By Ted Baird

On the Sooner Range in October, 1945! What a different, more pleasant, more appreciated Range, than ever before! World peace, the privilege of being an American, the satisfaction of feeling the protective influence of these United States, the joy of seeing, visiting with and helping multiplied hundreds of returning World War II Sooner Vets—all adds up to the dividends and returns of Agriculture.

The summer of ’45! What happened on the Range? A few brief high-lights! Well—here are some:

Pleasant June day and night (sunburn-blisters-and-all) Sally and I went with NORMAN BRILL-HART (’17ba) Madill, and his fine family—in his home, and in his boat on the “high seas” of Lake Texhoma, offering many inducements to the “finny tribe.” Pleasant three days Kathryn and I spent in the tiny village (midnight to dawn only!) of STANLEY CUNNINGHAM (’30law), COLONEL CLIVE MURRAY, MANAGER DICK McCOOK, “FISH” COLONEL AL, and COLONEL HAIL MULDROW’s birthplace—Tish, (Tishomingo, Murray County) for three successive days—to explore again Pennington, Sandy and other creeks as they swirled on into Lake Texhoma, . . . Pleasant evening in Sulphur, back there some weeks ago at the Artesian Hotel with HICKS (’32law) and THELMA (’26ed), EPTON, Wewoka (CHEERIE) (’24a) and MRS. GRAHAM, Bonham, Texas, and Lazy-S-Ranch, Oklahoma Aggie L. B. and MRS. PEAK of the Murray County capitol, as our dinner guests. OUR was made and remade—CHEERIE and HICKS’ ranchin was hashed and rehashed—special legislation was re-introduced and passed on certain public buildings (and was not ruled out by our re-organized Supreme Court.) All these plus dozens of other items were settled in this meeting on the mineral dome of Platt National Park!

Pleasant evening when again assembled in the Woodruff Room of the Oklahoma Memorial Union at one of the evening dinner sessions of the Oklahoma State School Administrators Association meeting. “PREXIE” GEORGE (of MINE), “PREXIE” GEORGE (’36med) (of Alumni outfit), Board Member JIMMIE FRAZIER (’32med), Altus, HERI WRINKLE (’31ms), on O.U. staff, BILL RAGAN (’33a), O.U. staff, DOC M. GLASS-CANTRELL (’24law), Oklahoma City. May there be more days when we learn an O.C. “Why the sugar shortage,” “What about wheat” and “There is going to be an over-flow SOON on bull-beef and cabbage.”

It was more than a pleasure to have on that late August afternoon, that fine up-right “soldier” (in Navy uniform) LT. DICK McCOOK (’41a), Norman, step into the office. Yes, he could (and did) walk in only a few weeks after being at his command post on his boat, just off Okinawa. It must have been more than he expected prior to his graduation from Annapolis only a year ago to see that Jap suicide plane headed for the death blow. The Jap plane? Well, it not only struck, but hit his boat and hit it hard, completely through a section of the U.S. “Water-Wagon.” Results? Eleven American boys in his command killed. The Lieutenant in command? Well, DICK “came to” in a hospital ship with four wounds. Spent three weeks in California hospitals after being flown to the States—and on this particular afternoon, was reporting to the Norman Naval Hospital for further outpatient treatment. Yes—he also reported in at the Alumni Headquarters to complete another mission, namely, to take the Madame Ed of Oklahoma, O.C. LUCY LAREY (’32ba), Norman, out of editorial policy making to the higher command in charge of the DICK McCOOK, JR. household! And now (as all remember) they are married and the suicide planes of the little yellow devils of the Pacific have been silenced.

29th on the eventual late evening (it is now night) of Sunday, 12 August, 1945 (11:09 PM in the non-military-measurement-of-time of the standard of Armed Forces (ingo) the radio bulletins and flashes are coming in at the dial, detailing what—when—a world suddenly went with the FALSE Flash, “Japan accepts the Allied Nations terms of Peace for an unconditional surrender!”

Three hours ago the trail of the Range had led Kathryn (’24) of this household and your Rider to a small, quite informal, ole-time dinner party at the home of ROSCOE (’20a) and FRANCES (’30) CATE here in Norman. During the course of the dinner, the flash came through, only to be corrected a few minutes later. Just a little assembly to “Welcome home, you two—after all these years—welcome back to the remaining handful of the President’s boys, stuck on years, we enjoyed before we ever gave a passing thought to such spots (now world renowned!) and in most instances bought with American blood, as two lines (in the Christian and kindred world out posts.) The two honored warriors—CAPTAIN BOYD GUNNING (’57law) and wife ELEANOR (’38ba) along with LT. (NAVY)

University of Oklahoma School of Agriculture. (He then hastily explains) “And, of course, you know and I know there is no School of Agriculture there! But, that Alumni outfit over in Norman, receives (and deposits) my three books annually, so I must be an alumnus!”

That was a fine dinner with that Maud gang. None other than JIM MAGUIRE (’25a) the public utility (electrical) magnate could have made it possible. We will be back on that Range both summer and winter!

It was an interesting hour and twenty minutes in the Silver Glade Room of the Skirvin Tower. That summer day was worth while. CLINT ANDERSON, Secretary of Agriculture, U.S.A., was the feature. O.U. charts were much in evidence at that luncheon assembly. From a point of view, some who were “noticed” were: GOVERNOR BOB KERR (’16), TOM BENEDETUM (’28law), Norman, H. K. McDOWELL (’24a) and JOHN CANTRELL (’24law), Oklahoma City. May there be more days when we learn an O.C. “The so-called rations shortage.” “What about wheat” and “There is going to be an over-flow SOON on bull-beef and cabbage.”
ARMY TRANSPORT bomber, is also growing in his
weeks of age when Dad went jai)hunting, to
to grow acquainted with his younger son who,
similar sitution could, to enjoy his thirty days rest
with the last six months (since S-Day) in the
HERBERT HICKS SCOTT ('26ma) and wife
months in New Guinea and other spots south of
therein person, to represent this absent male mem-
"MAJ." MALONE, up from Atlanta, Georgia,
headquarters Squadron in one of the large Army
vations in re: absent members of the crew. LT .
high radio pedestal he enjoys today in and out of
in his N .B .C. career which has placed him in the
professional Theatre' after being "Missing in Action"
officially declared "Killed in Action in the Euro-
Colonel, LT . WALTER BROWN ('39) had been
ment had announced the younger brother of the
"JAP" HASKELL ('226s) recently transferred to
O .U. strong man in Athletics, LT . COMMANDER
'reminiscing even turned to HOMER'S duties
try Office.
The following resignations were accepted:
A . W . Hanson, caretaker of women.
Dr . Blickensderfer is at the Library of Congress,
and Balfour Whitman, assistant professor of
granted to Dr. Howard O . Eaton, professor of
is now teaching in the University of Californiain
Room is William Owen, former baseball coach
smoke in his N .R .C. career which has placed him in the
radio pedestal he enjoys today in and out of his
ings headquarters.
Other Sooner—other items discussed and
(S.O.P . Standard Operational Procedure) estab-
Yes, plenty! CAPTAIN LELAND GOURE
(42) former steno-auditor-and-general-handy-man when
a kid mastering his Engineering course at O.U.,
will probably spend another summer in the Summer
the Friendly Indians in the Southwest are named
Mr. Balyeat's "resolutin'" as Chairman at the
Conference pennant for three consecutive years.
cause in the next four years O .U. never ranked
ranked sixth in the Missouri Valley League that
for the University from 1922 to 1927.
room is William Owen, former baseball coach
and president, as Dean of the University Law School and at the same
time announced the appointment of Dr . Maurice H . Merrill, '19ba, '22lib, as acting Dean.

Dale Plans to Finish Books
Within Year
Finishing his second summer's work in the
Henry Huntington library and art gallery in San
Mariano, Cal., Dr. E . E. Dale, '11ba, Norman,
ner plans to complete two books he is writing within a year.
His study in the Huntington library concerns
federal relations with the Indians of the Southwest
since 1838, when California and the extreme
southwestern states were secured by the United
States following the Mexican War.
The second book concerns the cultural contributions
of the Indians of Oklahoma to the state
and nation. Dr. Dale did extensive research on
the subject during the spring semester while on
leave of absence to study under a Rockefeller
grant.

Blickensderfer Writes on G.I. Bill
Dr. Joseph P. Blickensderfer, professor of English
on leave of absence, has written an article for
the current issue of the Saturday Review of Litera-
ture. The article is on general and liberal educa-
tion and the G.I. Bill.

Dr . Blickensderfer is at the Library of Congress,
waiting for a decision on the Adult Blind and edition of the U .S. Quarterly

Ask About "Pop" Owen
The G.I.'s and Gobs as well as the Leathernocks
from every theater of operation in the world send
in one universal question, namely, How is "Uncle Bill" or "Pop" Owen?
Not too many people know that the friendly
individual known as "Pop" in the Union game
of 1926, William Owen, former baseball coach
for the University from 1922 to 1927.
In 1922, his first year as coach, the Sooner
baseball team won five games and lost ten. They
were "observed"! Thus the old crew assembled,
checked and rechecked on absences on that sum-
mer '45 evening!

Military Assistant

The Regents announced the appointment of Dr .
John Y. Battenfield, '37med, to be released from the Army medical corps, as head of the Army Medical Service.
D. Battenfield, holding the rank of captain, took part in the invasion of
Europe and was wounded during the Battle of the Bulge in December. Before entering the Army, he was associated with the State Health Department.

Other appointments announced by the Board
were as follows:
Clifford M. Baumbach, assistant professor of
business management.
Alexander N. Saunders, assistant professor of
English.
Noel E. Vaughan, assistant director of family life
education.
O . W . Rush, assistant to the counselor of men.
Mrs . Thelma Margaret Dyke, clerical stenogra-
pher in the office of the counselor of women.
Phyllis Atzenhofer, assistant to the counselor
of women.
Margaret Fisher, assistant to the counselor of
women.
Virginia Acher, residence counselor in the
residential halls for women.
William R. Eldridge, studio engineer at radio
station WNAD.
Jack Alexander, announcer and editor at WNAD.
BrucE R . Robbins, production manager at
WNAD.
Mrs . Eletvita V. Hughes, clerical secretary in the
Placement Office.
William T. Lester, floor man in the University
Press.
Mrs. Marjory G . Bradley, roll clerk in the Regis-
tory Office.
Mrs . Linda Mae Walden, secretary in the Guide-
center.
The following resignations were accepted:
Paul Eldridge, '18ba, associate professor of
English, has accepted a position at the Uni-
versity of Nevada in Reno.
Kenneth Benson, floorman in the University
Press.
Mrs. Rebecca Miller, assistant in the counselor
of women's office.
Dixie Potter Chaunitl, traffic manager of WNAD.
Helen Kemp, clerical secretary in the office of
the Department of Home Economics.
Mabel M . Lord, clerical stenographer in the
department of library science.
Mr. Marjorie Bauman, secretary in the Place-
ment Service.
Mrs . Ray E. Goedelen, stenographer in the
School of Home Economics.
Marvin Killman, typewriter operator in the
University Press.
Leaves of absence were granted to Dr. Stuart
R . Tompkins, associate professor of English.
Dr . I. E . Moss, assistant professor of English.

Three faculty members have returned to the
University from leaves. They are Arthur T . Meyer,
assistant professor of music; Wilfred J. Dixon, as-
stant professor of mathematics, and Balfour Whit-
ney, assistant professor of mathematics.

Educational Problems—

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in arc most likely to be the classes they would have
enrolled in had they not been involved in the war.
Off the of the chief problems, one of which
is for university officials and instructors to
remember that the experiences of the veterans
have given them a maturity that the average
student of similar age does not have. Veterans
must not be treated as children.

New O.U. Law Head
President George L. Cross and the Board of
Regents announced on September 20 the resigna-
tion of 10th Head of the University Law School and at the same
time announced the appointment of Dr. Maurice H . Merrill, '19ba, '22lib, as acting Dean.

Balyeat Gets O.E.A. Post
Dr. Frank A. Balyeat, '11ba, '18ma, chairman
of the department of adult education in the Exten-
sion division, has been appointed by President
George L. Cross to serve on the "in-service" education committee of the school
administrators department of the Oklahoma Educa-
tion Association.

Dr . D . Hafter, superintendent of schools at
Ardmore and president of the Alumni Association, who is president of the department of school
administrators of the O.E.A., asked Dr. Balyeat
to serve on the committee in connection with a
special project.