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The Tulsa meeting

One of the best attended Sooner Club meetings in Tulsa was that held September 6 in the First Christian church where welcoming Athletic Director Ben G. Owen and Coaches Hardage and Rowland. One hundred and twenty-five Sooners attended. Mr. Rowland continue his role of afterdinner speaker, bringing laughter and applause with his stories.

B. A. Bridgewater, sports editor of the Tulsa Daily World, declared the new coaches "made a few neat verbal broken field runs and touchdowns." Mr Bridgewater's report of the spirited meeting continues:

A crowd of about 125 O. U. alumni—many of them now prominent in Tulsa's public life—greeted the new coaches, Hardage and Rowland, and upon getting acquainted liked them very much. The boys from Vanderbilt proved entertaining after-dinner talkers, particularly the chunky Rowland whose clever penknife kept the assembled diners in a constant uproar, for the better part of half an hour.

Hardage said some very nice things about Oklahoma university as a school. In appealing to the alumni to use their influence to send their football players present. And he urged the alumni to correct that situation by bending their efforts to interest the athletes to stay at home instead of traveling far to school.

Hardage said he believed there was a great opportunity at Oklahoma and he considered himself fortunate indeed to be chosen for the football post. In all seriousness he declared he would not trade places right now with any coach in America. (He must not consider the present crop of material at O. U. so terribly inferior at that.)

The coach said he was enjoying immensely "this traveling around the state, getting acquainted with the alumni." He finds himself appreciating the truth of something Wallace Wade told him after he had moved from Al-aha to Duke.

"Wade said," Hardage smiled, "that the happiest time in a coach's life is in the idle period when he leaves one school and goes to another—those months between the close of one football season and the opening of the new one, when he hasn't had time to lose any games on his record. We have a good time going around meeting the alumni when they haven't anything against us."

The speaker who had welcomed Hardage and Rowland to Tulsa, Judge Thurman Hurst, had pointed out "Glommy Gus" Henderson, the T. U. coach, and warned the new O. U. men—"you never expect a pushover when the Hurricanes invade Norman the first of October." Francis Schmidt came up with a big T. C. U. eleven last fall, Hurst recalled, and the Texans had come to scoff, and remained to pray. "We haven't come to scoff," he said, "and we've already started praying."

Rowland, evidently on the theory that his superior had done enough serious speaking for one coaching staff, devoted himself to frivolous banter and got away with it very nicely. The way Rowland kept Hardage on the spot continuously in his talk showed the perfect understanding that exists between them, and left no doubt as to the harmony to be found in the football "brains department" at O. U. as the season opens.

Bennie Owen had explained in introducing Hardage that after the O. U. athletic council had employed Lewie to take over the football job he had been told to suggest his own assistant. O. U. wanted the new coach to have the whole set-up to his liking, and everything made over so that the best results possible could be obtained. Hardage had immediately suggested Rowland who was coaching at a small Arkansas school, Osalula.

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