

# Under Cover

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**T**wenty-two alumni have proved themselves good sports and are helping the editor write "Under Cover" this month. In early September, ballots were mailed to a sampling of alumni leaders asking them to pick the winners in each of O.U.'s ten football games this fall. The results are interesting. Without further ado I pass them along to you.

Seventeen of the 22 picked the Sooners to win 'em all (thereby agreeing with the editor's September prediction). Five thought otherwise. Here's how the five thought O.U. would tie or lose: Texas over O.U. 21-13, Richard D. Mason, '29eng, '31ba, '32pro.eng, Chicago; Texas-O.U. tie 14-14, John L. Craig, '33bus, Kansas City; Texas over O.U. 20-13, Donald Royse, '35 bus, '35Law, Elk City; Notre Dame-O.U. tie 14-14, Mrs. Peggy Bartlett Sherwood, '44, Sapulpa, and Notre-Dame-O.U. tie 13-13 and Kansas over O.U. 21-19, J. Gordon Stephens, '39m.ed, Duncan.

While the others like O.U. to go all the way, they all showed concern for Kansas, Texas and Notre Dame. Concensus of the 22 was that O.U. would beat Kansas by a score of 26-17, Texas by 17 to 12 and Notre Dame 21 to 14. It's interesting to note that the season's opener against Colorado is not scaring the Monday morning quarterbacks. They see O.U. over C.U. 27-14. Also of note is the statistical belief that Texas will be the toughest team O.U. will meet this year and that Kansas will have the best offensive team.

Carrying the concensus through all games, the final scores shape up like this: O.U. 30, Pittsburgh 9; O.U. 40, Kansas State 7; O.U. 38, Iowa 8; O.U. 35, Missouri 12; O.U. 30, Nebraska 13, and O.U. 36, Oklahoma A&M 10. Total O.U. points should be 299 and total opponent scoring should be 115 according to the alumni guessers. The first figure is below Wilkinson's 5-year scoring average of 323. The opponent total is also below a Wilkinson average of 123 points given up per season.

Others participating in the poll besides those mentioned were Clint G. Livingston, '48Law, Marietta; Preston Moore, '50Law, Stillwater; C. E. Goldsmith, '49bus, Topeka, Kansas; Ed Fleming, '14, Enid; Ralph Kent Bogart, Jr., '36Law, Tulsa; Luther Eubanks, '41ba, Walters; Ray

Youngmeyer, '26-'27, Tyler, Texas; R. B. McWilliams, '40journ, Denver; Mrs. Jackie Crain Grimm, '46, Breckenridge, Texas; Glenn C. Couch, '31bs, '37ms, Norman; E. L. Howard, '31geol, Tyler; Hal Cumberland, '37bs, Tulsa; Mrs. Verona Browning Pangburn, '30ba, Alva; James R. Frazier, '24ba, '32m.ed, Okmulgee; Frank Spence, '41journ, Wagoner; H. B. Kniseley, '26ba, '29ma, Denver, and Walter Neustadt, Jr., '41geol, Ardmore.

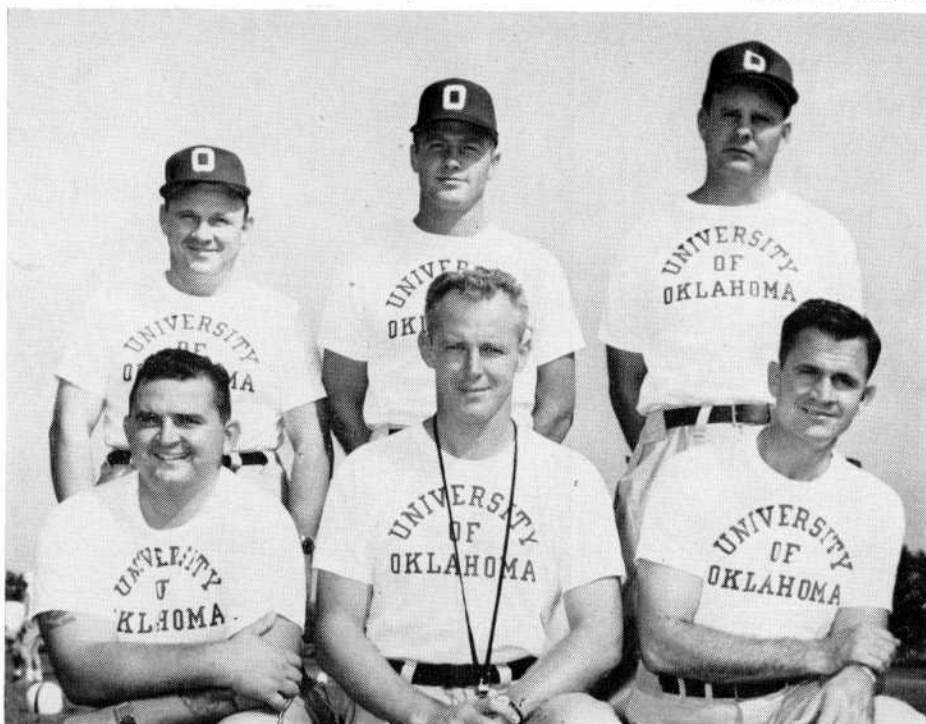
**S**ometimes getting a feature or news-story for the magazine is a major operation. The feature on Colonel William V. Cox, '21ba, '24ma, Ponca City, that appears in this issue is a good case in point. I had an appointment with the good Colonel for 9 a. m., Monday, September 1. Trying to mix personal affairs with business, I journeyed to my mother's home near Joplin, Missouri, for the weekend. The map indicated that Joplin was much nearer Ponca City than Norman was. It looked like a cinch. The train and bus accommodations changed my mind. The one bus that could get me to my destination on Monday morning went by way of Arkansas City, where a three hour layover would keep me from arriving in Ponca City on schedule. However, the bus company assured me that Arkansas City was only 25 miles from Ponca and that there was much traffic between the two cities, if not by bus. The broad implication was, if I had any resourcefulness at all, I should be able to thumb my way in plenty of time for my appointment. So be it.

The bus arrived in Arkansas City at

5:30 a.m. I shuffled to the edge of town, put my bag down and my thumb up. Nothing happened. An hour later a service station owner in a Ford, embellished by sports trim, inquired if I would care to ride out of town about a mile. "You'll miss the packing plant traffic that way," he said. Indicating, I supposed, that all those who had ignored my waving thumb were local workers. I went. Another series of hand waggings and ignorings and a young fellow screeched to a stop about half a mile up the highway. I dashed up to meet him. "I'm going to the intersection to Blackwell. Wanta ride that far." "Sure," I said. The car started off. So did preliminary conversation. "Things are sure in a mess," he said. "Yeah." "Gonna get married next week," he continued. "Fine." "Expecting to go to the army anytime. Got my physical report." "Pass?" "Sure. Things are in a mess." He looked me over and grinned. "You wanna stay away from the post office. They're cail-in' everybody up." We passed Newkirk and came to the Blackwell intersection. "You can catch a ride easy here. Well, good luck." He drove off. A farmer in a pickup invited me to ride a mile with him. He let me off at the lane that led to his white farm house. Luck was picking up. A young man stopped who was on his way to Tulsa to enrol in flight training. He would take me to Ponca City he said.

He asked me where I was from. I told him and returned the question. "I've had a farm up beyond Wichita," he answered. "Seven hundred acres leased up there. Good

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OKLAHOMA'S COACHING STAFF. Busy at work in early September preparing for October and November battles were the six men pictured here. They are (l.r.) Dee Andros, '50ed, assistant line coach, Bud Wilkinson, head coach and athletic director, Bill Jennings, '46ed, '49m.ed, backfield coach; (b.r.) Gomer Jones, line coach, Pete Elliott, assistant coach, and Frank 'Pop' Ivy, '40phys.ed, end coach. This happy picture was taken before the man-killing season began.

tical background in the past ten years. At present Miss Sommers is on leave of absence doing graduate study at Ohio State University. She will return to the campus in the fall of 1953.

One of the most colorful teachers at the University is Dr. Kester Svendsen, professor of English, who joined the O.U. faculty in 1940. He previously had taught at the College of Charleston and the University of North Carolina. He holds a B.A. degree from the College of Charleston and was awarded M.A. and the Ph.D. degrees from the University of North Carolina. Dr. Svendsen is an authority on the works of John Milton, 17th century English poet. He is an author of 20 published articles on Milton. He also has written numerous articles for scholarly publications. He is perhaps best known to Oklahoman's through his reviews of current literature which have appeared in the Sunday *Oklahoman* since 1940. At the present time Dr. Svendsen is on a temporary leave of absence doing special research in the Library of Congress, Washington, D. C.

One of the busiest persons on the campus for the past two years has been Mary Ann Warren, associate professor of home economics, who is serving as chairman of the School of Home Economics. Miss Warren was graduated from the University of Tennessee with B.S. and M.S. degrees. She joined the O.U. Staff in 1945. She has been responsible for much of the planning which was involved in moving the School of Home Economics into its new building this fall.

The one characteristic which these ten outstanding teachers share in common is their sincerity and their efforts to be of maximum service to their students. They all show great promise for the future. In the next ten years they will write outstanding achievements into the record book of the University of Oklahoma.

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grazing land. Drouth hit pretty hard. Nothing left. Thought I'd go to school this fall." Like most people who love the land he was pretty unhappy about leaving it, even for a short time. "I've got two kids. They never lived in town. Guess it will be alright when they get used to it." We were in Ponca City. Three hours and four rides after leaving Arkansas City, I had made the trip with half an hour to spare. I did not know when I left the bus at Arkansas City that I would experience so much of the drama of daily living. I thanked each driver in turn, of course, for their kindness. Perhaps two of them received some compensation from telling their stories to a stranger.

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