



1949 Homecoming

HOME COMING! And did they ever.

Thousands upon droves of alumni landed in Soonerland's most fertile valley to tie up traffic, themselves in laughter and the Iowa State Cyclones. It was a gala occasion with parades, red and white bunting, house decorations and plenty of old man sunshine.

Approximately 700 attended the pre-homecoming banquet held Friday night at the Biltmore Hotel in Oklahoma City. They started things off with a bang alright. . . .

1. Caught when they weren't looking are Elmer Fraker, '20ba, '38ma, Oklahoma City who acted as master of ceremonies; Dick Virtue, '44bs, Oklahoma City Alumni Club president and Mike Monroney, '24ba, fifth district Congressman.

2. Mentor "Bud" Wilkinson and rival Abe Stuber, coach of the Iowa Staters, look like they're calling a few signals for someone in the audience. Both coaches let a few "T"eeth formations out of the bag which drew multi-laughs from the audience.

3. Plenty of smiles the in evidence at this table with Mary Louise James, '48bus, Oklahoma City, Mrs. Paul Harkey, Idabel, and William N. Christian, '49Law, Broken Arrow, on the left side and Mrs. Virgil S. Smith, Virgil S. Smith, '42eng, Wewoka, and Robert L. McChesney, '49Law, Norman, on the right.

4. The Regents came and brought their wives. They the Mrs. Joe McBride (Clella Le Mar, '27ba, Anadarko), Dr. Oscar White, '21bs, Oklahoma City, Mrs. White and Joe McBride, '28bus.

5. A Sooner family and how, Miss Brunette Shanklin, '30ba, head of the lecture and entertainment service of the extension division, Norman; Dr. Fanny Lou Britton Leney, '25bs, '27med, Oklahoma City; and her son Bill Leney. Left to right on the right side of the table are Charles Rountree, Mrs. Helen Clark, assistant professor of home economics, and Joe Rountree. Both boys are the sons of Dr. Charles R. and Mrs. Kitty Shanklin ('23ba) Rountree, Oklahoma City.



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6. B. S. "Chebie" Graham, Oklahoma City, seems to have a persuasive argument as he talks to Col. Clint Johnson, '19ba, Oklahoma City and Mrs. Johnson, (Ruth Smith, '17ba).

7. Latimer Baker, '20-'23, Dallas, listens in as Mrs. Baker (Martha Lois Brunt, '20-'23) and Emmett Darby, '28bus, Oklahoma City, exchange a few good stories.

8. The food was good and there was plenty of it. The smile on Mike Monroney's face and the intent look on Leslie Thomason's testify to the fact that Sooner banquets are something to be remembered.

9. Their dinner was interrupted but they really didn't mind. On the left are Mrs. Lee B. Thompson (Elaine Bizzell, '24) and Lee Thompson, '25ba, '27Law Oklahoma City. From left to right on the far side of the table are: Frank Cleckler, '21ba, Oklahoma City; Wilburn Cartwright, '20Law, secretary of state, and Thad Baker, '18, Oklahoma City.

The parade and house decorations brought forth gasps and exclamations from all. The theme: "Oklahoma Tomorrow" was fulfilled with—

10. Delta Chi winning first place in the organized house men's division and—

11. Pi Beta Phi copping the women's organized house first place.

12. This darling chariot and ensemble galloped through campus streets to win first place in the women's division parade contest for the Delta Gammas and was followed by the—

13. Independent Men's Association float which won the organizational first place title.

14. Alpha Tau Omega's replica of the Sugar Bowl trophy caught the eye of the judges and they awarded it first place in the men's organized house float division.

