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Riding the Sooner Range

By Ted Beaird

Four years can and have passed! It was four years ago tonight, August, ’42, seated in this same cabin spot, with the discarding of civilian socks and striped ties, the order of the hour; getting ready to make the initial flight to Miami Beach, Florida—and the announcements of Army months that followed in World War II, that the Range article was being written.

Yes, the Range notes were dashed off here at WINNEMUCCA, 15 miles out from the O. U. campus in McClain county. No, it was not Winnemucca by name four years ago tonight. The name WINNEMUCCA was added (changed from Sailmucca by name four years ago tonight. The name WINNEMUCCA, 15 miles out from the O. U. campus in McClain county. Yes, ART changed the name to Winnemucca, (where for 20 years the Beard household has enjoyed the Sooner throngs), in his personal cable to me, following the B-29 raid from Saipan to Tokyo (thenumber one flightin bombing of Tokyo to me, following the B-29 raid from Saipan to Tokyo (thenumber one flight in bombing of Tokyo.

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Yes, four years have passed! It was an eventful four years on the Range. Four interesting but problem years.

But why the musing? Those four years are history! Let’s cut the glance back in retrospect. The trek on the Range in recent weeks should be recorded. So—here we go recording thoughts as they flash through tonight on recent Soonerisms and events.

It has been a mad scramble these recent weeks watching PREXY GEORGE and his able Sooner assistants ROSCOE CATE, ’26a, Norman, GLENN COUCH, ’31b, 27ms, Norman, “DAN- NY” DANGERFIELD as well as scads of others swinging high and swinging low, clipping the red tape, to relax momentarily and watch the wheels go around.

An interesting scramble wherein O.U. triples overnight. Yes, today it is the old campus (that’s the one that you and I have known these thirty years) but since yesterday, wherein O.U. is taking over the North and South Naval installations, it is now the old campus, the North Campus, and the South Campus!

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**Beard, Barbee, Boatman, Fields Attend American Legion College**

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., July 20—(UP)—Four native Oklahomans figured prominently in the successful launching of the first term of The American Legion college, which concluded its two-week session here with commencement exercises Saturday. The unique college, designed to acquaint young Legionnaires with the basic structure and program of the nation’s oldest veterans’ organization, enrolled its first students on the nature and scope of their respective divisions. Field’s gave a personalized account of the Bikini test.

**J. H. Felgar, Dean Emeritus Of Engine School, Dies**

After an illness of one week, Dr. J. H. Felgar, dean of the University College of Engineering for 28 years, died of virus pneumonia on July 19.

Funeral services were held July 21 in the First Presbyterian Church with the Rev. John B. Thompson conducting. Bearers were elders who served during Dean Felgar’s term as senior elder of the church.

Having completed 40 years of service on the University faculty, he was honored at this year’s spring commencement exercises by a group of early-day alumni, who presented his portrait to be placed in the University Library.

Dean Felgar came to the University in 1906 as an instructor in mechanical engineering. Two years later he received his degree of Master of Applied Sciences, and the following year, was appointed dean of the College of Engineering.

During his administration, the Schools of Chemical, Petroleum and Architectural Engineering, and Engineering Physics were added to the curricula. The Engine Building and Laboratory and the Petroleum Laboratory were constructed during Dean Felgar’s tenure.

When he became dean, the college had less than 50 students. By 1937 the number of students had increased to 2,200.

**Free Schooling in China Offered**

Dear Sirs:


After the unconditional surrender of Japan, I returned to China from the States and became manager of Edword Company, Room 509, No. 24 Central Road, Shanghai, Shanghai, next fall, I shall also hold a professorship in National University of Chekiang.

While in my academic position, I have negotiated with National University of Chekiang to welcome our Sooner friends to study here.

National University of Chekiang shall provide free tuition and living allowance to those friends from O.U. and possibly will provide a part of travelling expense for those O.U. members on vacation to travel in every part of China.

In my business position, I try to develop trade relations between the United States and China. I shall be only too happy to entertain and in the above two paragraphs. Please advise them to contact me at my address in Shanghai.

Also please bill me for the unpaid portion of my life membership in the O.U. Alumni Association. Please mail the Sooner Magazine to my new address in Shanghai.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Chen Chiu Kuo, Sc.D.

**Gourley Wins Editorial Contest**

Winner of an editorial contest sponsored by the Oklahoma Division of the American Cancer Society was Leland Gourley, ’40, editor and owner of the Henryetta Daily Fre- lance. The award was for the best editorial on cancer appearing in an Oklahoma newspaper during April.

J. W. Kayser, Chickasha Star, was awarded second place; Joe Crow, Okmulgee Daily Times, third place; and Bob Lee Kidd, ’36, of Alva Review-Courier, fourth place.

The contest was part of a comprehensive plan which was organized and set in motion in January by a Press Relations Committee comprising 12 state newspapers. This campaign was designed to reach the 352,000,000 people in Oklahoma who are doomed to die of cancer unless they are forewarned of their danger.

**Minneapolis Sooner Club Formed**

Minnesota received a touch of Oklahoma recently when a group of O.U. alumni organized the Minneapolis Sooner Club. Ralph Campbell, ’29, was elected president of the club; Lowry Critt, ’29, first vice president and "chief custodian of the Sooner spirit," and Ben Fergusson, ’31ba, second vice president, corresponding secretary and treasurer.

All Sooner alumni in the Twin City area desiring to join the club may make arrangements by contacting Ferguson at 1370 Northwestern Bank Building.

**Ex-WAVE Is Music Teacher**

Miss Minnie Timmerman, who will join the faculty of the University of Oklahoma as assistant professor of vocal music education in September, was recently discharged from the WAVES. She will direct the women’s choral club, teach junior high school music work, and supervise teaching in grade school. Miss Timmerman received a B. A. degree from the University of Minnesota and an M. A. degree from the University of Idaho.

Enrollment at the University reached an all-time high for summertime with 4,124 students.