

Something To Remember Him By

Few men have contributed so much to the Alumni and to the University as the late Ted Beard. Here is the story of what his friends are doing to keep the fires of memory kindled all over the Sooner Range.

Contributions for the Ted M. Beard Memorial Fund reached a total of \$2,107.85 August 18, far short of the amount the Fund committee had so ambitiously expected. But if there was any disappointment among the committee members it was hard to see.

"There'll be more money coming in," Hicks Epton, '32Law, Wewoka, committee chairman said. "There's a thousand reasons why people who want to contribute haven't done so yet. The amount we have received thus far is only the beginning."

(All contributions will be used for the portrait currently being painted by Dr. Joseph Sigall, Tulsa—see below. If more than enough funds are subscribed for the portrait, the committee will establish a speech memorial to be presented in Beard's name.)

The early contributors were helping to fill in some of the Ted Beard story—that portion which he had written so eloquently but had until recently been left unsigned. Others paid tribute to Beard and to his accomplishments.

Jack Scott, '36Law, Seminole county attorney, told a story which has many a counterpart among graduates and former students.

"Back in September of 1933, I went to the School of Law at the University of Oklahoma with a dollar and a quarter in my pocket and one letter of recommendation. One great crisis of my life came when I was discharged from a job of dishwashing at a cafe in Norman, because of my refusal to melt scrap butter to be put on toast.

"I went to Ted Beard and applied for a job at the Student Union Cafeteria. He did not have any vacancy then, but gave me two meal tickets which cost nine dollars, as I recall. After my completion of the work in the School of Law, one day I finally got the money and sent a check to Ted for ten dollars.

"He wrote and said that he did not want the money returned and had applied the check upon alumni membership dues for me! That is the kind of man Ted Beard was. That is why I still want to give the same ten dollars to the memory of Ted Beard, who thought only of others and never of himself."

Although many alumni and friends of Ted Beard never received a financial boost as did Jack Scott, the tireless energies and unselfish devotion to the task of helping alumni offered another kind of boost. Tributes from high and low offices came in every mail.

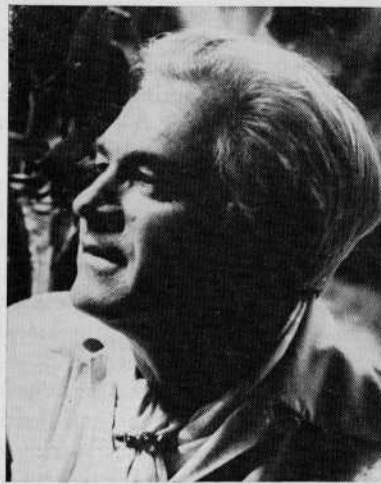
"... I know of no one who has made a greater contribution to Oklahoma University than Ted. His ideals, his many, many favors extended to the students while attending the University will in itself be a greater memorial than we can ever hope to build.

"Nevertheless, I think it fitting to leave something 'in the house that Ted built' which will have its lasting impression on those who follow and did not have the pleasure of knowing a many who had the intestinal fortitude to stand up and battle those

in authority when he felt he was right" . . . L. E. "Jap" Haskell, '22 geol. Tulsa.

"... He was my good friend and if I contributed in proportion to the value I placed on his friendship it would bankrupt me.

"Ted Beard was a great morale builder. The vigor, zeal and enthusiasm which he exhibited in all his endeavors stimulated and inspired his associates. His warm geniality and love of good fellow-



Dr. Joseph Sigall, Tulsa, has been commissioned and is at work on a portrait of the late Ted Beard. The portrait will be a permanent part of the Ted Beard Memorial Lounge in the new Union building.

Dr. Sigall, born in Brodi, Poland, May 18, 1892, began as a portrait painter in 1914. He has painted many of the world famous, Emperor Francis Joseph, Austria; Emperor Karl, Austria, Emperor William of Germany and many others. He came to the U. S. in 1922 after serving in World War I as a Captain in the Fourth Lancer Regiment, Austro-Hungarian Army.

Portraits painted by Dr. Sigall in the U. S. read like a list of the famous and near famous. Presidents Coolidge and Hoover and their wives; members of the Hoover cabinet and their wives; Helen Wills Moody, members of the Chrysler and Vanderbilt families all were portrait subjects for Dr. Sigall.

For the past several years he has lived in Tulsa painting portraits of outstanding state people. Dean Julien C. Monnet, dean emeritus of the School of Law, and Dr. and Mrs. George L. Cross, of the faculty have been painted by him as have alumni Judge Roy H. Savage, '27Law, '25ba, Tulsa, federal judge, and A. P. Murrain, '28Law, Oklahoma City, federal judge.

ship made a host of friends for himself and for the University which he loved so well.

"He was a great citizen and a great soldier" . . . W. S. Key, Oklahoma City.

"... No amount of money could repay Ted for the many fine things he has done for me. He is one of the few men I ever knew who was unselfish to the extent of fault. I firmly believe that he killed himself working for his friends" . . . James C. Hamill, '36Law, Madill.

"... I do hope that the Alumni graciously respond to this request in behalf of Ted's memorial, for he deserves the very best for the fine work he has done for our organization in the past. I still miss his phone calls at all hours of the day or night from various parts of the country" . . . Harry Kornbaum, '33, Oklahoma City.

"... We must not permit the torch he so valiantly carried to go out" . . . Alfred P. Murrain, '28Law, Oklahoma City.

"... In my humble opinion, no greater job could have been done in building a greater University of Oklahoma Association for our Alma Mater than was done by our beloved Ted. The good results of his wise, constructive and dynamic leadership in alumni affairs cannot be measured. Dividends will keep coming in for many years" . . . C. Dan Procter, '36m.ed, '43d.ed.

"... No one has ever done more for the University than Ted, and I seriously doubt that anyone has ever done so much to blend its past and present generations of students into a unified body devoted to common traditions, loyalties, and goals" . . . Carl Albert, '31ba, Washington, D. C.

"... No man has ever accomplished more for the University of Oklahoma and its Alumni Association. His example should inspire all of us to greater devotion to the school he loved so much and to whose cause he devoted his life" . . . Joe W. Curtis, '20ba, '22Law, Pauls Valley.

Jim Robinson, '32ba, '32Law, Tahlequah, told of Beard's devotion to the University.

"Having worked for Ted Beard as a student and having worked with him on the Alumni Board, in speech and fraternity activities, and on numerous committees, I am in a position to know of his intense loyalty to his friends and to the University of Oklahoma. Unfortunately for his health, he was not the kind to stop working at the end of the day. To him a clock simply marked the inauguration of another project—note the time of day.

"Most trying for him was the inauguration of many programs—some of which are now accepted as a matter of course—when it seemed that he was swimming upstream almost alone. Although no institution deserves such sacrifices, all are fortunate to have such a person as an associate.

"I know of at least two attractive promotions he declined because of a desire to 'remain with the kids' and alumni of his school. Such loyalty deserves more than sympathetic respect and expressions of praise from his contemporaries. His ideal-

ism, enthusiasm, and loyalty should be preserved as a stimulus to future generations. Let's honor both the University of Oklahoma and the ideals for which Ted Beard stood with a suitable memorial in the O.U. Hall of Fame."

"... I think it is a very worthy cause. We are all going to miss Ted a lot, particularly myself in trying to direct the affairs of the Union and the expansion program. In fact, Ted did all the thinking, had the answers to all the questions, and the job of being president with Ted as secretary was a very easy position to fill. Not only do I miss him in the management of the affairs of the Union, but I miss him also as a warm personal friend, one that could be counted on at all times" . . . A. N. Boatman, '14ba, '16Law, Okmulgee.

"... This is one of the few things I have really wanted to contribute to. Ted was a fine fellow and a true friend" . . . Joe C. Jackson, '34bs, '40m.ed, '50d.ed, Edmond.

"... The plan of your committee to provide a suitable memorial to Ted Beard is a very worthy one. Ted has done a magnificent job not only for the University of Oklahoma but for the state as a whole in the many activities in which he participated during his life. I hope that your committee prosecutes this undertaking to its full completion" . . . Harry D. Simmons, '24ba, Muskogee.

And Lee B. Thompson, '25ba, '27Law, Oklahoma City, also saw beyond a one-picture memorial.

"Ted gave his very life, almost literally, to the University, the Alumni Association and the Student Union, and I am confident that thousands of Alumni will be glad to make contributions to such a fund. The Memorial can, and should, include far more than the dedication of the Lounge and the painting of a portrait to Ted. Works of art and other things, such as a fund to reward outstanding highschool students in speech and debate, as fostered and promoted by Ted, could be added, so that regardless of the amount of total contributions received, useful purposes could be found for all of them and used as a part of the Memorial.

"I feel confident that the Alumni will be glad to respond generously and promptly to this worthy project."

A simple and eloquent tribute came from Mike Monroney, '24ba, Washington, D. C.

"... I don't know of any more worthy contribution any Sooner might be permitted to make than to participate in honoring the memory of one of the finest men the Lord ever made.

"Ted Beard was my loyal friend, as he was to all those who love O.U. I knew him in the bad days and in the good days of the University's history, and know how he worked his life away for one ideal, to build and create the greatest asset that any University could possibly have—a loyal and active alumni body.

"Ted's vision was greater than most men, and his efforts more tireless. Yet with all his drive, he was the kind of a guy who could make you want to work for the cause, because you knew he was in there working three times as hard as he asked you to work.

"His imprint is left deep in the history and traditions of our University—and deep in the hearts of all who were fortunate enough to know and be privileged to be associated with him.

"Wherever and whenever Sooners get together around this world, before the conversation is over, Ted will be a part of it, for his memory is immortal in the life of all Soonerland."

Committee members in addition to Epton who are continuing the Memorial work are Lee B. Thompson, Dr. E. D. Meacham, '14ba, Norman; Mrs. Jewell Risinger Ditmars, '19ba, Muskogee;

Norman Brillhart, '17ba, Madill; Joe Curtis and Dr. George L. Cross. Fund contributions may be sent direct to the University of Oklahoma Alumni Association Norman, Oklahoma.

Alumni and friends of Ted Beard who have contributed thus far are listed below.

Carl Albert, '31ba, Washington, D. C.
R. G. Atherton, '23ba, Takoma Park, Maryland
Robert M. Bass, '22, Kilgore, Texas
Harold Belknap, '25ba, Norman
Douglas E. Bell, '34eng, Houston, Texas
T. R. Benedum, '28Law, Norman
Joseph H. Benton, '20ba, '21fa, '41ma, Norman
A. N. Boatman, '14ba, '16Law, Okmulgee
H. P. Bonebrake, '23eng, St. Louis
Herbert Branan, '32ba, '38Law, Oklahoma City
O. R. Bridges, '29ms, Durant
Norman Brillhart, '17ba, Madill
Cecil H. Brite, '29bus, '31Law, Norman
J. Phil Burns, '27ba, Oklahoma City
Tom F. Carey, '08ba, Oklahoma City

Personal Experience

A thousand tales could be told to show Ted Beard's vital interest in helping young men and women become alumni of the University, but one should do.

Two years ago last spring, a young man graduated from a junior college in north-eastern Oklahoma. With little means of support, it was necessary for him to have employment before he could continue his education. Bruce G. Carter, '32ma, '50d.ed, Miami, mentioned the case to Beard and since there was an opening on the *Sooner Magazine* staff at the time, the transfer student was given employment.

The editor of the *Sooner Magazine* has reason to be grateful that the staff position was open. Two months after entering the University, he was named editor of the magazine, a post he still occupies.

A. B. Carpenter, '27Law, Roswell, New Mexico
Bruce G. Carter, '32ma, '50d.ed, Miami
Roscoe Cate, '26ba, Norman
W. Max Chambers, '21ba, '29ms, Edmond
Roland F. Champion, '47ba, Oklahoma City
(Mrs. Bette Yarger Champion, '48journ)
Glenn C. Clark, '13ba, Ponca City
Frank Clecker, '21ba, Oklahoma City
R. J. Clements, '22ba, Oklahoma City
Andy Crosby, Jr., '39ba, '41Law, Lawton
Dr. George L. Cross, Norman
Dudley H. Culp, '34Law, Wewoka
George Cummings, '49bus, Norman
Joe W. Curtis, '20ba, '22Law, Pauls Valley
Harry H. Diamond, '12Law, Holdenville
Charles Duffy, '22Law, Ponca City
Hicks Epton, '32Law, Wewoka
Hiawatha Estes, '40eng, Los Angeles, California
W. D. Finney, Fort Cobb
W. F. Finney, Oklahoma City
Clee Fitzgerald, '49ba, '50Law, Norman
S. E. Floren, Jr., '41ba, '47Law, Oklahoma City
T. Jack Foster, '29, Albuquerque, New Mexico
James R. Frazier, '24ba, '32m.ed, Okmulgee
Hillyer Freeland, '38fa, Norman
Max K. Gilstrap, '37ba, Chicago, Illinois
David Gish, '37fa, Frederick
John William Gittinger, '38ba, '39ms, Falls Church, Virginia
C. E. Goldsmith, '49bus, Topeka
C. E. Grady, '32bus, '39m.bus, Oklahoma City
Roy E. Grantham, '34ba, '34Law, '40m.ed, Ponca City

D. H. Grisso, '30geol, Norman
Boyd Gunning, '37ba, '37Law, Norman
James C. Hamill, '36Law, Madill
George D. Hann, '36m.ed, Ardmore
Grady Harris, '18, Alex
L. E. "Jap" Haskell, '22geol, Tulsa
Ben T. Head, '42bus, '48Law, Oklahoma City
Homer Heck, '35, Evanston, Illinois
Jess Heck, Jr., '48ba, Quapaw
J. Arthur Herron, '32cd, '36m.ed, Blackwell
Joe W. Hicks, '23ba, Chicago
Earnest Hoberecht, '41journ, Tokyo
R. W. Hutto, '10ba, Norman
Joe C. Jackson, '34bs, '40m.ed, '50d.ed, Edmond
Graham B. Johnson, '19ba, Norman
M. T. Johnson, '17ba, Amarillo
Neil Johnson, '15ba, '17Law, Norman
W. S. Key, Oklahoma City
L. W. Kibler, '16ba, '17ma, Memphis, Tennessee
Harry Kornbaum, '33, Oklahoma City
Emil R. Kraetli, '18, Norman
Robert Landsaw, '24, Norman
Reuel W. Little, '27Law, Madill
Joseph C. Looney, '20ba, '22Law
John E. Luttrell, '38ba, '41Law, Norman
Lynden Mannen, '27ba, '38ma, Washington, D. C.
Jackson L. Marks, '40, Chicago
J. C. Mayfield, '28ba, Norman
E. D. Meacham, '14ba, Norman
C. B. Memminger, '14ba, '33Law, Atoka
Maurice Merrill, '19ba, '22Law, Norman
Mike Monroney, '24ba, Oklahoma City
George T. Montgomery, '39ba, '41Law, Tulsa
Dr. R. W. Morton, '38bs, '40med, Sulphur
Fisher Muldrow, '22, Seminole
Hal Muldrow, Jr., '28bus, Norman
A. P. Murrain, '28Law, Oklahoma City
Dave McKeown, '21geol, Oklahoma City
Jackson L. Hahs, '40, Chicago, Illinois
J. C. Nance, Purcell
Errett R. Newby, '07bm, '08ba, Oklahoma City
Wesley I. Nunn, '17, Chicago, Illinois
Ben Owen, Norman
John R. Pearson, '29ba, '29Law, Pawhuska
Dr. John C. Pickard, '24bs, '26med, Dubuque, Iowa
C. Dan Procter, '36m.ed, '43d.ed, Chickasha
Paul Reed, '21, Oklahoma City
Harold Reedy, '47eng, Enid
Bradford Risinger, '23ba, Sand Springs
James Robinson, '32ba, '32Law, Tahlequah
John Rogers, '14Law, Tulsa
(Mrs. Hazel Beattie Rogers, '17ba)
Jack Scott, '36Law, Wewoka
Herbert H. Scott, '26ba, '26ma, Great Lakes, Illinois
Ned Shepler, '18, Lawton
Bill Sholer, '50Law, Henryetta
(Mrs. Sue Alice Grantham Sholer, '49mus)
Harry Simmons, '24ba, Muskogee
Calvin T. Smith, '40m.ed, Wewoka
Earl Sneed, Jr., '34ba, '37Law, Norman
Sorey, Hill and Sorey, Oklahoma City
Allen Street, Oklahoma City
Harold Tacker, '40fa, Seattle, Washington
Fred Tarman, '10ba, Norman
Leslie Thomason, '36ba, '39ma, Norman
Lee B. Thompson, '25ba, '27Law, Oklahoma City
Wallace C. Thompson, '20geol, Houston, Texas
Eleanor Tracy, '29ba, Beaver
Paul Updegraff, '30Law, Norman
J. H. Van Zant, '23ba, '26ms, Fort Worth, Texas
Richard L. Virtue, '44ba, Oklahoma City
Paul A. Walker, '12Law, Washington, D. C.
Homa Wood, '15ma, '15Law, Colorado Springs, Colorado
Robert H. Wood, '11ba, Tulsa
Virgil O. Wood, '16ba, Tulsa

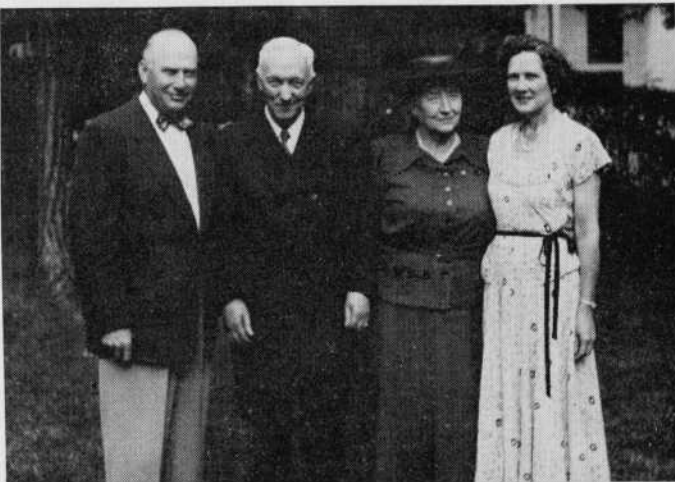


Dean and Mrs. W. H. Carson were special guests of the grads in Seattle. Here Dean Carson is getting an assist at the buffet by Mrs. Lavonia McArthur Leo, '43bus, club member.

The Seattle Alumni Club held a meeting June 23 in the YMCA building of the University of Seattle in honor of Dean W. H. Carson and Mrs. Carson who were in Seattle for the International Convention of Engineers.

The Washington, D. C., Alumni Club honored Dr. Roy Gittinger, '02ba, regents professor of history, and Mrs. Gittinger with a tea at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harrington Wimberly June 18. (Wimberly '24ba, is a member of the Federal Power Commission.)

Harrington Wimberly, '24ba, and Mrs. Wimberly were hosts and Mrs. Gittinger. The Gittingers were visiting their son, to the Washington tea honoring Dr. Roy Gittinger, '02ba,



The Amarillo Alumni Club met August 8 at the Veterans of Foreign Wars hall in Amarillo.

A business meeting was held and officers were elected. A. O. Johnson, '30ba, '33Law, was re-elected president; Bill Clark, '47ba, was chosen vice president, and Gene Edwards, '47ba, '49Law, was re-elected secretary-treasurer.

Boyd Gunning, '37ba, '37Law, executive-secretary of the Alumni Association met with the club and unreeled the Sugar Bowl classic of 1950.

Shown below are Bill Clark, '47ba, vice president of the Amarillo Club, and Mrs. Clark, E. B. Johnson, Jr., '50bus, and Mrs. Elaine Johnson Edwards, '46ba, at Alumni meeting.



Dr. W. J. Campbell, '37bs, '39med, and wife (hat showing), Mrs. Eleonore Aderhold Gunning, '38fa, Mrs. Elaine Johnson Edwards, '46ba, and Dr. J. E. Witcher, '44med, at Amarillo.

The Oklahoma County Alumni Club is planning a giant dinner-dance for the evening of November 17. The party will come on the eve of the Missouri-O.U. football squabble. The planning committee has held their first meeting. Next month's magazine will carry complete details.



The Denver Alumni Club met August 6 in the Washington Park Pavillion for a picnic. The sound film of the Sugar Bowl game was shown by Boyd Gunning, '37ba, '37Law, executive-secretary of the Alumni Association, and George Cummings, '49-bus, assistant secretary.

Pictured at the left are some of the Denverites who attended the meeting. From left to right they are Mrs. C. B. Popkin, '35, Harry B. Kniseley, '26ba, '29ma, president of the Denver group, Mrs. Gladys Scroggs Hawthorne, '10ba, Mrs. Mary Jo West Kniseley, '35ba, Mrs. Betty Belcher, John G. Belcher, '39bus, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee.

FACULTY

First Impression

By Dr. Jerome Dowd

The state was still an unsettled prairie when the young professor from North Carolina made his first trip to Oklahoma, but the signs of civilization were ever present although the Indians were not.

I was "crazy" to see the Indians and have a first-hand acquaintance with their culture and problems.

I left my home in North Carolina, September 1, 1907, for Oklahoma. On the way, when my train was passing through Arkansas, I requested the Pullman porter to awaken me when the train crossed the line into Oklahoma. I had a keen desire to see the prairie region, and the Indians chasing the wild buffalo. I was awakened at 3 a.m. I dressed hastily, sat at the window in the smoking room and looked out to see what I could see. The stars were shining. About two hours later the sun came up and I could see that we were leaving the mountains and forests behind us and coming into the open country where the horizon was visible in all directions. I had never seen the like, and I asked myself the question, "Which is the more magnificent spectacle, the prairie, the mountains or the ocean? and I have not yet been able to answer that question.

A tall portly gentleman came into the room with his suit case, took out his shaving outfit, lathered his face and, picking up his razor with a flourish, said,

"What part of the country are you from?"

I answered.

"Married man?"

"Widower," I answered.

"Not a good place out here for a man looking for a wife. Women are scarce, that is, decent women, but there are plenty of whores in all of the towns. They just flock here from all parts of the country."

The train struck a curve and lurched, and the

One day when Professor Dowd was teaching at the University of Wisconsin he received a letter from Dr. David Ross Boyd inviting him to occupy the chair of sociology at the University of Oklahoma. The Sooner Magazine is proud to present this amusing article on Dr. Dowd's maiden voyage into Oklahoma.

shaving gentleman was thrown against the wall.

"This is the damndest roughest road in the United States. I was nearly thrown out of my berth several times last night. Expect to settle in Oklahoma?"

"Yes," I answered.

"What's your line of business?"

"Teaching," I replied.

"Got any money you want to invest?"

"As Bill Arp's friend said when asked if he had any children, 'I have none to speak of,'" was my reply.

"Well," said the shaving gentleman "My name is John Smith. I'm from Arkansas. I came to Oklahoma with the rush in '89. I'm what they call a 'Sooner.' I crossed the line with four other men on horseback the night before the time for the rush. We got four choice sections of land and sold at a good profit. I am now president of the Crystal Springs Mineral Water Corporation, and I am selling stock. The doctors say that this spring water

is the best in the world for indigestion, kidney, liver or bladder troubles. You know the drinking water out here is bad—gyppy and, if prohibition carries in the election this month, the people will have to drink water. I can sell you a \$100 share of stock for \$10. We are paying 20 per cent dividends on the stock now and we expect to pay double that amount next year. Let me sell you ten shares of this stock. You'll never have another chance like this in your life."

While Mr. Smith was shaving several other men came in with their suit cases. One of them attempted to shave.

The train stopped at a small town of shack store buildings and 1-story residences. There was not a tree nor a lawn visible in the town. I saw no Indians but a plenty of Negroes. I observed that the men generally wore broad-brimmed felt hats of the cowboy style, and that some of the horses and mules hitched to wagons wore straw hats.

The train continued to rock along. The second gentleman to perform the shaving act, said to me, "What part of the country are you from? Do you expect to settle in Oklahoma? What line of business are you in?"

When I had answered these questions, he said,

"My name is Joe Brown, I am from Kansas. I came to Oklahoma City a year ago and I am a stockholder in the Suburban Improvement Company of that city. We have purchased 100 acres of land, divided it into lots, and we are selling them to the new-comers and investors. We can sell you a 50-foot lot for \$100. In a few years these lots will be in great demand and sell for \$500. I am just returning from a trip through Tennessee, Ken-