Four Sooner Trojans
Who can rival record of the Reeds brothers?

By Betty Kirk

In a new brick house on the outskirts of Norman, just west of the university lives Mrs. A. M. Reeds. Mrs Reeds has watched football developments in Norman for more than three decades. During more than half of this time she has had an interest in it that was at least as great as Bennie Owens'.

She is not a feminine football fan for the last game she went to was in 1914 and she didn't go to a great many games before that date. The cause of her interest in football is that she is the mother of four 'varsity athletes who have succeeded the fame they won in the university athletics with additional renown since leaving school.

Chester, Clarence, Artie and Claude Reeds are four of the most consistent athletes the university has ever known. They are without doubt the first quartet of brothers to win letters in such a variety of sports as football, basketball, baseball and track. Their activities date back to before Bennie Owen came to the university and last until Claude, the youngest, graduated in 1914. Even after that date Claude served five years as a coach at the university.

The Reed home was located for many years at the corner of Elm and Cruce avenues. It was from this vantage point that Mrs Reeds could look south down Elm avenue and watch the first football practices of the university teams. They were not football practices as we have them today for there was no official coach, no uniforms and not even an official playing field. It was merely a bunch of boys scramming on the site of the present infirmary of the university, yet it was the nucleus of the great athletic organization which has since developed.

The first coach of university football was the late Prof. Vernon Louis Parrington, then youthful, a bachelor, and a teacher of English. Professor Parrington later married, moved to the University of Washington at Seattle, devoted himself to English alone and was awarded, in 1928, the Pulitzer prize for his "Main Currents in American Thought."

Chester, the eldest of the Reeds boys played on the football team before Bennie Owen came to the university in 1904. Chester was captain of this team one year. He graduated in 1905 when the graduating class had only eight members. These members, as Mrs Reeds remembers them, were Chester and Clarence Reeds, Maude Ambriester, Rose Catlett, Charles Kirk, Charles A. Long, Oscar Ingold and Harry Tosh.

When he left the university Chester taught at Bryn Mawr for four years then attended Yale university where he received both the bachelor of science and doctor of philosophy degrees. He is now curator of the American Museum of Natural History in New York City.

Though Clarence Reeds graduated in the same class with his brother he played on Bennie Owen's first football team in 1904-5. He was one of the five members of this first team who attended the alumni celebration of Bennie's twenty-fifth anniversary during the last homecoming.

After leaving the university he graduated from the Boston Institute of Technology and is now a consulting engineer in Oklahoma City.

A glance at the Mistletoe, the yearbook then put out by the students, for 1909 gives a splendid summary of the activities of Artie Reeds, the third of the brothers. He was captain of the track team, captain of the basketball team, the all-around university athlete for 1907, a member of the Senate debating society, and captain...
LaHoma Porter, '27 arts-sc., is head of the department of English at Westminster college, Tehuacana, Texas. Mrs Addie T. McMillan, '27 arts-sc., is registrar and head of the department of education at the college.

Lieut. William R. Morgan, '27 arts., of Hinton, recently made a safe landing when his plane caught fire 1,000 feet over Selfridge field, Mount Clemens, Michigan. Lieutenant Morgan is assigned to Selfridge field in the army air corps.

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Anna Mac Keating, ex '28, is teaching school at Avant, Oklahoma.

J. T. Martin, '28 M. A., is superintendent of schools at Granfield.

Mrs George M. Roberts (Norma Hill, '28 M. A.), has been principal of the high school at Dimmitt, Texas, for two years.

Ellen Hopkins, ex '28, is employed as private secretary to L. G. Fritz, vice-president of the Southwest Air Fast Express, Inc., at Tulsa.

Olin R. Edgess, '28, is a mathematics teacher at Ardmore high school in Oklahoma. Mr C. Scott, '28 arts-sc., travels to Norman every Saturday to do graduate work at the university.

Miss Minnie Connolly, ex '28, is principal of the elementary school at Oyster Bay, New York. Her address is 105 Berry Hill Road. Another Sooner who is connected with the Oyster Bay schools is Laura Dot Springer, ex '28, who is supervisor.

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Stanley W. Blanchard, '29, is a geologist for the Wilcox Oil and Gas Co., at Purcell.

Miss Paney Taylor, ex '28, is teaching in the public schools of Bonham, Texas. Her address is 1021 Park avenue, Bonham.

Spencer Asah, ex '29, one of the Kiowa Indian artists, recently won first place at the Santa Fe, New Mexico, Indian fair, with a painting, "The Kiowa Sun Dancer." Mr Asah is the son of the late James Asah, famous Kiowa medicine man.

Owen W. Anderson, '29, and Mrs Elizabeth Uphaw Anderson, '28 arts-sc., are living at 56 Arthur avenue, S. E., in Minneapolis. Mrs Anderson is teaching in the Minneapolis school system and Mr Anderson is teaching and attending the University of Minnesota.

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of an intrinsically great race. Dying with him is that something of another day which one wishes to hold in his most cherished memories; which one continual-ly reproaches himself for neglecting.

Memories which are colored or lost in the activity of the present. The modern cars parked in the ranch lot in contrast to the tribal burial ceremonies, brought the past forcibly to mind. High powered cars at the burial of Red Eagle.

On the Osage ranch there are several small one-room houses. In one of these the body of Red Eagle rested. The casket, a large metallic thing, jarring the sense of harmony, was in the center of the long room. Blanketed forms sat in a circle round the casket; passive; in-scrutable. There were a few uncontrolled sobs. As one looked upon the long gauzy figure lying there, the impression was of barbaric dignity. A dignity which restrained mawkish display. Red Eagle symbolized the dignity of a race.

On his left cheek was the daub of black. On his right cheek the five red lines alternating with as many black ones. These were parallel with the long axis of the ear. He wore his beaver skin turban; his shell neck ornament, and his wristlet of silver. In the right hand he had his eagle-feather fan. His mocassins were unornamented. He was wrapped in a new red blanket. No Pharaoh in all his magnificence of his transition could have been more regal.

It was not so much the long painted figure in the finery of his race which caused emotion of sharpest regret, and brought brave efforts to check visible evidence of the disturbance within, but the end of an epoch. A past of which there is little evidence other than a few faded ribbons, a few pictures and a disconnected story in the precarious memories of those whose chief interests were trade, and in many cases actual existence.

There was the sermon, then a short prayer by the Christian priest. The responses to the prayer were feeble; uncertain. Then the son of Red Eagle and his wife stepped up to his father's rigid frame. The responses to the prayer were feeble; uncertain.

We followed the party to the little burial ground under the jack-oaks at the foot of the hill. The Autumn seemed a burden; his shell neck ornament, and his wristlet of silver. In the right hand he had his eagle-feather fan. His mocassins were unornamented. He was wrapped in a new red blanket. No Pharaoh in all his magnificence of his transition could have been more regal.

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