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The Cover

The Executive Board of the University of Oklahoma Association elected new officers at their meeting June 6. Grady Harris, '18, Alex, immediate past president, is pictured turning over the presidential reins to Joe Curtis, '20ba, '22 Law.

The eightball was borrowed for the occasion and is not the official seal of office.

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Riding the Sooner Range

BY TED BEARD

Association news and class reunions take center stage as June proves to be an interesting and busy month.

FOREWORD: The "coverage" in the Range feature for this June, '49, will be made up of a series of "Range" notes scribbled out on land and up in the air, covering the period of the past fortnight.

Already four days past the Ed's (and printer's) deadline, the notes, comments and news articles on Sooner doings are being edited in the Club Lounge of Mayo Clinic here in ROCHESTER, MINNESOTA, to be pushed campus-ward via airmail tonight to try to offset the rising temperatures of those responsible to see that the thousands of copies of June issue of SOONER MAGAZINE hit the mails for delivery world-wide on schedule.—TED BEARD.

NOTE ONE—The Operational Manager of the Union—HILLYER FREELAND, '38fa, has just delivered "this cargo" onto a DC6 and we are plowing along 300 plus per, eleven thousand high and will, as of high noon, land for the noon luncheon shindig in AMARILLO, TEXAS. HAP GILHAM, of OKLAHOMA CITY, and BILL COOKE, '41m.ed, AMARILLO—two long-time cronies and staunch friends of GEORGE D. HANN, '36m.ed, ARDMORE—have just made themselves known, have asked one thousand and one questions about the ole professor, his family, etc., etc., and again (with great detail) explained that "in younger years we were students in George's class in the S.W.!" Its AMARILLO—Hap and Bill inquire, "Say, could you get these Amarillo alums to squeeze us in on the luncheon (without reservation)? We want to see that sound color motion picture of the Sugar Bowl game you are to present to 'em." Sure—all fixed, let's go!

A. O. JOHNSON, '30ba, '32Law, (and lovely mother) were there on the dot to whisk yours truly downtown where they were stacked in 87 strong for the Sooner assembly. Among those at the Amarillo "hurry-up" meeting were: JONES E. WITCHER, '44med, EVELYN MORTON MORRIS, '40bus, W. J. CAMPBELL, '37bs, '39med, LOIS KING CAMPBELL, '36-'38, CHARLES L. GRIMES, '37fa, M. T. JOHNSON, JR., '41-'42, W. P. COOKE, '41m.ed, W. A. CLARKE, JR., '47ba, and GENE EDWARDS, '47ba, '49 Law.

And—to follow through for you on this fine chartering of the Club in the Texas Panhandle Capital City—here are "extracts" from a letter

received from GENE EDWARDS, Secretary-Treasurer, (along with the news reports on the get-together).

"Amarillo, Texas

"Dear Ted:

"I am enclosing some of the clippings which appeared in the Amarillo newspapers. As you can see we did pretty well, from the publicity viewpoint, thanks chiefly to the 'inside track' that Bill Clarke has with the papers here.

"As you probably are well aware, the pictures and meeting were thoroughly enjoyed by all present, many of whom expressed the wonderment that organizational steps had not long ago been taken. In A. O. Johnson we have, I believe, a president who will keep the ball rolling. He has many ideas and plans. We are all grateful to you for making the event possible and I believe we will have a live-wire group from now on.

"We are starting a scrapbook which will be a record of all of our activities from the first meeting on. This, I believe to be a very good thing and I will try to keep it up to date.

"We are looking forward to any future visits that you can pay us and hope that the next time Bud Wilkinson and some of the coaches will be able to make it also. Please convey our best wishes to everyone. Very truly yours, Gene Edwards."

The clippings read as follows: "A. O. Johnson, attorney with the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation here, was elected president of the reorganized Oklahoma University Alumni Association at noon yesterday.

"More than 85 persons attended the association organizational meeting at the Amarillo Hotel.

"Other officers elected were Eddie Johnson, vice-president, and Gene Edwards, secretary-treasurer.

"Principal speaker was Ted Beard, executive secretary of the Oklahoma University Alumni Association.

"Mr. Beard urged his listeners to form an active alumni chapter here. The chapter was active in Amarillo before the war.

"Speaking of Oklahoma University, Mr. Beard said the school is growing and pointed out that some nine million dollars worth of construction is now under way. He said the new million dollar stadium there will be completed by October 1. It will seat 55,110 fans.

"Following the talk by Mr. Beard, the ex-Sooners saw a film of the Sugar Bowl New Year grid classic in which Oklahoma was pitted against the Tarheels of North Carolina.

"Judge E. O. Northcutt, organizational chairman, presided over the meeting until officers were elected. Mr. Johnson took charge after he was named president.

"Amarillo's Myrle Greathouse still is knocking down those North Carolina Tarheel footballers.

"He did it again yesterday, in a splendid color film of the 1949 Sugar Bowl game, shown for University of Oklahoma exes at a luncheon and meeting here.

"And again Greathouse intercepted a Tarheel pass and ran it back to set up the Sooners' first touchdown.

"Judge Ernest O. Northcutt told the Sooner alumni and alumnae that the *News-Globe* sports editor had been invited to the party 'so we could convince him we had a good football team.' Hardly believable though it may seem, he must have confused me with Mr. Tack, who's the one who predicted North Carolina would whip the Sooners.

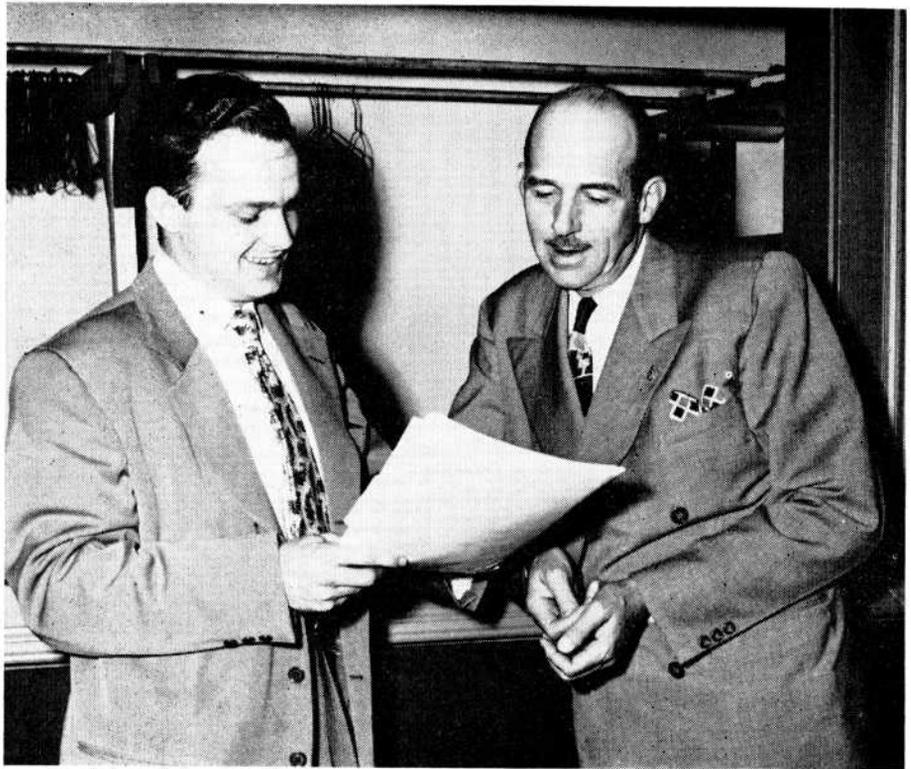
"Ted Beard, University of Oklahoma alumni secretary, informed the gathering, though pointing out that he spoke unofficially, that the Sooners will have as good a football team next season as they had last. And that, mark you, will be without Greathouse, Jack Mitchell and Buddy Burris."

NOTE TWO—This has been a most interesting evening here in ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO, with this overflow crowd of Sooners in the general lounge of the Student Union on New Mexico's University campus. Far into the evening, the session lingered on! Among the many "reporting for Sooner duty" in this, the first O.U. alum rally in ALBUQUERQUE since the beginning of World War II, were: ROBERT M. SAYLOR, '29med, BETTY JOHNSON LASSITER, '44soc.wk, LOIS L. PARISH, '48bus, U. N. BENGE, '25geol, THOMAS P. RYAN, '42eng, T. JACK FOSTER, '29, and DON DICKSON, '29Law.

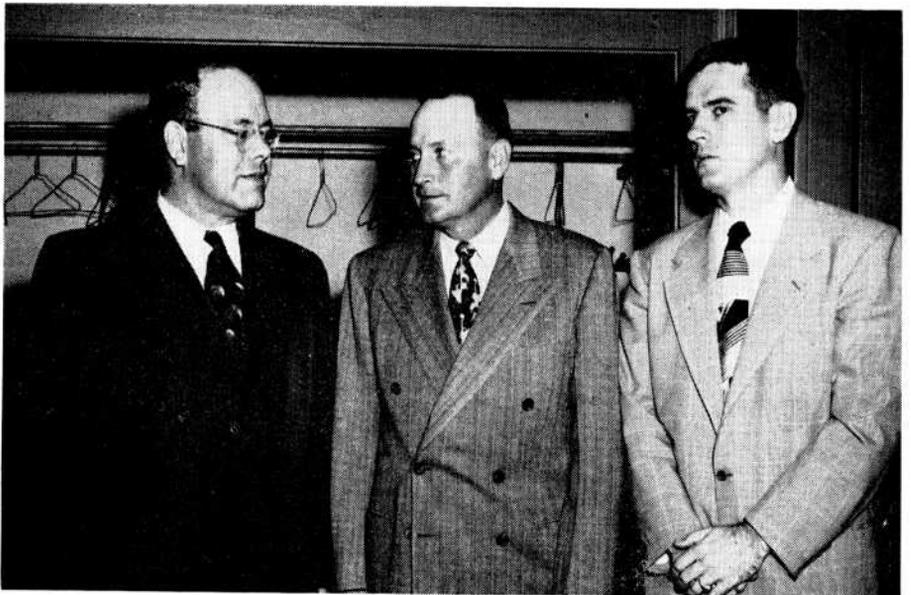
NOTE THREE—Enroute ALBUQUERQUE to OKLAHOMA CITY a hurry-up stop became necessary in WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS, as emergency business had arisen in DALLAS. And this is where (until his untimely, sudden passing a brief few weeks ago) my close associate on O.U.'s campus (in 1920-21) lived and successfully developed his oil interests, namely, the late EARL STILLEY, '22geol. It is the home city of many, many O.U. grads, including CECIL "PREXIE" PRICE, '22ba; C. S. SYKES, '40geol, and dozens of others. This late Saturday evening arrival (with early Sunday morning departure for DALLAS) will prevent my calling this gang this trip.

NOTE FOUR—This DALLAS is always an interesting city. And these "Sooner Bankers" of DALLAS are no different than "the Bankers" of my home town! Having been on an extended business trip, it was found upon landing in Dallas that additional "greenbacks" were needed from LAT BAKER, '20-'23 and JERRY NOLAN'S, '39bus, MERCANTILE BANK! Realizing that bankers do not begin "counting their change" before 10 a.m. no hurry was experienced up to that hour—then to read the notice "Legal holiday (Decoration Day) no business transacted today." A rapid retreat to the old Sooner hangout, ELIZABETH ANN (McMURRAY, '35ba) and BUCK ('36Law) ELLEGOOD'S Book Shop solved the cashing of check item in a hurry.

Interesting news notes here in the Dallas Press today among several items dealing with O.U.



Bill Clarke, '47ba, Amarillo, and Ted Beard, '21ba, executive secretary-manager of the University of Oklahoma (Alumni) Association, examine the Amarillo chapter's application for a charter.



The three new officers of the reactivated Amarillo Alumni club are A. O. Johnson, '30ba, '32Law, president; Eddie Johnson, '24ba, vice-president, and Gene Edwards, '47ba, '49Law, secretary-treasurer.

alumni is the announcement of M. L. WARDELL, '19ba, presenting the Commencement address (at 9:30 a.m.) to the HOCKIDAY JUNIOR COLLEGE for girls.

NOTE FIVE—The activities are over for these Reunionites of O.U. this season and as we look back on the past 24 hours (this near midnight Sunday, June 5)—we realize *what* makes for tradition of a great institution. The 50th anniversary of the University of Oklahoma (Alumni) Association, as of one hour ago, now history, was highlighted by many interesting features. The five year interval classes staging their reunions (beginning

with the Class of '99) were an interesting lot indeed. The old maestro, JOHN DUNN, Director-General of WNAD, did himself proud with "MILESTONES" a one hour radio show dedicated to the 50th anniversary of the Association and featuring the reunion classes assembled at their "climax" function—the reunion class dinner.

Would that we could individually name *all* reunionites who returned BUT space will not permit. Among the hundreds attending were: MINNIE WOOD ROSE, '99pharm, WATONGA; MERTY CULLOM WADLEY, '99bm, NORMAN; C. ROSS HUME, '98ba, '00ma, ANADARKO;

ETTA WARREN HOWARD, '92-'96, TUCSON, ARIZONA; ESTELLE MORTES CHESNEY, '02-'03, NORMAN; GLADDIE UTT GOODE, '04ba, NORMAN; ROSE HADDIX LOGSDON, '04ph.c, OKLAHOMA CITY; LILLA MILLER, '04ba, NORMAN, and W. ARTHUR MORTER, '04ba, PLAINVIEW, TEXAS.

WILLIAM J. CROSS, '09ba, NORMAN; BLANCHE PATTON FLICKINGER, '09pharm, LAWTON; J. C. M. KRUMTUM, '09ba, '23ma, '36d.ed, WEATHERFORD; M. A. TRACY, '09ba, DALLAS, TEXAS; FRITZ AURIN, '14ba, '15ma, FORT WORTH, TEXAS; PERRILL MUNCH BROWN, '14ba, '38ma, NORMAN; AGNES CHASE CLOYD, '14bm, OKLAHOMA CITY; ROY W. COX, '14ba, '16Law, BLACKWELL; ROY SPEARS, '14ba, McALESTER, and JOHN RODGERS, '14Law, TULSA.

CLAUDE E. REEDS, '14ba, and Mrs. Reeds, the former LUELLA BRETCH, '14ba, NEW CASTLE; EVERETT C. PARKER, '14ba, ARDMORE; ROBERT REA, '14ba, CANUTE; JOHN T. EISCHEID, '14ba, CHICKASHA; H. N. GILMORE, '14ph.c, BLACKWELL; LEONARD LOGAN, '14ba, NORMAN; E. D. MEACHAM, '14ba, NORMAN; LUTHER H. WHITE, '14ba, FORT WORTH, TEXAS; CARL T. STEEN, '14med, PAULS VALLEY; JOHN L. ROCK, '14ba, '14bs, OGLESBY, ILLINOIS; C. B. MEMMINGER, '14ba, '33Law, ATOKA; E. P. LEDBETTER, '14Law, OKLAHOMA CITY; ARTHUR B. IMEL, '14ba, BLACKWELL; J. DAWSON HOUK, '14ba, '14bs, '21Law, FAIRVIEW, and WILLIAM L. EAGLETON, '14ba, '19Law, TULSA.

PAUL D. BARTON, '19bs, PHOENIXVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA; STRATTON E. KERNODLE, '17bs, '19med, OKLAHOMA CITY; DOROTHY FRY ROWLEY, '19ba, OKLAHOMA CITY; LENA WILSON RUNYAN, '19bm, RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA; CARRIE BUTTRAM WAILS, '19ba, '19fa, OKLAHOMA CITY; RUTH THOMPSON HUGHES, '19ba, OKLAHOMA CITY; RICHARD H. CLOYD, '19ba, '28Law, OKLAHOMA CITY; GARNER G. COLLUMS, '19ba, NORMAN; FAYETTE COPELAND, '19ba, NORMAN; WEB GLIDEWELL, '19ba, HELLENA; A. H. RICHARDS, '24geol, OKLAHOMA CITY, and JOHN C. BRIXEY, '24ba, '24ma, NORMAN.

H. M. THORNE, '24eng, LARAMIE, WYOMING; TRAVIS R. CASH, '24bus, ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN; TOM GARRETT, '24Law, OKLAHOMA CITY; HUBERT E. BALE, '24geol, OKLAHOMA CITY; B. S. GRAHAM, '24, OKLAHOMA CITY, and HARVEY A. ANDRUSS, SR., '24ba, BLOOMSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA.

NOTE SIX—This ROCHESTER, MINNESOTA is another "stand-out" spot of America. In the past five days and nights no less than fifty natives have asked me details about "Our Bud" (BUD WILKINSON—O.U.'s all-around fellow and tops in the coaching field). It has been a pleasure to visit with the O.U.ites who have Rochester addresses, among these are: C. F. GASTINEAU, '41ba, '44med, C. M. BLACKBURN, '41ba, E. O. BURGERT, JR., '47med, DAVID W. SCHACHT, '47ms, and EARL L. YEAKEL, JR., '39ba, '43med.

And, too, it has been a pleasure to have had surprise meetings with other Sooners here in these immediate past few hours. Among the Sooners we have visited are: TOM F. CAREY, '08ba, and Mrs. Carey, OKLAHOMA CITY; J. REGINALD GREEN, '24ba, '26Law, and Mrs. Green, the former GERTRUDE BROADRICK, '26ed, TULSA and SAND SPRINGS; CARL GILES and Mrs.

Giles, the former VETA JOHNSON, '09, BLANCHARD, and numerous other Sooner citizens.

NOTE SEVEN—But we must come to -30- and scat out to the Twin Cities to meet the ST. PAUL-MINNEAPOLIS Sooner Club in the Memorial Union on the Minnesota University campus tomorrow night. There Dr. C. CURRY BELL, '16ba, '16bs, EARL CHRISTMAS, '13ba, RALPH CAMPBELL, '06, GEORGE B. CHRISTMAS, '28ba, DR. FRANCES PALMER OLSEN, '27ba, '35nurse, '38bs, '40med, DR. ALEX BARNO, '42ba, '44med, and some 61 other Sooner grads and families will assemble with dozens of Bud's Minnesota friends and associates to see the Sugar Bowl film.

Hey, Hey and Whoa—it's still a thrill while Riding the Sooner Range!

New York—A Buffet Supper

Despite the fresh winds and rain the early afternoon of May 20, eighty hardy members and guests of the Oklahoma University Alumni Chapter of New York managed to get through the ticker tape thrown by the 250,000 people honoring returning General Lucius D. Clay, closed their eyes to park facilities open for summer fun, stayed out of the lively trial hearings of the 11 accused Communist leaders, passed up Broadway hit shows and night clubs' marked-down prices, delayed reading the story of the million dollar swindle case of the Brooklyn used car dealer—not to mention other varied interests and demands on time in the world's biggest city—to attend the last get-together of the season.

Maybe they felt the old-fashioned buffet supper with baked ham, yacht-club beans (by Aunt Susan of WKY fame) and home-made cake would be a novelty. At any rate, proof of the ample supply was the fact that chairman of the food committee, Pauline Butler, '31ba, and former assistant to Anna Maude of Oklahoma City, dished out "seconds" and someone swore Merwin Elwell, '35fa, took "thirds."

There was little time for the usual reminiscing as Jack M. Bowers, '39music, played the piano, followed by vocal numbers by Don Johnston, '37ba. Recorded music was furnished for dancing. Vice-president Howard Fitts, '38ba, '41Law, who presided, said the next meeting would be held in the fall, with the announcement appearing in the October issue of the *Sooner Magazine*.

Other members present were:

Leonard Bergen, '35geol, Mrs. Julietta K. Arthur, '20ba, Bill Beecher, '48bus, and Mrs. Beecher, Russell Black, '42ba, Michael Blair, '43fa, Pauline Butler, '30bs, Mary Catherine Catlett, '46ba, Robert Calvert, '09ba, '10ma, and Mrs. Calvert, Allen C. Duncan, '21geol, and Mrs. Duncan, Merwin M. Elwell, '35fa, Hugh A. Dowdy, '08ba, J. Robinson Field, '34Law, Carolyn Kinney Fitts, '41ba, William B. Gutman, '44ba, and Mrs. Gutman, Moris T. Haggard, '35-'36, George T. Harrison, Jr., '29-30, Norman Hassler, '37eng, Elmeta Hassler, '38ed, Ray H. Haun, '12ba, and Mildred Zink Haun, '14ba.

Julia L. Herrmann, '44bm, Harry Hill, Jr., '48bus, Mark Holliday, '42journal, Pauline Howard, '47fa, Don Johnston, '37ba, Mrs. Winifred Jordan, Nathan M. Kane, '44eng, Jerry King, '42Letters, Philip C. Keiper, '27eng, and Mrs. Keiper, Charlotte Leach, '39bs, Dorothy Lehman, '43bs, Hush E. Luffman, '36eng, Merle Montgomery, '24fa, Orval M. "Red" Mosier, '18, former city manager of Oklahoma City, and vice-president of the American Air Lines, Grady H. Nunn, '39ba, '41ma, Lt. H. L. Osborne, '43bs, and Mrs. Lois Os-

borne, '44fa, Mrs. Betty German Pettit, '44journal, secretary of the NYC chapter.

Bill Pustilnik, '39-'41, Charles O. Reid, '28bus, Mrs. Ken M. Robinson, Parker Rossman, '41ba, James K. Samara, '48ba, E. William Smith, '42-'43, and Mrs. Smith, Alice M. Strong, '44h.ec, Roberta Strong, '46h.ec, Yvonne Strong, '47ba, William Gordon Stuart, '39eng, and Mary Ellen Boyd Wilcox, '44h.ec.

Detroit—New Officers Named

The Detroit, Michigan, alumni chapter held a meeting on May 10 in the lecture rooms at Wayne university. At the meeting they elected their new officers.

The new officers are Dr. E. Bert McCollum, president; Louis C. Bailey, vice president; and Dick Boyd, secretary-treasurer.

Dr. Leonard Logan, professor of sociology at the University, was present at the meeting. He reports that he spent about thirty or forty minutes giving those present the latest gossip about the campus and the people who inhabit it.

Those attending the meeting were: Roy C. Jenkins, '31bs, Lesley H. Lucas, '11ba, Bill Beasley, '32, Charles Forrest, '29ms, Paul N. Campbell, '21ba, '25ma, Mrs. Alma D. Campbell, '20ba, Paul Newton Campbell, Jr., '48bs, Mozette Campbell, '43, Glenn E. Paul, '40bs, Bill M. Aycock, '39bs, Neal J. Mosley, '43eng, Lyman W. Kaul, '48ba, T. R. Cash, '24bs, Dick Boyd, '43eng, Louis C. Bailey, '43eng, Marjorie D. Mosley, '43.

Joseph Sureck, '35ba, '37Law, Frank A. Balcer, '23ba, '29ma, P. D. White, '43eng, '48m.eng, H. T. Connally, '48eng, H. S. Oderman, '16bs, '27eng, Fern Zwickley, '20, E. Bert McCollum, '29bs, '30bs in med, '32med.

Houston—Films and Bud

The Houston, Texas, Alumni Club and Sooner Club turned out June 6 to welcome visiting Sooner Coach Bud Wilkinson and to view the movies of the 1948 Sugar Bowl game and the Oklahoma-Texas game.

The meeting, held at the Houston Club, was attended by approximately 150 persons. Coach Wilkinson showed the color film of the Sugar Bowl which had a sound commentary by Harry Wismer, noted sportscaster, and a film of the Texas game. He discussed these games and the team in general and the prospects for the coming year.

On June 7, W. J. Goldston, '29geol, was host at a luncheon for the Oklahoma party and several local alumni. Wilkinson was accompanied by Harrison Smith, Roy "Gravy" Jones, Eugene Jordan and Leo Cade, '22ba, Oklahoma City.

The Sooner Club of Houston is a social club organized by a group of Oklahoma alumni living in that city.

▶ W. H. Carson, dean of the college of engineering, attended and participated in the program of the Southwestern Council on Education for Business Responsibility, Houston, Texas, May 5. He also attended the Interstate Oil Compact Commission meeting, Jacksonville, Florida, May 9-11. He is director of S.C.E.B.R. and chairman of the engineering committee of I.O.C.C.

▶ Stewart Herral, '36ma, director of public relations, represented the University at the American College Public Relations Association's annual meeting in Washington, D.C., April 23-May 2.