Banquet for Lawmakers

Oklahoma legislators turned out by the scores March 8 for a banquet in their honor held in the Ballroom of the Oklahoma Memorial Union at O.U. The evening was all theirs. Following dinner and entertainment, they crowded into the Field House to watch the O.U. Sooners drop the Big Seven Conference champs from Kansas State, 56-52.

Many of the private little sessions at the banquet were interrupted by the flash of a Sooner Magazine camera, and on this page are some of the results of Sooner’s marksmanship.

Seated left to right are Carl Chaudoin, Norman Chamber of Commerce; Mrs. Chaudoin (Lois Gene Howard, ’41mfa); Dwight Tolle, ’39law, legislator, Okemah; Mrs. Tolle (Margaret Pine, ’40h.ec); Joseph R. Taylor, ’34-35, professor of art; Mrs. Taylor, (Elsie Taitor, ’35ed), and Mrs. Thomas R. Benedum (Lucille Williams, ’28ba). In the right foreground is Neal R. Johnson, ’15ba,’17law, Norman. To his right are Mrs. Oscar White, Oklahoma City, Commissioner of Public Safety Paul Reed, ’16, Oklahoma City-Sulphur; Mrs. Emil R. Kraettli and Emil R. Kraettli, secretary of the University, and Mrs. Walter Kraft, Norman.

Legislator LaVerne Sumner, ’31pharm, Rush Springs, gives a big smile to his daughter who will be in school at O.U. next year. She was his guest at the Legislative dinner.

President Cross, seated right, and Mrs. Cross are surrounded by Oklahoma lawmakers. Seated left is Rhys Evans, ’36ba,’39law, House floor leader, Ardmore. Standing left to right are Paul Harkey, ’39, student and legislator, Idabel; Walter Morris, O.U. Dad-Legislator, Anadarko, and Wilson Wallace, ’27ba,’39law, legislator, Ardmore.

Cleveland-McClain County boys seated left to right are Eddie Higgins, ’40, and Jim Nance, president pro tempore of Senate, both of Purcell. Standing left to right are Purman Wilson, ’20, McClain County representative, and Joe Smalley, ’34ba,’37law, Cleveland County representative.

Bud Wilkinson, head football coach, seated right, talks over athletics with Beaver Peters (at Wilkinson’s right), Big Seven Conference Secretary. Others in the picture, seated left to right, are Cap. E. W. Armenioutd, Jr., University N.R.O.T.C. head, and Walter Driskill, football coach. Others on Wilkinson’s staff are, standing, Walter Hargesheimer; Bill Jennings, ’46ed, and Gomer Jones.

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