Riding the Sooner Range

By Ted Beard

In and at the big shindig at DALLAS, TEXAS ditto in DETROIT—ditto in CLINTON, ALTUS, SAYRE, THOMAS, CUSTER CITY, BUTLER, LEEDY, FREDERICK, SNYDER—in fact, ditto in dozens of places in America since that tragic night of the tornado in WOODWARD, OKLAHOMA, literally hundreds of questions have been presented as we ride the Sooner Range. What happened to JOE, BELL, or JOE in the Woodward tornado? Who was injured? What's the outlook today? Based on this barrage of questions and interest on the part of Sooner alumnae and relatives, we have in recent days worked with TOM Z. WRIGHT, 29 bus., 34law, attorney at law in Woodward, and via Western Union just this minute comes this WRIGHT report:

"WOODWARD"

No injury to any person on list. Property damages to following: CARL AMMERMAN, 28pharm; MRS. EDNA AURELL, 28law; W. E. BARKER, 33; WAYNE BILLINGS, 23law; BRYAN BILLINGS, 28-32; W. H. BOATMAN, 31law; MRS. MARY B. BURNS, 36gym; E. D. CAIN, 38frg; A. C. DAVIS, 30pharm; MARGARET B. ENGLAND, 32 nurse; DR. MYRON ENGLAND, 36med; 36med.; T. L. HERONYS, 33law; EDNA C. PATTERSON, 41bus.; I. D. QUINN, 36ed.; HAROLD F. ROBERTS, 31; MRS. MARY H. SHARP, 24; LOUIS SOLLOWAY, 28-30; REUBEN K. SPARKS, 32 law; MRS. REUBEN K. SPARKS, 33ba; MRS. IRENE WALKER BOWMAN, 37ed; MRS. RUTH F. WEBB, 51ed.; TOM Z. WRIGHT, 29bus., 34 law. All have repaired or rebuilt or plan to do so.

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And what's happening while the Sooner Range as of mid-June, 1947? Well, dozens of interesting items are flashing through. For example—if you like those new shoes you'll buy sometime in the future—you may owe your thanks to an Oklahoma Miss MARGARET CLARK, '42ba, TULSA, has been appointed designer for a large shoe factory in St. Louis, LOUIS LOLOWAY, 28-30, REUBEN K. SPARKS, 32 law; MRS. REUBEN K. SPARKS, 33ba; MRS. IRENE WALKER BOWMAN, 37ed; MRS. RUTH F. WEBB, 51ed.; TOM Z. WRIGHT, 29bus., 34law. All have repaired or rebuilt or plan to do so. Comments from the College of Education, said more than 200 state superintendents, principals and county superintendents are expected to attend. HUNT, president of the National Association of School Administrators, will speak July 16 as the general session of the Conference of Oklahoma School Administrators. The conference is "Educational Leadership Planning for Today and Tomorrow." When will prices drop? Statistical is the University of Oklahoma bureau of business research who take the state's economic pulse daily in relation to national trends, aren't making any forecasts. However, it looks like prices are becoming more stable. Wholesale food prices, which hit their peak in early March, are now down 5.6 per cent over the nation, the bureau reports. But there is some indication, based on a slight rise in May, that food prices may climb. General retail levels, however, are down 1.6 per cent from their March 29 peak. Early April wholesale farm products dropped 3.6 per cent, their lowest level since their March-March crest. But the latest level is only 1.3 per cent below March figures, which were the highest since 1929. After reaching an all-time high in March, natural retail prices dropped slightly in mid-April. Retail figures are still 3.7 per cent above 1946 and 101.1 per cent above August, 1939. Table 1 shows that one dollar in April, 1947, bought only as much as 75 cents would a year ago. Today's food dollar equals 49 cents compared to 1939. The clothing dollar in April, 1946, was 101.1; in April, 1947, it was 101.0, for the same period last year, while 54 cents spent for clothing in August, 1939, would match a dollar at present prices. Building construction in Oklahoma, which attained its top in March, 1946, has decreased 35 per cent, according to figures based on construction permits issued during the past three months. Most current construction in the state is termed "necessity" building, and is being done by large income groups, the bureau says. It was pointed out that low and medium income groups are waiting for a decline in prices before they build. JOHN FISCHER, 37ba, WHITE PLAINS, NEW YORK, author of "Why They Behave Like Russians," is an alumnus of the University of Oklahoma. He was one of the speakers at the recent Oklahoma Institute of International Relations held at O.U. The veterans liaison office, of the University of Oklahoma assisted 1,237 veterans and their families during May. Over 200 delegates recently attended a regional training conference held in NORMAN-

BUSHYHEAD, OKLAHOMA, is a small farming community named for DENNIS W. BUSHYHEAD, a one-time chief of the Choctaw Nation. (And some years later, after "civilization was established here on Sooner soil, SENATOR BUSHYHEAD was "produced," namely, SENATOR DENNIS BUSHYHEAD, 29law, now residing in CLAREMORE). Oil was responsible for Ponca City's 129 per cent increase in population from...
Drama Students Get Awards

Seven University students are winners of Buffalo Masks awards for outstanding work on the stage and backstage for Playhouse productions during the 1946-47 season.

The awards were presented recently by Rupel J. Jones, director of the School of Drama, at the annual Playhouse banquet.

A special award of $30 was given Lonny Chapman, president of the University Players, as the outstanding graduating senior in the school.

Juniors and seniors receiving the Buffalo Masks were Jack Blacklock, Mary Bunch, Eddie Bill Tucker, Cecil Pickett, Barbara Plomondon, Ila Dell Yarbro and Helen Dinton.

Presentations of "Willies" (not "Oscars") were also given for outstanding blunders made by members of the School of Drama.

The following students were pledged to Players: Phyl Brady, Dawnett Rush, Jean Ramsey, Mary Ansel, Bill Skillman, Mary Jo Langlely, Kenneth French, George Moorman, Barbara Robertson, Carol Faulk, Terry Rizzo, Louie Givens, Larry Swanson, Dorothy Hill, Larry Stull and Bill Weaver.

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1920 to 1930, as compared with a growth of only 4 per cent in the following decade. (And did this PONCA CITY produce Sooners? Yes, by the dozens. Among the prominent citizens of the PONCA CITY community, who wear the mantle of Sooner grads are: Department Commander of the American Legion, CHARLES B. DUFFY, '22 law, PONCA CITY, attorney at law; the "booting man," WILLIAM BURNS B. THOMPSON, of the class of '26, but the immediate past president of the Alumni Association, MAJOR BILL COX, '21 ba, '21 ma, Commandant, Ponca City Military Academy; GLEN CLARK, '13 ba, PONCA CITY

—dozens and dozens of others, too numerous to mention). . . On BLUE HAWK PEAK, near PAWNEE, stands the home of the late MAJOR W. LITTLE, known as PAWNEE BILL, Indian interpreter and originator of Pawnee Bill's Wild West circus. (And this same BLUE HAWK PEAK is the permanent home of many Sooner grads, among whom we find GRACE O. ALLEN, '30 ba; REV. CLARENCE M. BALL, '31 ba; MRS. D. C. FERGUSON, '37 ba; ALBERT S. JUDY, '22 pharm; CORA G. LEHEW, '31 ba; ZANE A. MENTZER, '28ba, '30ba; MRS. M. M. PERKINSON, '28ba, '29ma; DR. C. B. WATERS, '29ba, '32md, '34 md.)

So it is on the Range, as of mid-June, 1947! And it is to be away and get at the details, to meet those Sooners early in July in SAN FRANCISCO—two days later in LOS ANGELES—then two days later to get details set for NEW YORK, BOSTON, and the EAST. That will be interesting Riding on the Sooner Range.

Roll Call

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GOTTLOBE-WEAVER: Nuptial vows for Ann Gottlieb, '46ba, '46-'47, Perry, and William Raymond Weaver, Brownwood, Texas, were read April 7 in the home of the bride's parents. Mrs. Weaver is a member of Psi Chi, national psychological honorary society, and now is attending the University studying for a master's degree in clinical psychology. Mr. Weaver is now a student in petroleum engineering at the University. Mr. and Mrs. Weaver are at home in Norman.

HICKS-MILLER: Helen Hicks, '46, Oklahoma City, became the bride of Richard B. Miller, Hereford, Texas, April 5 in Oklahoma City. Mrs. Miller has been teaching at Horace Mann school in Oklahoma City. The couple is at home in Hereford.

HICKMAN-WILLIAMS: Jacqueline Hickman, '40ab, Norman, and Merle Milton Williams, Berkeley, California, were married April 29 in Norman. The couple is at home in Oakland, California, where Mr. Williams is employed by the Ward Harris Company.