



The last picture taken of Beard was this informal pose with Joe Curtis, '20ba, '22Law, Pauls Valley, president of the Alumni Association.

five years. He represented special speech and radio interests in centers throughout the United States for the Carnegie Foundation, the Payne Fund, the National Education Association and the National Committee on Education by Radio.

In 1928 Ted personally promoted the first interstate championship debate in the United States. The highschool debate team from Hartshorne had won the state championship of Oklahoma. Ted, in his capacity as director of the Oklahoma Highschool Public Speaking League at that time had found that the highschools of Virginia had debated the same question that year. The Virginia champions, Suffolk Highschool, had agreed to meet Oklahoma for the "National Championship" if the Hartshorne team would make the trip east to Washington for the contest.

Ted had to spend two days and nights in Hartshorne making the rounds of the community with volunteer workers to stimulate interest in the unheard-of idea of sending a highschool debate team to Washington for a national contest. His enthusiasm was contagious and he came back to Norman with \$760 in cash to pay for the trip. The Hartshorne youngsters went to Washington, defeated Suffolk for the championship, were entertained royally by the Oklahoma congressional delegation, visited Atlantic City, and saw the sights all along the way.

This is only one of many occasions on which he personally promoted activities to reflect credit on the State, the University, and the young people involved.

Always eager to be in the middle of the fight for the most important cause at hand, Ted took leave of absence from his campus responsibilities in August, 1942, to accept a commission as Captain in the Air Corps for service in World War II. He attended the Graduate Officers Training School at Miami Beach, Florida, served as commanding officer of the First Training Squadron, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron, IV Air Service Area Command, McClelland Field, Sacramento, California; commanding Officer, First Training Squadron,

Camp Stockton, California; Base S-3 Officer, Pendleton Army Air Field, Oregon; deputy chief and chief, Personnel and Training Division, Air Technical Service Command, Area Headquarter, Spokane, Washington. He received several citations from commanding officers during his army service. There, as in his many phases of work for the University of Oklahoma, his "aggressive, fore-sighted spirit" served his country in an outstanding way.

He left the Air Corps in November, 1944, with rank of major, to return to his work with the Alumni Association and the Union.

Truly, few men could cram so much action, so much achievement, so much living in 52 years as did Ted Beard.

Survivors include his wife, Kathryn Hazel Beard, '24, and daughter, Sally.

Following are statements in appreciation of Ted's work for the three agencies he served.

Dr. George L. Cross, President of the University of Oklahoma:

"The University has lost one of its most devoted and capable administrators in the death of Ted Beard. For more than a quarter century in positions of steadily increasing responsibility, he gave his time and his great enthusiasm and energy to the advancement of the best interests of the University.

"Even when he knew in the Summer of 1949 that his health was failing, he took the lead in organizing the alumni of state institutions of higher education to support the State building bond issue. His effective leadership undoubtedly was a major factor in the election victory.

"The University can never expect to fill the position of Executive Secretary of the Alumni Association and the Manager of the Union with another man with the same extraordinary combination of leadership, energy, versatility and enthusiasm."

Joe Curtis, '20ba, '22Law, Pauls Valley, President of the University of Oklahoma Alumni Association.

"The University has suffered the loss of one of its best friends. For years and years, Ted Beard devoted his heart, soul, mind and body to work for

The executive board of the Alumni Association has decided to appoint a special committee to determine the type of memorial to establish in memory of Ted Beard. If you are interested, mail your contribution to the University of Oklahoma Foundation, Norman.

the institution he loved. He actually 'lived' the University. His death represents a loss that can never be replaced."

A. N. Boatman, '14ba, '16Law, Okmulgee, president of the Board of Governors of the Oklahoma Memorial Union:

"Ted Beard gave time and effort to the University and the State far beyond his physical limits. He did the same thing as an Air Corps staff officer. His foremost thought was for the students. No one could know the number of boys and girls he helped to go through school. He gave long hours of his own in developing his vision of Union expansion into reality, to provide better facilities for O.U. students. His death is a very great loss to the University and to the Union."

FACULTY

Wilkinson Returns

Bud Wilkinson, Sooner football coach, has returned to his job after missing four weeks of spring practice. Wilkinson has spent three weeks at Mayo clinic, Rochester, Minnesota, where he underwent a physical checkup following an abdominal operation.

Wilkinson had twice undergone surgery at Norman Municipal Hospital. The major operation was for removal of adhesions caused by an old appendectomy.

Upon returning to his coaching position, he began shuffling positions left vacant by the graduation of 18 seniors. After watching the team work out, he gleamed:

"I thought they looked very good, especially their spirit—it was great."

Oak Ridge Picks Sooner

William B. Lewis, University assistant professor of electrical engineering, has an eventful summer ahead of him. He has been chosen to participate in research at the Oak Ridge, Tennessee, Institute of Nuclear Studies. OU is one of 24 institutions sponsoring the institute. Dr. Laurence H. Snyder, graduate school dean, is chairman of the institute's medical committee.

Clark Is Commended

Dean Ralph W. Clark of the University school of pharmacy was commended at a meeting of the Oklahoma State Board of Pharmacy.

The board commended him for his excellent work in establishing standards at the school of pharmacy. And he was given acknowledgement for his work in contacting druggists in an effort to promote better relations between the OPA, the State Board of Pharmacy and the University.

► D. R. Kimrey, '40ba, director of purchasing, attended the Institute of College and University Purchasing in Chicago, March 19-25.