CARTER, '32ma, Northeastern Oklahoma Junior College, MIAMI, (Bruce is not only the guiding light of the very popular and outstanding college he heads, but is one of the bulwark Executive Board members of the Alumni Association); HARRY SIMMONS, '24ba, Superintendent of Schools, MUSKOGEE, former Executive Board member of the Alumni Association and one of the "directing lights" preparing for an early assembly of the Sooners in the Muskogee County Alumni Round-up; FRANK CRIDER, '30ba, the ever-popular football coach of East Central State College, ADA, (also an Executive Board member of the Alumni Association); GEORGE D. HANN, '36m.ed, Superintendent of



*"The Old Sarge" Milt Phillips, '22, prominent businessman and civic worker for the past 25 years in the State of Oklahoma, now newspaper publisher of Seminole, presents to Charlie Sims, '39Law, member, Oklahoma State Legislature, the scroll of distinction designating him as Seminole's outstanding young man of the year. To the immediate right of Charlie is seated Jake Sims, his father. Jake has long been a prominent figure in Oklahoma public life as head of the Criminal Investigating Bureau of the Governor's staff.*



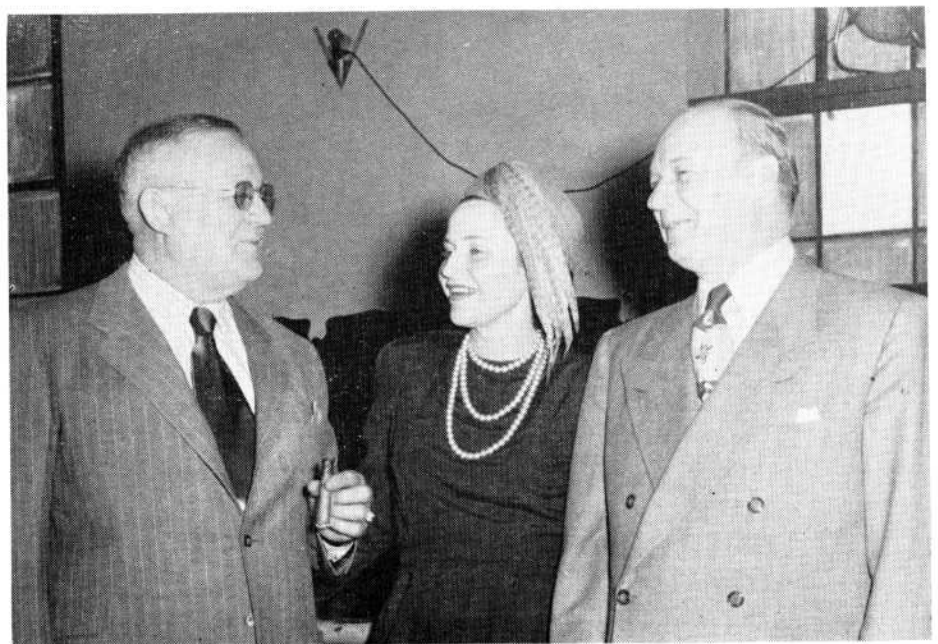
Appearing for an informal chat immediately after the presentation of the "Citizen of the Year" award to Charlie Sims at the noon luncheon at Seminole recently are four Sooners comparing notes (reading left to right) O. D. Johns, '33m.ed, Superintendent of City Schools; Newspaper publisher, Milt Phillips, '22, Fischer Muldrow, '22, Seminole Businessman, and Wayne Vernon, '39journ, Oklahoma City.

Schools, ARDMORE, past president of the Alumni Association, present Executive Board member of the Association and today's ever-popular O.U. Dads' Association "prexy"; JAMES R. FRAZIER, '24ba, '32m.ed, Superintendent of Schools, WEWOKA, and the long-time most efficient executive secretary of the Oklahoma State School Administrators Association: DENVER DEE KIRKLAND, '33m.ed, Superintendent of Schools, McALESTER, along with the "Big Chief" of the education set-up in the state of Oklahoma, "The Commissioner" Dr. OLIVER HODGE, '33m.ed, '37d.ed, State Superintendent of Instruction, OKLAHOMA CITY. All of these, plus many more, being friends of the long-time executive secretary of the Oklahoma Education Association—CLYDE HOWELL, '15ba, '36m.ed, EDMOND-OKLAHOMA CITY—were showing great concern over Clyde's condition of health, as he was whisked away on a moment's notice in the opening hours of the session to an Oklahoma City hospital. Thus CLYDE HOWELL, due to sudden illness, missed his first planning and "administering" work in connection with the OEA State Assembly in a series of years. (As we go to press, Clyde's condition is reported greatly improved.)

A variation in Riding the Sooner Range leads to an all-coverage general Alumni Association program over SEMINOLE way! The occasion, when the Junior Chamber of Commerce of the city of SEMINOLE presented to an outstanding alumnus the distinction of "The Young Man of the Year," was most unique. The young man? CHARLIE SIMS, '39Law, present member of the House of Representatives of the Oklahoma State Legislature. The Presenter? None other than Executive Board member MILT PHILLIPS, '22, who presented the award to Charlie on behalf and in name of the citizens of the city of SEMINOLE. Many, many other alumni, including O. D. JOHNS, '33m.ed, Superintendent of Schools, SEMINOLE; FISHER MULDROW, '22, popular businessman of SEMINOLE; WAYNE VERNON, '39journ, executive officer to Commissioner PAUL REED, '21, of the Oklahoma Safety Department; BOB CHASE, '27, and MRS. CHASE, OKLAHOMA CITY and former O.U. Regent, Dr.

CLAUDE CHAMBERS, ably represented the Sooner tribe.

In the immediate days and nights ahead additional Range Riding will be accomplished by numerous Sooners. It is the season of the year when the president of the general Association calls into counsel his nominating committee. Scheduled for mid-March work at the Oklahoma Biltmore, OKLAHOMA CITY, the president of the Alumni Association, GRADY HARRIS, '18, ALEX, will work with the group that he appointed 30 days ago as the official nominating committee for the selection of nominees to go on the 1949 official ballot. This group includes: HERBERT BRANAN, '32ba, '38Law, OKLAHOMA CITY; C. GUY



Prominent alumni came in from all sections of the state to pay tribute to young Charlie Sims, '39Law, when the Seminole citizens presented him the outstanding young man award for the year. Above (reading from left to right) Dr. Claude Chambers, Seminole, former member of the Board of Regents, chats with Mrs. Chase and Bob Chase, '27, of Oklahoma City.

BROWN, '23ba, OKLAHOMA CITY; D. HORTON GRISSO, '30geol, NORMAN; BEN HEAD, '42bus, '48Law, OKLAHOMA CITY; HARRY HUGHES, '29ba, '48m.ed, staff member of Southwestern Institute of Technology, WEATHERFORD; J. F. "MAJ" MALONE, '37ba, OKLAHOMA CITY; PAUL REED, '21, SULPHUR-OKLAHOMA CITY and DICK VIRTUE, '44ba, OKLAHOMA CITY.

Yes, those nine Sooners will select a total of 15 nominees to go on the ballot from which will be selected one board member each for districts 1, 3, 5, 6 and 8. As of April 15 the fifteen nominees selected by the nominating committee will be placed on the 1949 ballot and distributed world-wide to the thousands of members of the University of Oklahoma Alumni Association. The vote will continue until midnight May 25, then the election committee will make its final tabulation. At the conclusion of the balloting, five O.U. alumni will have been selected to serve a period of three years on the governing board of the general alumni organization.

Indeed, it is the usual busy spring season. Sessions for immediate future participation are now being formed in ADA; CLEVELAND, OHIO; ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI; CHICAGO, ILLINOIS; MUSKOGEE; LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA; NEW YORK CITY and dozens of other cities, towns and villages throughout America. In the immediate future weeks SOONER MAGAZINE will release more news stories giving a word picture of the ever continued participation on the part of thousands of alumni as they swing along while Riding the Sooner Range.

► Dean Glen C. Couch, '31bs, '37ms, dean of University College attended the meeting of the National Association of Advancement of Foreign Students in Cleveland, Ohio, late in March.

► Dean D. B. R. Johnson, '18ma, dean of the School of Pharmacy, attended the meeting of the District Six Boards and Colleges in New Orleans, Louisiana, March 2-3.



Sooner alums assembled in the office of Superintendent of Schools F. E. Willingham, '37m.ed, Tecumseh, to exchange chatter about days at O.U. Reading from left to right, Charles King, '48, Thelme King, '48, Rosa Jordan Thomas, '47, Erdice Davenport, '47m.ed, R. F. Conway, who expects to receive his master's degree in the summer of 1949, and the long-time superintendent of city schools (plus this year's Rotary prexie) F. E. Willingham.

## Achievement Day April 12

The University of Oklahoma and its Alumni Association will honor five public-spirited persons Tuesday, April 12, 1949, by presenting them with the *Distinguished Service Citation*.

The Achievement Day awards were begun last year and are intended to recognize the accomplishments of "distinguished Oklahomans and/or alumni of the University of Oklahoma wherever located."

As many of you will recall the awards were made last year to Mike Monroney, '24ba, General W. S. Key, General Raymond S. McLain, Everette Lee DeGolyer, '11ba, and Lynn Riggs, '23.

The winners are selected by the Distinguished Service Citations Selection Committee composed of three men appointed by President Cross, three appointed by the president of the alumni association, and the president of the Dads' Association or someone appointed by him.

The selections are based upon the following qualifications:

a. Good citizenship.

b. Distinguished service to an Oklahoma community, or the State of Oklahoma, or the United States of America, or the United Nations organization.

c. Humanitarian, cultural, intellectual, or scientific contributions.

d. Unselfish service or leadership over an extended period of years.

e. Research that contributes to the public welfare.

f. Pioneering in new fields, thereby advancing ideas and opportunities for development.

g. Distinguished achievement in a chosen profession.

Anyone desiring to attend the Second Annual Achievement Day and the dinner at which the awards will be presented contact Ted Beaird, Alumni Office, University of Oklahoma. The banquet will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the Union ballroom. Cost per plate it \$1.50.

## Extension Division Hums

Things are always humming at the University Extension Study Center on the North Campus. In addition to regular courses of instruction being presented there, the Center is the site of many conventions, conferences and short courses.

Listed below are coming activities scheduled for the Center's Department of Short Courses and Conferences:

- April 2-3—Annual Camping Institute
- April 8-9—Ittanana—Oklahoma Federation of College Indian Students
- April 12-14—Gas Measurement Short Course
- April 21-23—State Finals (Speech) South Campus
- April 22-23—A. A. U. W. Convention
- April 25-26—Mothers Club Conference
- April 28-29—Interscholastic Contest—Vocal Music, Curricular Contests, Baseball Tournament
- April 29 —Legal Institute
- April 30 —Interscholastic Contest—Safe Driving Contest and Baseball Tournament
- May 2-5—Episcopal College Work Conference
- May 6-7—Interscholastic State Finals Track and Field
- May 6-7—Art Education Conference
- May 7 —O. I. P. A. Spring Meeting
- May 11-12—Oklahoma Library Association
- May 13-14—Municipal Government Short Course
- May 19-21—Short Course for Swimming Pool Operators
- May 21-22—Labor-Management Conference
- May 23-27—Hearing Institute
- May 30-June 1—Insurance Agents Short Course
- June 3-11—Boys State
- June 6-9—Professional Writers Short Course
- June 6-July 1—Speech Institute
- June 13-24—Association for Childhood Education Workshop
- June 27-28—Institute on Business Skills
- June 29-30—Audio-Visual Conference

► Dr. Chia-shuen Yih, former research assistant for the Chinese national bureau of hydraulic research, has been named visiting professor of mathematics at the University.

► Dr. Henry R. Hansen, '47m.ed, Modesto, California, has been named a visiting professor on the University education faculty for the summer session. Dr. Hansen is a consultant in audio-visual education.



Breezing along the trails of the Sooner Range the alumni center of Tecumseh, Oklahoma, comes into spotlight. Pausing for brief visitation with a number of alumni in the Tecumseh (Pottawatomie County) group the cameraman caught five in an informal chat. Reading from left to right, Helen C. Taylor, '27ed, Bernice Lorene Brown Haggard, '43, Mona Walter Agnew, '48, James E. Emery, '42mus.ed, (Jim is "one of the Emery boys"—brother Walter, '34Law, is in the legal division of the F.C.C., Washington, D.C., while brother Herschell, '43, another Sooner, is in Indianapolis, Indiana, and Robert A. Shepherd, '39m.ed, who for a number of years has been the "dispenser of mail"—Tecumseh's popular postmaster.