The Cover

Most of January and February found the campus under a blanket of sleet and snow that furnished fine material for photographic studies but poor footing for walking from class to class. The cover picture, offering an interesting contrast in lights and shadows, was taken between the Administration Building and the Library as a new storm was looming in the north.

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Riding the Sooner Range

By Ted Beaird

The trails on the Sooner Range in early '49 have been long (and cold) and rugged!

Since that "climax afternoon" (the Sugar Bowl event in Staid Old New Orleans, New Year's) it has been a series of jumps nation-wide on observing, chatting with, and visiting among Sooner alumni.

An hour visitation in the LOVE COUNTY capital city (MARIETTA, OKLAHOMA) was a most enjoyable occasion with the old wheelhorse (and the newborn county attorney of Love County) CLINT LIVINGSTON, '48LAW. Marietta is always an interesting O.U. alumni center. Even "Senator" OWEN TOWNSEND, '40B, '40LAW, who now offices in OKLAHOMA CITY and conducts his business affairs nation-wide, still makes a regular trek back down to the old home county—Love County. The long-time manager of the University Book Exchange, JIM C. MAYFIELD, '28B, likewise trails down Marietta-ward for the family visitation, but more especially is he lured in that direction by the Texhoma fisherman NORMAN BRILLHART, '17B (MADILL) as their "work trails" merge together at Marietta for fishing activities on Lake Murray. Other Marietta alumni who reside in the Love County area are CRAWFORD CAMERON, SR., '13LAW, LLOYD JOHNSON, '48ENG, CLEAUS LIGHT, '49PHARM, and the new residence of KATHERINE TATOM SUMNER, '23B, '26LAW, is now Marietta. After a pleasant hour's visitation and work with Judge Livingston, at which time he was designated as the ambassador-at-large to clear up the mailing lists on Sooner alumni of the county, and after he had graciously presented the venison steaks, we were up and away to the next Sooner center.

That "one night stand" in the seething alumni center of ARDMORE was, as it has been for years, most interesting. "The ole professor" GEORGE D. HANN, '36MED, Superintendent of City Schools, past president of the Alumni Association and present member of the Executive Board, was, as usual, most helpful by offering counsel and advice on many pending problems currently before the Association. Indeed, late this month "in company with" Tessor George, Superintendent of Schools JIM FRAZIER, '24B, '32LAW, WEWOKA, Superintendent of Schools DENVER DEE KIRKLAND, '33MED, MCALESTER, DR. OLIVER HODGE, '33LAW, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, OKLAHOMA CITY-TULSA, CLYDE HOWELL, '15B, '36LAW, my close fellow associate in the hired hand secretaries work (Clyde is the long, long time Executive Secretary of the Oklahoma Education Association), OKLAHOMA CITY-EDMOND, and dozens of other educators of the state, we will be up ST. LOUIS way representing Oklahoma (and may we wish its best interests) at the National Association of School Administrators. And of course, we will be joined by hundreds of other Sooner alumni from over the nation and we hope to keep bread and chin with the permanent Sooner alumni residents of St. Louis and environs at a clot-chat or what have they!

In FORT WORTH the Soonerers are still busy and about. The venerable and vulnerable old scientist-geologist JAMES HARVEY "ZEKE" VAN ZANT, '23B, '26MED, is still representing his profession, his University and his state in this Texas center. Dozens of other O.U. alumni are busily engaged in their business and professional pursuits in Texas' famous "cowtown."

TEMPLE, TEXAS, is indeed not only a great medical center of the Southwest but is the alumni center in that section of the Lone Star empire for many of our people. Among the alumni in Temple are Dr. LEROY L. ENGLES, '48MED, Dr. C. V. KERN, '36B, '38MED, Dr. E. D. McKay, '32B, '33B, '35MED, and Dr. J. R. WINSTON, '31B, '33MED.

The City of the South (that is what their Chamber of Commerce and civic boosters say—especially when the name DALLAS is mentioned) HOUSTON, TEXAS, has always been an outstanding active O.U. alumni center. To be joined by President GEORGE L. CROSS and Vice-President ROSCOE CATE, '26B, at this center, where President Cross "did the honors" by giving the principle address at their mid-winter banquet at the Texas Hotel, was a pleasant occasion. O.U. alumni are making great contributions in their professional life as well as being the "foundation" upon which is built the structure for solid participation in University of Oklahoma affairs in Houston. Among the dozens that might be mentioned are WALLACE THOMPSON, '20GEO, the newly elected president of the re-activated O.U. charter alumni club CURTIS SMITH, '29B, DICK GILLEY, '38B, '40LAW, KENDALL BAKER, '39B, '41LAW, ROBERTA HUFF BECK, '33B, and J. W. BURKHART, '30-31.

Alumni activity over MUSKOGEE way is "at" a buzz and a hum. The long-distance lines have been hot and the telephone tingling, with the U.S. mails loaded down announcing details on the coming county-wide alumni event pointing toward the showing of the Sugar Bowl film. Coach Bud Wilkinson and other University representatives will, before the article comes off press, have met, dined and enjoyed the Muskogee County delegation. In Muskogee, Bud and his boys will work with dozens.
and dozens of Sooners, including ED EDMONDSON, JR., '30ba; Executive Board member BILL DODSON, '29ba, '34law; past Alumni Executive Board member JEWEL RISSINGER DTMAR, '18ba; "Alumnus Lifes" PAUL CLAPPER, '22-'23, the very good buddy and friend of a former president of the Association, FISH MULDWROW, '22, hometown, SEMINOLE; JIM BATES, JR., '39ba; EARLE E. GARRISON, '35ba, (the son-in-law of Professor FRANK TAPPAN of O.U.'s school of engineering, and son of Dad Garrison, the business manager for superintendent GEORGE D. HANN, '36, and the Board of Education at ARDMORE). JOHN T. GRIFFIN, '47ba; DR. J. F. HACKLER, '31ba, '33med, the Northeastern Oklahoma educator; JACOB H. JOHNSON, '40med, president of Connors State College; school of Agriculture, WARNER, (on Muskogee's outskirts); past Alumni Board member HARRY SIMMONS, '21ba, superintendent of schools at Muskogee; EARL PIERCE, '22law; CHRISTYL R. RIMINGER, '27ba, (18RD'S, '28ba, kid sister—Brad, of course, the immediate past Department Commander of the American Legion and the prominent SAND SPRINGS—TULSA man of the bar—legal); Dr. C. E. WHITE, '21; Dr. PAULINE BARKER, '21ed; and PAUL YOUNG, '36ed, the prominent football centerist the home of "the people's" Congressman—CARL ALBERT, '31ba, (and incidentally, we were privileged to visit with Carl at the Wardman-Park in WASHINGTON, D. C., less than a fortnight ago). Alumnae WALTER J. ARNOTTE, '29ba, '28law, outstanding army officer, mayor about his city, as well as an outstanding citizen of his state, will be in the McAlester center working right along with the dozens of other O.U.ies. ELMER HALE, JR., '41bus, will be the grand higos of the assembly in McAlester, as he is the contact man who has made the booking for this alumni setup. Others who will attend the McAlester fracas and do a lot of gallloping over the trails of the Sooner Range are, past Alumni Board member HIRAM IMPSON, '15ba; Superintendent of Schools D. D. KIRKLAND, '53med; Dr. CLAULE E. LIVELY, '29ba, '30pharm, '31ba, '34med; GUY H. SAVAGE, '43ba; MARTIN A. SAVAGE, '36-'40; and many, many others.

Dr. RALPH W. MORTON, '38ba, '40mch, "the alumni head-man" down in MURRAY COUNTY with SULPHUR headquarters, has his Sooner delegation all a-sitting awaiting the reception of the representatives from the University with the Sugar Bowl film. Among the many other Sooners who will participate there in this Sooner get-together are THOMAS G. WHITE, '38ba; MUNDEE HASSEN, '41; JENI RAMSEY, '42drama; JOHN C. POWELL, '22law; the Aggie Sooner law-student L. B. PEAK, '21, (yes, he will even breeze down from his central headquarters in OKLAHOMA CITY for this get-together); the old newspaper PAUL JOHNSON, '31ba; C. F. JAMES, JR., '39ba; A. J. HOWELL, '48ed; LEROI B. HORSMAN, '35-'38; FLEETA B. HORN, '48med; ROBERT L. GOWAN, '29pharm, '30ms and JEAN C. CONDIT, '33nurse.

With "Our Man Friday"—GEORGE CUMMINGS, '46ba, OKMULGEE and O.U. alumni headquarters, NORMAN, it was a pleasant ride out CUSTER COUNTY way to re-activate the Club with the headquarters to be listed in CLINTON for all future participation. Yes, that Custer County Club, under the able leadership of CHARLES ENGLEMAN, '33ba, FRANK "LUKE" SEWELL, '47ba, and Charlie's vice-president, V. M. THOMPSON, '48ba, is still in business, and the showings are very good (at times). This February issue of SOONER MAGAZINE comes off the press, and we hold another of their very outstanding meetings, when they assemble for their mid-winter session with BILL JENNINGS, '46ed, Sugar Bowl film and all the trimmings to be presented to the assembled group in their get-together.

The 5,000-plus O.U. alumni who are residents of OKLAHOMA COUNTY are on an "expanding program." For years they have sponsored the very effective and outstanding pre-Homecoming dinner-dance as the big fall event for O.U. Sooners from everywhere. Under the able leadership of the new, young, aggressive proxy, DICK VIRTUE, '44ba, and his officers, FRED SCHNOLD, '30ba, '34law, BEN HEAD, '42ba, '48law, and MRS. FRANK HARRISON (MARGARET MONRONFY, '32ba), they too before this February issue of SOONER MAGAZINE comes off press, will have
Several events, including an all-University alumni luncheon in the Annapolis Hotel, were held during the busy inaugural week in Washington when the University of Oklahoma alumni sponsored many "get-togethers" for former students and graduates of the University who reside in Washington and environs, as well as hundreds who came from all sections of the United States for inaugural week activities. At one of these functions an informal shot was taken of a "visiting group" as they met to exchange "chatter" and reminisce about the hours down O.U. way. Among those who may be identified in the picture above are: Col. John Embry, '27Law, Chandlér-Arlington, Virginia; Jeannette Embry, '27, Chandlér-Arlington, Virginia; Ralph H. Schaller, '30Law, Oklahoma City-Arlington, Virginia; General Schaller, '27, Oklahoma City-Arlington, Virginia; Col. J. Carter Todd, '31Law, Tulsa-Arlington, Virginia; Louise Bagby Todd, '34ba, Norman-Arlington, Virginia; Walter Beets, '24-31, Comanche-Alexandria, Virginia; Frances Storie Beets, '29, Comanche, Alexandria, Virginia; Col. Bert E. Johnson, '24a, '29Law, Tulsa-Arlington, Virginia; Charles E. Brodersen, '28ba, '31Law, Oklaho ma-Arlington, Virginia; Charles E. Brodersen, '29ba, Cherokee Falls Church, Virginia; Sally Wilbanks-Wilder, '34a, Huddleston Falls Church, Virginia; Carlos E. McJesy, '25Law, Oklahoma City-Arlington, Virginia; John P. Taylor, '36ba, '39Law, Lawton-Falls Church, Virginia; Donald Mathis, '30ba, '34Law, Lawton; Col. Merton E. Munson, '29ba, '31Law, Lawton-McLean, Virginia; and Col. Bryan L. Rakestraw, '34ba, '39Law, Oklahoma City-Alexandria, Virginia.

Yes, it was a "whale of an inaugural week." In fact, the stranger, observing the participation of the O.U. alumni in the Washington center, would readily be led to believe that the University of Oklahoma was all of its former students and graduates and to the nation's center just to con- vince the rest of the world that the Oklahoma float, sponsored in the inaugural parade, was the Sooners contribution to a great activity. (And, in passing, that Oklahoma float was—and this is not pre- judicial speaking—the outstanding float of all en- tries in the inaugural parade. More favorable com- ment was listed on this float than any other entry. And too, in passing, the float was sponsored, the drive for the several thousand dollars needed to develop the float, as well as the nation-wide pub- licity on Oklahoma's float—well, the committee was headed up by Sooners alumni with Sooners en- thusiasm.

Yes, the past several days and nights in this early 1949 have been long (and cold) and rugged. But they have been interesting, long, cold and rugged days and nights because of the participa- tion of thousands of O.U. alumni.

And now, to turn to other tasks and open a new series of trails on the Range. The little item of get- ting everything organized for the big Oklahoma Education Association assembly in mid-February, to be staged in Oklahoma City comes first on the agenda. Yes, there again thousands of University of Oklahoma alumni will hit the trail and do a lot of Riding of the Sooner Range down Oklahoma City way. In those "Fessors and marm's" will flow from each of the 77 counties of "the Sooner Common- wealth." In addition to "getting educated" at their annual meeting, thoseschoolmarm's will cer- monially lead due to critical illness of my father, Dr. Edgar D. Meacham, '146a, of the col- lege in Cheney, Washington. Indeed, our Au- gust, 1948 graduate selected a "Sooner center." Dr. Robert P. Gardner, '29pharm, Major, F. A., Army Government and have become enchanted with the beauties of this island. Kyushu is Japan's most southern island, but we are having a real winter. Sorry I couldn't get a picture to you from Colum- bia, but things were happening too fast—Margaret getting married, my family leaving, and getting ready to sail. One of these days I will send you a picture from here. Please let me hear from you.

Best Wishes, Margaret Ann Hamilton, '38.

Bend, Oregon

Sincerely, Lena (Lee) Adams, '48ma.

Dear Ted:

Thank you so much for forwarding the copies of the Sooner Magazine in which I was interested and also for the copy of the Daily.

I enjoyed the magazines and paper tremendously not only for the stories in which I was interested in seeing but for the general campus news as well. They made me quite home-sick for O.U. and my old friends there.

Portland, Oregon, is now on the firing-line of race relations due to influx of Negroes during the war and I am beginning a study of the situation. Edwin Berry, sociology professor at Vanport Col- lege (remember the Vanport float?), and of the Urban League of Portland, is interested in seeing the Sooners and I am forwarding them to him.

The Sooners revived memories of the days that I used to write for it. Was glad to hear the news of Roscoe Cate's new position. Please give him my regards when you see him.

With best wishes to you and the Sooners staff.

Yours truly, Eleanor Lain Wilson, '40ba.

(Ed. Note: The letter below received from Miss Lena C. Adams mentions her working at the college in Cheney, Washington. Indeed, our August, 1948 graduate selected a "Sooner center." The college at Cheney is headed by Sooners life member alumni and students. Mr. Dr. Meacham has several University of Oklahoma people on his staff.)

Cheney, Washington

Dear Ted:

At the time I finished my M.A. in Personnel Work, August 4, 1948, my plans for the future were not definite. Now I would like my Sooners friends to know where I am so I can appeal to you for help.

I am now Assistant Hall Director at Eastern Washington College of Education, very near Spokane. Also I work in the Psychological Clinic here, testing and counseling students. I find my training at O.U. and my two years of experience there in the dorms as a graduate counselor are excellent preparation for the work I am doing now.

Also, this summer, on June 24, I will accompany my parents and my young brother to Italy. We'll be away for the summer and plan to spend most of the time in Sicily, visiting my father's family.

After living in Oklahoma, I find the 20 inches of snow in Cheney quite a change. But the freezing temperatures don't alter my enjoyment of the beautiful Pacific Northwest country.

Thank you for including my brief history in the magazine. I enjoy reading the Sooner every month. Sincerely, Lena (Lee) C. Adams, '48ma.

The Postman Rang Twice

Oklahoma City

Dear Ted:

Left Kyoto, Japan on 10th January, 1949. Arrived at Oklahoma City 17th January on a 30-day emer- gency leave due to critical illness of my father, Dr. R. L. Gardner of 922 Northwest 21 Street, Okla- homa City. He passed away on January 23, aged 86 years, 10 months. Burial services were held in Pulaski, Tennessee, former home of my parents.

My mother will continue to reside at the Okla- homa City address noted above.

I am returning to Japan February 15 to join my wife and 13-year-old son.

I frequently meet alumni of old O.U. but cannot recall the names of any I have met recently. Robert P. Gardner, '29pharm, Major, F. A., Hdp's I Corps, APO 301.

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Sincerely yours, T. Dwight Mitchell, Jr., '43ba.

Gadsden, Alabama

Dear Ted:

I have been in Dixie Land for a year and haven't or hadn't met a "Sooner" until last week. I was on my way to the bank and a car honked at me. Naturally I smiled and waved. Then a head came out of the window and said "Potter." To my sur- prise it was Dale Hawkins, '39-'41, who lives in Birmingham, Alabama. We enjoyed a brief visit and hope to see each other again. Do you know of anymore Sooners in Dixie?

Sincerely, Curtis F. Potter, '47pharm.

Saga, Kyushu, Japan

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