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## The Cover

Miss Norma Tate, education sophomore from Seminole, is the pert young lady on the cover. She won the election for Engineers' queen and reigned during St. Patrick festivities. Photo by Curtis studios.

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# Riding the Sooner Range

By George Cummings, '49bus

This is the last article that will ever be published under the heading of Riding the Sooner Range. The column title was the personal trade-mark of Ted Beaird, '21ba, for more than 10 years. Since he left us April 15 to do a little Riding on other Ranges, we are retiring the title.

Riding the Sooner Range was Mr. Beaird's con-

necting link with thousands of alumni who knew and loved him. In another space, Roscoe Cate, '26ba, financial vice president, tells the Rider's last story, but from those of us on the magazine and in the alumni records office who were daily associated with him we'd like to add to Mr. Cate's story a simple "Here was a Man" . . . THE STAFF.

"East is East and West is West and a long way . . ." starts the song entitled "Buttons and Bows" and it pretty well fits the circumstances of late February and early March for the Little Wrangler.

Considering the east to be anything to the Atlantic side of the Oklahoma state boundaries, that's the way he headed in winter weather.

The first stop on a half-transcontinental flight was St. Louis. Baseball fever was only simmering at the time of arrival and football still held forth.

A dinner meeting was held in the First Methodist Church. Dr. Joe Edwards, '30ba, president of the club, served as master of ceremonies. King football had center stage as the Sugar Bowl film was un-realed to the delight of the onlookers.

More than 20 alumni attended and plans were made for the coming year. Some of the diners were Sam R. Bowman, '40bus, Mrs. G. C. Chenoweth, '30fa, John C. Glaze, '28bs, Mrs. Ruth S. Glaze, '28-'29, Gay D. Landan, '32, Mrs. E. J. Merritt, Jr., '33, Edward J. Merritt, Jr., '33Law, Walter K. Rott, '41journ, Helen Eades Stutsman, '28bs, A. C. Stutsman, Mrs. Dorothy W. Thornton, '21ba, Joseph F. Trigg, '28ba, George D. Bischoff, '48ba, Virgil W. Black, '49ba, Mrs. Joseph C. Edwards, Edward H. Ham, '47bs, John F. Wilkinson, '23ba, and Fred-erika F. Woltering, '21ba.

Spring seemed a long way removed from Pitts-burgh, Pennsylvania, when I flew in February 24. But snow and winter weather didn't stop the alumni from having a meeting at Tom McNamara's business school.

Dr. E. E. Brown, '19ba, presided at the get to-gether. New officers were elected with Dr. Brown retaining the presidency, A. C. Meixner, '30bs, chosen vice president, and Hal Pat Morrow, '48bs, named secretary-treasurer. Once more the Sugar Bowl film was un-realed as it was to be many more times on the trip.

Among those present in addition to the officers were Robert and Mrs. Ann Elder, '44bus; Merritt A. Neale, '44eng, and wife; Tom McNamara, '42-'43, and wife, and Mrs. Meixner.

The Pittsburgh trip was a brief but pleasant one—then on to Atlantic City for a national conference of school administrators. Some of the mem-

bers of the Oklahoma delegation were Dr. Herbert E. Wrinkle, '22ba, '31m.ed, executive secretary of Oklahoma State Boards Association; Dr. John R. Rackley, '31ba, '35ma, dean of the college of education, and Dr. Henry D. Rinsland, '20ba, '24ma, professor of school measurements. The Sugar film was shown at an Oklahoma Breakfast.

The short hop from Atlantic City to Philadelphia was made on a fast bus for another alumni club meeting. The session was held at the home of H. B. Prewitt, '28bs, and Mrs. Audine Drew Prewitt, '28ed.

A. D. Kennedy, '31ba, was named to head a committee to make definite recommendations for chartering a club in Philly at a spring meeting. Once more the bowl game was replayed.

While in Philadelphia the news of the giant leopard hunt was filling the papers. The news of its capture reached me through a column in the *Philadelphia Inquirer*. Entitled "Headline Hop-ping" and written by Ollie Crawford, it went something like this:

"Oklahoma leopard recaptured after long search. For three days this leopard did nothing but change its spots. Then he died of disgust when he found he had been going around in circles.

"This one had been in more spots than a night club columnist.

"The leopard came up out of its pit faster than a union miner. When John L. Lewis said 'Every-body out,' the leopard decided he meant everybody. Guys with spots before their eyes were calling the cops instead of the oculist. One storekeeper called up with the hot tip that somebody had stolen five cans of spot-remover. He thought the leopard was going around in civilian clothes.

"After all these years, here's a new plot for a western epic.

"When they asked those Oklahoma hound dogs to hunt for a leopard they had to look it up in the dictionary. Then they told the hunters: 'We can find it, but you won't believe it.' They decided a leopard was like a mountain lion, only more moun-tain than lion. One look at a leopard and the hounds swore off chasing cats.

"The beast left a track like the Santa Fe. He



*Pictured above are some of the participants in the St. Louis alumni club meeting. At left is Leo Woltering and Mrs. John Wilkinson. At the right, a portion of the film goers are seen watching the Sugar Bowl game.*

had the kind of paws that depresses. The pointers decided there was more point in setting.

"Thirst drove the leopard back to the zoo. To get a drink in dry Oklahoma you have to know a blind tiger."

Those attending the Philly affair besides the Prewitts were Mildred Biebel, Robert L. Cashman, '48ba, Mrs. Cashman, Mrs. Sara H. Cordell, '32ba, Chester E. Cordell, '31, Richard T. Darby, '42ms, Margaret Liederbach, '24-'25, David E. Zacharias, '44-'46, Edgar W. Fielding, '14ba, John W. Hunt, '48, Mildred H. Magaw, '35ba, and Elden S. Magaw, '28ba, '31Law.

A "walking" tour of Washington started at 12:30 p.m. March 1st with Mrs. Elizabeth Bascom, '22-'24, vice president of the Washington group. First rest period from seeing the sights was the Pentagon for a luncheon with Lt. Col. Merton Munson, '29ba, '31Law, president of the club there; Brig. Gen. Bert Johnson, '24ba, '29Law; Lynden Mannen,

'27ba, '38ma; Lt. Col. Walter O. Beets, '28-'31, treasurer of the club; Lt. Col. John Embry, '27Law; Major Harold Sullivan, '35Law; Comdr. William B. Matney, '31Law; Major Ray W. Whitson, '34bs, and Elizabeth P. Bascom.

Still on foot and still with guide Bascom, we stopped in to see Walter E. Emery, '34Law, at the Federal Communications Commission offices and he took us to see Commissioner Paul A. Walker, '12Law. Then on to Commissioner Harrington Wimberly, '24ba, of the Federal Power Commission. He took us to the Hill.

At the office of Mike Monroney, '24ba, we talked with Jack Yocum, '43bs. Stopped by the House of Representatives for a look in.

Commissioner and Mrs. Myra Evelyn Walker, '12, had invited us to dinner and from there we were escorted by William B. Matney, '31Law, and Mrs. Matney, (Maurine Huff, '29fa) to the club meeting at the Hurshel Underwood, '27bus, resi-

dence. Those attending in addition to the Matneys and Walkers were Commissioner Wimberly, Miss Frances Hunt, '29ba, Miss Mary Wingate, '48ba, Russell Chapin, '48Law, Edward Driver, '43bus, and Lynden and Mrs. Mannen (Patricia Lyon, '34ed).

First return stop was at Nashville where 46 alumni and friends headed by club president Herschell Emery, '29m.ed, prepared a royal reception at the Maxwell house. Dinner and surroundings were excellent. For a view of the participants, the pictures on these pages give a good example of the enthusiasm and turnout as they watched Big Red take the L.S.U. Bengals way back in January. (Names of people present are included in the identification of the Nashville pictures.)

Another Tennessee turnout took place in Memphis where a charter was presented the group. New officers were named for the following year. John C. Hogan, '22ba, president, O. B. Crofford, '17,



*Dr. Joe Edwards, '30ba, president of the St. Louis club chats with Mrs. Edwards and Dr. A. C. Stutsman, husband of Helen Eades Stutsman, '28bs, in the photo at left. At right are more St. Loo clubbers Charles Kemp, '42eng, Elizabeth Cook Kemp, '44ba, '44eng, Edward Ham, '47eng, and Ronny Eiriksson.*

vice president, and James Cartwright, '49bus, secretary-treasurer, were the choices. Again the Sugar Bowl.

Delta country alumni attending the Memphis meeting were L. W. Kibler, '16ba, '17ma, J. H. Kiersky, '42bus, H. R. Jennings, '49journ, Clover G. Berry, '18, Josephine Hogan, '22ba, Lorraine Gelvin, '37ba, F. Clyde Lambert, '33bus, J. P. Listen, '41bus, and Mrs. Listen.

Also present were Penrod W. Harris, '39ba, '41 Law, and Mrs. Harris, David K. Rowe, '48ba, John M. Walker, '40ba, Dr. J. W. Murphree, '47med, Jimmie Cartwright, '49bus, Harold Hazen, Jr., '49 journ, Laura S. Wilkinson, '35ed, Flora Hobbs, '23, O. B. Crofford, '17, Walter L. Berry, '18, Pearl S. Silverson, '36journ, A. J. Hubert, Jr., '49eng, and John C. Hogan, '22ba.

It was good to be back home and able to unpack a somewhat seedy suitcase, but the enthusiasm and fire of the Eastern Sooners made Riding the Sooner Range a pleasure.

## Film Good Tulsa Boxoffice

Nearly 500 Tulsa County alumni gathered at the Central highschool auditorium March 2 to witness a showing of the Sugar Bowl film.

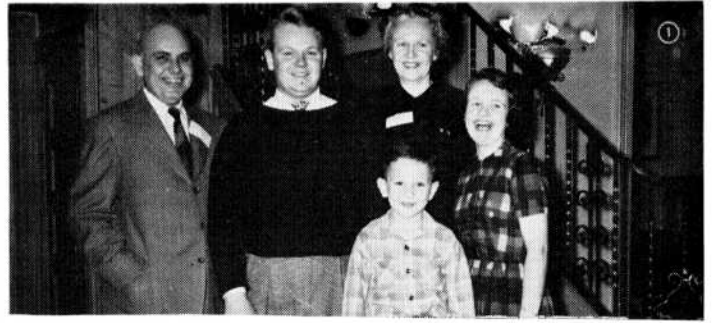
Gomer Jones, assistant coach, was called on to pinch hit for Bud Wilkinson, who was then ill, as narrator of the color flicker. L. E. "Jap" Haskell, '22geol, club president, reported direct to *Sooner Magazine*:

"I can't think of a more happy substitute. I'm sure the alumni present enjoyed Gomer's visit as much as I did."

In a business meeting following the film the club discussed a spring meeting, trying to get a special train to Norman for football games, staging an annual banquet for similar film showings another year, and a committee to assist graduates of 1950 or other classes who wish to establish in Tulsa.

► Dr. Oliver E. Benson, '32ba, '33ma, chairman of the department of government, Dr. J. Paul Duncan, assistant professor of government and Dr. Cortez A. M. Ewing, director of planned programs in government, have returned from Houston, where they attended the annual convention of the Southwestern Social Science Association, April 6-8.

**Philadelphia Alumni Club met in the home of H. B. Prewitt, '28eng, and Mrs. Audine Drew Prewitt, '28 ed. In the top photo the Prewitt family poses before festivities begin. The children from left to right are Dick, Bob and Drew Ann. In pic No. 2, Mrs. Alma M. Kennedy, Mrs. Natalie Cashman, and Richard T. Darby, '42ms, are seen enjoying their refreshments. John Hunt, '48, currently a student at the University of Pennsylvania, pours himself a cup of coffee while Edgar Fielding, '14ba, Wilmington, Delaware, watches in pic No. 3.**



Some of the Memphis alumni attending the March meeting are shown above. In the photo at left are Mrs. Lorraine Gelvin, '37ba, Harold Hazen, '49journ, Dr. J. W. Murphree, '47med, John M. Walker, '40ba, and Roy Jennings, '49journ. At the right are O. B. Crofford, '17, vice president of the group; L. W. Kibler, '16ba, '17ma, who did much to help organize the club; James Cartwright, '49bus, secretary-treasurer, and John C. Hogan, '22ba, president.

## Sugar Film Nashville Hit

The Nashville club meeting is described in the preceding story, "Riding the Sooner Range." But for camera evidence of the interest of the club, take a look at the pictures on this page.

1. Two visitors chat with alumnus. Dr. and Mrs. Ray Fessey are seen with Robert L. Lancaster, '32-'35.

2. Beginning at extreme left side of picture and moving to right of table far side, then from right to left near side of table are Frank T. McCoy, Jr., '35ba, Mrs. Earl Butts, Major Earl A. Butts, '35-'39, Mrs. Frank T. McCoy, Jr., Howard Johnson, Lyle Hammond, '38 ba, Bill Lellyett, Dr. H. P. Beasley, Mrs. Paul W. McCluskey, and Paul W. McCluskey, '35pharm.

3. While the film was being readied for showing this shot was taken. Included in the photo are Mrs. Lois Treadwell Bouilly, '41 ed, Edith Hatchett, Mrs. Wanda Lee Rice Vaughn, '48, Paul Thurber, '31eng, Earl Bouilly, Mrs. Paul McCluskey; James Vaughn, '47ba, Dr. Ray Fessey, Mary L. Lee, '49ba, Paul McCluskey, '35 pharm, Bill Akers, '45bs, Mrs. Ray Fessey, and Herschell Emery, '29m.ed, president of the club.

4. From the opposite side of the room more alumni and guests are seen. Included are E. W. Smart, Sr., Carl Jewell, Mrs. Lura Norcan Emery, '27, E. W. Smart, Jr., Dr. A. K. Brackon, '25ma, Mrs. Carl Jewell, W. H. Kennedy, '30, Mrs. William D. Kendall, Mrs. Mattie Green Bracken, '24ma, Mrs. Paul Gresham, William D. Kendall, '38fa, Mrs. Hazel Banfield Kennedy, '30, Dr. Paul Gresham, '34ma, Earl Bouilly, and Mrs. Lois Treadwell Bouilly, '41ed.



George Cummings, '49bus, executive secretary of the Alumni Association, Herschell Emery, '29m.ed, president of the club, Mrs. Winnie Walton Mabry, '37nurse, secretary-treasurer, and Lyle Hammond, '38ba, vice president, look at the club charter.

