In the Mail . . .

To the Editor:
The December issue of Sooner Magazine reached me yesterday and I want to write and thank you for the very fine account of the dinner in Chicago for Dr. and Mrs. Bizzell, including Boyd Gunning's excellent story and the picture of the gathering.

The fact is that this story, plus a part of Ted Beard's column, plus the letters of both Dr. Bizzell and Mrs. Bizzell, made your December issue almost reported to have impressed himself as "amazed" at the progress we have made. He gave us nearly two pages of his 1938 annual report. I have intensively 12 eastern and northeastern states inventing my native state of Ohio to cultivate and in addition I was given the task of establishing relations with national organizations. I developed contact with the Farm Bureau and turned that over to an associate who gets to Chicago quite frequently and I have retained the Federal Council of Churches. The Council, the Catholic Rural Life interests, the Christian Associations, the International Council of Religious Education, the Southern Mountain Workers Conference, the Grange and possibly the Farmers Union in my list of groups to keep in touch with on a national scale. These contacts have taken me to the state of Washington on the west, Texas on the south, North Carolina and Maine on the east and Minnesota and the Dakotas on the north. In addition I get to Chicago about once every two months for one engangement or another. This keeps me in the field about half of my time. The balance of the time has been spent this year principally in writing group discussion pamphlet material.

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