Riding the Sooner Range

BY TED BEARD

This month—commencement month of June, 1948—we take another step in the gallery over the trails of the Sooner Range via special broadcast over WNAD on Sunday afternoon, May 30, when representatives of the Reunion Classes of 1948 from all sections of the United States were assembled in the Oklahoma Memorial Union Building. Here is what the radio announcer said in introducing dozens of these prominent Sooner alumni:

"And, on this Memorial Day of 1948 (Sunday, May 30), reunion classes have returned from all sections of the country. For weeks, yes, months, planning has been under way leading up to this hour. This afternoon they are here in the Oklahoma Memorial Union on O. U.'s campus, representing the Classes of 1898, 1903, 1908, 1913, 1918, 1923, 1928, 1933, 1938, 1943, and 1948."

"Beginning with the class of 1898, which, incidentally, is here nearly 100 percent of all living members, celebrating their golden anniversary (what a span of years— they graduated 50 years ago!!). The other classes at five-year intervals are mixing and mingling in the crowds and enjoying their reunion activities."

"Among the prominent alumni here today is the first graduate of the University of Oklahoma, JUDGE C. ROSS HUME, '98a, '90ma, who, 50 years ago, represented "the graduating class" of the University of Oklahoma. Judge Hume is an attorney and resides at ANADARKO, OKLAHOMA. Incidentally, he is chairman of the reunion committee of the 1898 class here today. Another prominent figure mixing and mingling with the class of 1898 this afternoon is MRS. GRACE KING MAGUIRE, one of the first "music teachers" on the O. U. campus. Mrs. Maguire lives in NORMAN."

"DR. EDMON D. BARR, for a number of years a staff member of the University and at one time vice-president of the institution, is visiting with the class of '98 today. Dr. DeBarr resides in NORMAN."

"Forty-four years ago this afternoon, a young graduate of the University was elected President of the O. U. Alumni Association; that man is DR. ROY P. STOOPS, '98a, a practicing physician of OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA. Dr. Stoops is here today enjoying the reunion of the class of '98 and participating in many commencement activities. This is his first visitation to the campus in many, many years."

"Yes, there are other '98ers here these 50 years after (or soon will arrive) including JAMES L. FREEMAN, '98b, of TONOWAY, WISCONSIN; WILLIAM HENRY MCCUTCHEON, '98b, of OKLAHOMA CITY; ROBERT F. SNAP, '98b, of ATLEGE, NEW MEXICO; and EDMOND S. NORRIS, '98b, of PAVNEE, OKLAHOMA."

"But let's take a hurried shift to other reunion classes and 50-year-old Sooner alumni are participating in the events of the day.