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The Cover

The serene majesty of the William Bennett Bizzell Memorial Library as it looks to the south oval and the William Bennett Bizzell statue seems to convey not only classic beauty of the architecture but also the idea of Dr. Bizzell that a library is the touchstone of a University.

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Riding the Sooner Range

By George Cummings, '49bus

For want of a better name, just call me the Little Wrangler since I'm filling in until Range Rider TED BEARD, '21ba, climbs on his horse again to go loping over the Sooner Range.

During the last months, I've saddled up and taken off on the trails of the state and nation to see if the territory was half as interesting as the Range Rider painted it for alumni readers. Let me tell you where I've been and you can see for yourself.

February 11, a group of Amarillo Alumni club officers got together at a luncheon and told me over coffee of plans which that organization is making for coming events. BUD WILKINSON will visit with them in the latter part of April and it's doubtful if a visit from President Truman would cause any more excitement. A. O. JOHNSON, '30ba, '32Law, president; EDDIE JOHNSON, '24ba, vice president, and WILLIAM CLARK, Jr., '47ba, explained the arrangements which are being made for this banner event.

February 10, I moved my pinto Plymouth along the paths to Borger, Texas, for a meeting of the North Panhandle Sooners. SAM NAIFEH, '39eng, '49m.eng, had done a good organizational job and the response was terrific. It seems that the Borger-Pampa region is the home for Sooner engineers and a great many attended the meeting.

AL HEAD, '37eng, DICK ASKEW, '47eng, '48 m.eng, and JIM KOGER, '49eng, will serve with SAM as a committee to complete the organization of the club. The next meeting was scheduled for late March. I had the pleasure of showing the group the 1950 Sugar Bowl film. Believe me, a transplanted Sooner in Texas is a rabid fan. (Ed's Note: A complete writeup and pictures of the Borger meeting will appear in the March issue of *Sooner Magazine*.)

Back in January the Houston Alumni Club got together for a fine meeting. GEORGE LYNN, assistant football coach, made a flying trip down to discuss the Sugar Bowl film. Approximately 275 alumni attended. New officers were elected at the meeting. They are CURTIS SMITH, '29bus, president; C. W. BYRON, '26, vice president, and J. WAYNE BURKHART, '30-'31, secretary-treasurer. (Ed's note: Due to technical difficulties, a complete story with pictures will appear in the March *Sooner* on the Houston meet.)

During the past several weeks, I have given my horse its head and as a fine animal out of the Range Rider's stable, it has performed in remarkable fashion.

The critter was hard to hold in Enid, but reined

in for a full day of seeing and talking with alumni leaders. There was much talk about an alumni organization being started in that area with action expected in the spring. ED FLEMING, '14, who has been a real workhorse in that area, was visited as were WENDELL KNOX, '49bus, a new comer to Enid, E. B. MITCHELL, Jr., '49Law, PAGE BELCHER, Sr., '18, and DOUGLAS McKEEVER, '40ba, '42Law.

Another group interested in a spring meeting for viewing the Sugar Bowl film was the Chandler alumni. I had lunch with DON POWERS, '48Law, county attorney, and his assistant county attorney, TOM AMIS, '41Law, '41ba.

Over Tulsa way my pony wasted 'nary a whinny before it took me to see CHARLES FELLOWS, '36ba, '37Law, Alumni Fund Counsellor. L. E. 'JAP' HASKELL, '22geol, president of the Tulsa County Alumni Club, was full of plans for a March 2 meeting of the group in his area. We talked over the many details. BUD is to attend and the all-important Sugar Bowl film will also make its premier in that same meeting. Stopped in at Bishops for lunch with GERALD DIXON, '49bus, and wife CAROLYN and while waiting for a table spotted BRUCE CARTER, '32ma, president of Northeastern A. & M. College at Miami. He and Mrs. CARTER were in Tulsa on business.

MILT PHILLIPS, '22, Seminole editor, was busy at his desk when I arrived for a short visit. It doesn't take Milt long to brief the news of alumni in his vicinity. On my way to Seminole, I stopped for a chat with FRANCES DICKSON, '48ms, in Tecumseh.

Pauls Valley was on the tripping list and more home folks to see. JOE CURTIS, '20ba, '22Law, president of the Association and one of the real leaders in the recent drive for fire relief funds, was another busy man whose work was interrupted by my call. JAKE HILL, '49, news and sports editor for Pauls Valley's KLVH radio station was out scouting the news when I first dropped by but returned in time for a fine visit.

A little pleasure and business were combined in a trip to Stillwater. The pleasure was in visiting with Sooner friends and the business was the serious task of beating A.&M. in basketball. The roundballers came off second best but the visit was of the top flight variety. PRESTON MOORE, '48, reported things progressing smoothly in the University's lions' den.

The city managers' short course at the North

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Range . . .

Campus provided a gab session with ROSS TAYLOR, '16, new city manager of Oklahoma City; JOHN HALL, '36ba, formerly of Muskogee and now of Pueblo, Colorado, and TATE HALE, '40 Okmulgee.

Seen here and there in Oklahoma City during various visits were BOB PORTA, '49Law, ADAIR SMITH, '49journ, and GEORGE HANN, '36ma. GEORGE was up from Ardmore for a meeting of the Oklahoma Education Association.

Well, there's a brief picture of some of the strays from the University campus who were lassoed and corraled and who are always interested in the Association and University.

It's a pleasure to have an opportunity for hitting the leather for a bit of a romp over the trails that never fail to lead to some Sooner, somewhere. I said a while back that I wanted to see if the trails were half as interesting as the Range Rider painted them. Now you know the answer is yes.

► Dr. A. C. Shead, '19bs, '23ms, associate professor of chemistry, spoke at the Annual Symposium on Analytical Chemistry in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, January 28-February 3.

Correspondence . . .

I enjoyed the final score, and congratulations to Bud and the team, but I did not enjoy the broadcast. If O.U. plays in anymore bowl games—and I'm sure they will—I want to cast my vote now for picking out a bowl that will at least have someone who can announce the game decently and enjoyably . . . (the author included a clipping from the *Miami (Florida) Herald* which was written by John Crosby and supported the author's views.)

James L. Kerr, '41geol, Navy Hurricane Weather Central, U. S. Naval Air Station, Miami, Florida.

► Harrison Kerr, dean of the college of fine arts, was one of five outstanding present-day American composers who participated in the second season of the Institute of Contemporary American Music at the Julius Hartt School of Music at Hartford, Connecticut. He was guest composer on February 22.

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