ASSOCIATION

Something To Remember Him By

Few men have contributed so much to the Alumni and to the University as the late Ted Beaird. Here is the story of what his friends are doing to keep the fires of memory kindled all over the Sooner Range.

Contributions for the Ted M. Beard Memorial Fund reached a total of $2,107.85 August 18, far short of the amount the Fund committee had so ambitiously expected. But if there was any disappointment among the committee members it was hard to see.

"There'll be more money coming in," Hicks Epton, '32Law, Wewoka, committee chairman said. "There's a thousand reasons why people who want to contribute haven't done so yet. The amount we have received thus far is only the beginning."

(All contributions will be used for the portrait currently being painted by Dr. Joseph Sigall, Tulsa—see below. If more than enough funds are subscribed for the portrait, the committee will establish a speech memorial to be presented in Beaird's name.)

The early contributors were helping to fill in some of the Ted Beaird story—that portion which he had written so eloquently but had until recently been left unsigned. Others paid tribute to Beaird and to his accomplishments.

Jack Scott, '36Law; Seminole county attorney, told a story which has many a counterpart among graduates and former students.

"Back in September of 1933, I went to the School of Law at the University of Oklahoma with a dollar and a quarter in my pocket and one letter of recommendation. One great crisis of my life came when I was discharged from a job of dishwashing at a cafe in Norman, because of my refusal to melt scrap butter to be put on toast.

"I went to Ted Beaird and applied for a job at the Student Union Cafeteria. He did not have any vacancy then, but gave me two meal tickets which cost nine dollars, as I recall. After my completion of the work in the School of Law, one day I finally got the money and sent a check to Ted for ten dollars.

"He wrote and said that he did not want the money returned and had applied the check upon alumni membership dues for me! That is the kind of man Ted Beaird was. That is why I still want to give the same ten dollars to the memory of Ted Beaird, who thought only of others and never of himself."

Although many alumni and friends of Ted Beaird never received a financial boost as did Jack Scott, the tireless energies and selfless devotion to the task of helping alumni offered another kind of boost. Tributes from high and low offices came in every mail.

"...I know of no one who has made a greater contribution to Oklahoma University than Ted. His ideals, his many, many favors extended to the students while attending the University will in itself be a greater memorial than we can ever hope to build.

"Nevertheless, I think it fitting to leave something 'in the house that Ted built' which will have its lasting impression on those who follow and did not have the pleasure of knowing a many who had the intestinal fortitude to stand up and battle those in authority when he felt he was right"... L. E. "Jay" Hankeh, 22 good, Tulsa.

"...He was my good friend and if I contributed in proportion to the value I placed on his friendship it would bankrupt me."

"Ted Beaird was a great morale builder. The vigor, zeal and enthusiasm which he exhibited in all his endeavors stimulated and inspired his associates. His warm geniality and love of good fellowship made a host of friends for himself and for the University which he loved so well.

"He was a great citizen and a great soldier"... W. S. Key, Oklahoma City.

"... No amount of money could repay Ted for the many fine things he has done for me. He is one of the few men I ever knew who was unselfish to the extent of fault. I firmly believe that he killed himself working for his friends"... James C. Hamill, '36Law, Mafield.

"... I do hope that the Alumni graciously respond to this request for Ted's memorial, for he deserves the very best for the fine work he has done for our organization in the past. I still miss his phone calls at all hours of the day or night from various parts of the country"... Harry Kornbaum, 33, Oklahoma City.

"...We must not permit the torch he so valiantly carried to go out..." Alfred P. Murrah, '28Law, Oklahoma City.

"... In my humble opinion, no greater job could have been done in building a greater University of Oklahoma Association for our Alma Mater than was done by our beloved Ted. The good results of his wise, constructive and dynamic leadership in alumni affairs cannot be measured. Dividends will keep coming in for many years"... C. Dan Procter, '36md, '43d.md.

"... No one has ever done more for the University than Ted, and I seriously doubt that anyone has ever done so much to blend its past and present generations of students into a unified body devoted to common traditions, loyalties, and goals"... Carl Albert, '31ba, Oklahoma City.

"... No man has ever accomplished more for the University of Oklahoma and its Alumni Association. His example should inspire all of us to greater devotion to the school he loved so much and to whose cause he devoted his life"... Joe W. Curtis, '31ba, Oklahoma City.

Jim Robinson, '32ba, '32Law, Tahlequah, told of Beairld's devotion to the University.

"Having worked for Ted Beaird as a student and having worked with him on the Alumni Board, in speech and fraternity activities, and on numerous committees, I am in a position to know of his intense loyalty to his friends and to the University of Oklahoma. Unfortunately for his health, he was not the kind to stop working at the end of the day. To him a clock simply marked the inauguration of another project—not the time of day."

"Most trying for him was the inauguration of many programs—some of which are now accepted as a matter of course—when it seemed that he was swimming upstream almost alone. Although no institution deserves such sacrifices, all are fortunate to have such a person as an associate.

"I know of at least two attractive promotions he declined because of a desire to remain with the kids' and alumni of his school. Such loyalty deserves more than sympathetic respect and expressions of praise from his contemporaries. His ideal-
Personal Experience

A thousand tales could be told to show Ted Beaird's vital interest in helping young men and women become alumni of the University, but one should do.

Two years ago last spring, a young man graduated from a junior college in north-eastern Oklahoma. With little means of support, it was necessary for him to have employment before he could continue his education. Bruce G. Carter, '32, Miami, mentioned the case to Beaird and since there was an opening on the Sooner Magazine staff at the time, the transfer student was given employment.

The editor of the Sooner Magazine has reason to be grateful that the staff position was open. Two months after entering the University, he was named editor of the magazine, a post he still occupies.

A. B. Carpenter, '27, Law, Roswell, New Mexico
Bruce G. Carter, '32, Miami, Miami
Roscoe Cate, '26, Oklahoma City
W. Max Chambers, '21, Edmond
Roland E. Cate, '25, Oklahoma City
(Mrs. Bette Yarger Champion, '48, Norman)
Glenn C. Clark, '13, Ponca City
Frank Clecker, '26, Oklahoma City
Andy Crosby, Jr., '39, '41, Lawton
Dr. George L. Cross, Norman
Dudley H. Cup, '34, Law, Wewoka
George Cummings, '49, Oklahoma City
Joe C. Currier, '20, '22, Law, Pauls Valley
Harry H. Diamond, '12, Diamond, '12, Holdenville
Chairman, Board of Oklahoma City
Andy Crosby, Jr., '39, Oklahoma City
Hicks Epton, '32, Wewoka
Kiahe Stans, '48, Los Angeles, California
W. D. Finney, Fort Cobb
W. F. Finney, Oklahoma City
Clee Fitzgerald, '49, Oklahoma City
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Norman Brillhart, '17, Madill, Falls Church, Virginia
Jim Green, '31, '32, Law, Norman
Robert E. Hearn, '32, Georgia, '32, Oklahoma City
T. J. Foster, '29, '30, Albuquerque, New Mexico
James R. Frazier, '31, '32, Oklahoma City
Hibler Freeland, '38, Norman
Max K. Gilstrap, '38, Ponca City
David Gish, '37, Frederick
John William Gittens, '89, Falls Church, Virginia
C. E. Goldsmith, '38, Topeka
C. E. Grayd, '32, '39, Ponca City
Roy E. Grantham, '34, '34, Law, Ponca City

D. H. Grasso, '30, Norman
Boyd Gunn, '33, '37, Law, Madill
James C. Hamill, '36, Law, Madill
George D. Hann, '36, Edmond
Grady Harris, '18, 'Alex
L. E. "Jap" Haskell, '22, Tulsa
Ben T. Head, '22, '28, Law, Oklahoma City
Homer Hecks, '35, Evanston, Illinois
Jesse Hecks, Jr., '46, Quapaw
John Arthur Herron, '32, '36, Edmond, 'Blackwell
Joe W. Hicks, '28, Oklahoma City
Earnest Hoberecht, '41, '41, Law, Oklahoma City
R. W. Hurt, '10, Oklahoma City
Joe C. Jackson, '33, '38, '40, Oklahoma City
Graham B. Johnson, '19, Oklahoma City
M. T. Johnson, '17, Amarillo
Neil Johnson, '15, '17, Law, Norman
W. S. Key, Oklahoma City
L. W. Kibler, '16, Oklahoma City
Harold Korbaum, '33, '33, Law, Oklahoma City
Emil R. Kracht, '11, Norman
Robert Landkau, '21, Law, Norman
Reuel W. Little, '21, Law, Madill
Joseph C. Looney, '20, '22, Law, Oklahoma City
John E. Luttrel, '38, '38, Law, Oklahoma City
Lynden Mannen, '27, '36, Law, Oklahoma City
Jackson L. Marks, '40, '40, Oklahoma City
C. G. Mayfield, '28, Norman
E. D. Meacham, '14, Norman
C. B. Menninger, '14, '14, Law, Atoka
Maurice Merrill, '19, '22, Law, Norman
Mike Monroney, '24, Oklahoma City
George T. Montgomery, '39, '41, Law, Tulsa
Dr. R. W. Morton, '38, '38, '38, Law, Oklahoma City
Fisher Muldoon, '22, Seminole
Hal Muldrow, Jr., '28, Norman
A. P. Murray, '28, Law, Oklahoma City
Dave McKewen, '21, Oklahoma City
Jackson L. Marks, '38, Oklahoma City
J. C. Nance, Purcell
Errett R. Newby, '17, Oklahoma City
Wesley R. Nunn, '17, '17, Oklahoma City
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Dr. John C. Pickard, '24, '26, Med, Dubuque, Iowa
C. Dan Procter, '24, '24, Oklahoma City
Paul Reed, '21, Oklahoma City
Harold Reedy, '17, '17, Alaska City
Bradford Rist, '23, '23, Sand Springs
James Robinson, '32, '32, Law, Tahlequah
John Rogers, '14, Law, Tulsa
(Mrs. Hazel Beattie Rogers, '17, Tulsa)
Jack Scott, '36, Wewoka
Herbert H. Scott, '26, '26a, Great Lakes, Illinois
Ned Shepler, '18, Lawton
Bill Shoer, '50, Law, Henryetta
(Mrs. Sue Alice Grantham Shoer, '49, Oklahoma City
Harry Simmons, '29, '29, Medicine, Oklahoma City
Calvin T. Smith, '36, Wewoka
Earl Sneed, Jr., '39, '39, Law, Oklahoma City
Sorcy, Bill and Sorcy, Oklahoma City
Allen Street, Oklahoma City
Harold Tacker, '40, '41, Law, Oklahoma City
Fred Tarman, '10, Oklahoma City
Leslie Thomason, '29, Law, Oklahoma City
Lee B. Thompson, '25, '25, Law, Oklahoma City
Wallace C. Thompson, '20, '20, Oklahoma City
Eleanor Tracy, '29, Beaver
Paul Udall, '30, Law, Oklahoma City
J. Van Zawadi, '27, '27, Fort Worth, Texas
Richard L. Voorhees, '74, Oklahoma City
Paul A. Walker, '12, Law, Oklahoma City
Homa Wood, '15a, '15a, Law, Colorado Springs, Colorado
Robert H. Wood, '11a, Tulsa
Virgil O. Wood, '16a, Tulsa

Committee members in addition to Epton who are continuing the Memorial work are Lee B. Thompson, Dr. E. D. Meacham, '14a, Norman, Mrs. Jewell Riser, Elgin, '19a, Muskogee;
Dean and Mrs. W. H. Carson were special guests of the grads in Seattle. Here Dean Carson is getting an assist at the buffet by Mrs. Lavonia McArthur Leo, '43bus, club member.

The Seattle Alumni Club held a meeting June 23 in the YMCA building of the University of Seattle in honor of Dean W. H. Carson and Mrs. Carson who were in Seattle for the International Convention of Engineers.

The Washington, D. C., Alumni Club honored Dr. Roy Gittinger, '02ba, regents professor of history, and Mrs. Gittinger with a tea at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harrington Wimberly June 18. (Wimberly '24ba, is a member of the Federal Power Commission.)

Harrington Wimberly, '24ba, and Mrs. Wimberly were hosts and Mrs. Gittinger. The Gittings were visiting their son to the Washington tea honoring Dr. Roy Gittinger, '02ba.

The Amarillo Alumni Club met August 8 at the Veterans of Foreign Wars hall in Amarillo.

A business meeting was held and officers were elected. A. O. Johnson, '30ba, '33Law, was re-elected president; Bill Clark, '47ba, was chosen vice president, and Gene Edwards, '47ba, '49Law, was re-elected secretary-treasurer.

Boyd Gunning, '37ba, '37Law, executive-secretary of the Alumni Association met with the club and unreeled the Sugar Bowl classic of 1950.

Shown below are Bill Clark, '47ba, vice president of the Amarillo Club, and Mrs. Clark, E. B. Johnson, Jr., '50bus, and Mrs. Elaine Johnson Edwards, '46ba, at Alumni meeting.

The Oklahoma County Alumni Club is planning a giant dinner-dance for the evening of November 17. The party will come on the eve of the Missouri-O.U. football squabble. The planning committee has held their first meeting. Next month's magazine will carry complete details.
The Denver Alumni Club met August 6 in the Washington Park Pavillion for a picnic. The sound film of the Sugar Bowl game was shown by Boyd Gunning, '37ba, '37Law, executive-secretary of the Alumni Association, and George Cummings, '49bus, assistant secretary.

Pictured at the left are some of the Denverites who attended the meeting. From left to right they are Mrs. C. B. Popkin, '35, Harry B. Kniseley, '26ba, '29ma, president of the Denver group, Mrs. Gladys Scroggs Hawthorne, '10ba, Mrs. Mary Jo West Kniseley, '35ba, Mrs. Betty Belcher, John G. Belcher, '39bus, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee.

**FACULTY**

**First Impression**

By Dr. Jerome Dowd

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I left my home in North Carolina, September 1, 1907, for Oklahoma. On the way, when my train was passing through Arkansas, I requested the Pullman porter to awaken me when the train crossed the line into Oklahoma. I had a keen desire to see the prairie region, and the Indians chasing the wild buffalo. I was awakened at 3 a.m. I dressed hastily, sat at the window in the smoking room and looked out to see what I could see. The stars were shining. About two hours later the sun came up and I could see that we were leaving the mountains and forests behind us and coming into the open country where the horizon was visible in all directions. I had never seen the like, and I asked myself the question, "Which is the more magnificent spectacle, the prairie, the mountains or the ocean? and I have not yet been able to answer that question.

A tall portly gentleman came into the room with his suit case, took out his shaving outfit, lathered his face and, picking up his razor with a flourish, said, "Not a good place out here for a man looking for a wife. Women are scarce, that is, decent women, but there are plenty of whores in all of the towns. They just flock here from all parts of the country."

The train struck a curve and lurched, and the shaving gentleman was thrown against the wall.

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