Riding the Sooner Range

By Ted Beard

With Homecoming for 1947 just around the corner, there is plenty of action on the Range!

Many trails on the Sooner Front have (or soon will be) opened wide with returning Alumni activity.

ROScoe CATE, '26ba, assistant preside, paused in his bond deliberations in Chicago two hours to attend the hastily called Alumni luncheon and "en- deed to answer the barrage of queries" tossed his way. The Chicago Club president, JOE HICKs '23ba, assembled the crew in the Chicago Athletic Club for the Sooner "food-gab-fest." Joe had 'em seated for the session—young and old. Among the Windy City grads eagerly seeking news of University progress were: The prexie himself, JOE HICKS, '23ba; the seasoned barrister, the man- miliar with legal procedure, and general record keeper of Alumni records in Chicago and its environs, VERNE E. ALDEN, '11ba; the young journalist who just a few weeks ago stepped off the O. U. campus to her new position in the field of "Chi" journalism, JANE Cocksrell, '47juan; the one and only "Taffy" (HELEN Lucille) WILLIAMS, '47juan, who graduated in June of this year and immediately stepped in as public relations assistant in JOE HICK's organization; JACK BROWN, '41ba, and MRS. BROWN, '42soc.wk, (the Missus' maiden name, of course), was CATHARINE COOKE; COL. A. C. GRIFFIN, '016a, of the Training Corps Unit of the Joliet Junior College to his duties as the commandant of the Reserve Officer Training Corps Unit of the Joliet Junior College.

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Pat Dudley, freshman pre-med student from Oklahoma City, hits the books by lantern light as he waits out the all-night line in front of the Field House to obtain Dallas football tickets for himself and brother Tom. Pat is the son of George W. Dudley jr. and Dr. Albert Pasch Webb Dudleys, '28ba, '42med, of the University School of Medicine staff. As a Sigma Phi Epsilon pledge, Pat lives in the same house in which his mother lived when she was a Kappa Alpha Theta at the University.

The American Bar (legal) Association in Cleveland, Ohio, failed to attract the committee as it was meeting in a public relations assistant in JOE HICK's organization; JACK BROWN, '41ba, and MRS. BROWN, '42soc.wk, (the Missus' maiden name, of course), was CATHARINE COOKE; COL. A. C. GRIFFIN, '016a, of the Training Corps Unit of the Joliet Junior College to his duties as the commandant of the Reserve Officer Training Corps Unit of the Joliet Junior College.
MA CITY, OKLAHOMA: CHARLES A. FOSTER, '29ms, and MABEL GREER REST, '29ms, and MRS. FORREST, DETROIT; JOHN J. ANDREWS, '41eng, DETROIT; BEN W. BALL, '29 and MRS. BALL, MICHIGAN; JOE HULL, '42soc.wk, '40ma, DETROIT; DR. HARMON, '39med,'41med, Detroit; Mrs. E. BERT McCOLLUM, and Dr. McCollum, '39bs,'40med, '32med, Grosse Pointe, Michigan, and Dr. C. R. Huberlein, '37bs, '39med, '41med.

Back on the Home Front, it is the OKLAHOMA CITY "committee-on-committees" acting for the O. U. Alumni Club of OKLAHOMA CITY with headquarters in that city. The special over-all committee is under way with a series of meetings pointing toward perfecting all details leading up to the "call to colors" of the 500-plus alumni who will attend the traditional pre-homecoming dinner-dance to be held in the Baltimore Hotel on Friday night, October 31, prior to the Homecoming Game in Norman on the day to follow.

A very busy man, the president that Oklahoma City representative, Grover D. Struther, '20bs, along with Attorney BOB BAILEY, '24law, the vice president, and the very efficient secretary-treasurer, MRS. HERBERT OAKES, '26ba, were calling in Sooner faithfuls from all quarters. Among the most active (and loaded down with the most work by Grover and his other officers) pointing toward the success of this "renewed tradition" are JOE W. WHITTEM, '27law; MENTER BAKER, JR., '42bs; MILTON ASPAHL, '29bs; MILTON WAGENAAR, '32law; LEE B. THOMPSON, '29bs, '27law; MRS. DAVE D. PRICE, '25; LEWIS W. MORRIS, '19bs, '15ma, '17law; LEONORA ALDRIDGE, '26bs, '30ms, Dr. W. W. SANGER, '29bs, '31md; JOHN A. MAYREYNOLDS, '37bs; MRS. JOHN KILPATRICK, '49bs; NORMA WARD, '28bs, '31md; EARL FOSTER, '12bs, '13law; JOE FRED GIBSON, '39bs, '36law; JOHN W. CARY, JR., '42bs; S. P. FLORUM, '42bs, '47law; ROBERT O. BAILEY, '29aw; HAL WHITTEM, '29aw; J. LAMONT BAXTER, '39bs, '47ma; H. T. BROWN, '27-29; and Dr. WAYMAN THOMPSON, '27bs, '29md.

Closely on the home front, on the O. U. Campus, additional Homecoming activities is underway, headed by DEAN GLENN C. COUCH, '31bs, '31ms, and J. C. MAYFIELD, '28bs, as co-chairman for the big Homecoming registration and greeters committee, composed of 35 who will be on duty at the break of dawn on Saturday, November 1, to register in the "visiting firemen" and guide them to their points of chosen interest during the course of Homecoming Day on the O. U. Campus. The alumni serving on the 1947 Homecoming registration committee under the direction of GLENN and JIM are: DEAN A. B. ADAMS, O. U. student member; DR. FRANK BAYLEY, '11ba, '15th; J. L. WILSON, '18ba; J. O. BEACH, '23bs, '32md; ELSIE KELLY BEARD, '39bs; Dr. J. F. BENDER, O. U. student member; DR. RALPH BIENFANG, O. U. staff member; BRUCE CHENAULT, president of the O. U. student senate; DOLOLY SMITH CONNALLY, '26bs, '47ms; DR. FAYETTE COPLELAND, '19 bs; RAYMOND CREW, '41ms; '41law; DR. C. F. DAVEL, '31ed, '33ms, '35phd; RUTH ELDRED, '34ms, Dr. JOHN FREEMAN, '42bs; DEAN ROY GOTTINGER, '02bs; GEORGE JENNINGS, O. U. staff member; GLADYS GRAY, '27bs, '38bs, ROBERT J. GUNNING, '37bs; KENNETH HARRIS, '39bs; STEWART HARRALL, '36bs, E. E. HATFIELD, '36mba; JOE HOLLAND, '37bs, '47ma; LUCIEN JENNINGS, '39bs; DEAN D. B. ROBINSON, '41bs, '44ms; TAMMY SHERWOOD, '42bs, DR. RAYMOND WHITE, '41ms, and HERB WRENKLE, '22bs, '31ms.

Down Dallas-way, the Sooner are all-a-flutter! As these lines are being written it is 11 hours before the traditional Sooner-Longhorn struggle in the Cotton Bowl at Dallas. Those Sooner-Texans have "revived" the dinner-dance to be held on the eve of the big game.

Yes, down Dallas-way they are, in the lingo of the South, "wheelin' and dealin'". They are, as these lines are being dashed off, all set for the big dinner-dance at the Lakeside Country Club, and their invitations say, "Please beginning at 9:30 until 1:00 a.m." (if we have any one who can survive and last that long). Headed by the tireless president of that outfit, WALTER L. DITZEL, '41ba, '42law, they are underway for a big night on Friday evening, October 10 (and may we hope a pleasant afternoon on the 11th to follow when the Sooner "take on" the Longhorns). Working with Walter are many of the Sooner faithfuls who are permanent residents of DALLAS. Secretary BETTY GERMAN, '44journ, has devoted a lot of energy to "pre-game" planning. Others who have devoted endless hours in preparing for the big game are, W. DOW HAMM, '22bs; JOHN A. CHEADLE, '29bs, '27law; CYLDE C. BLACK, '27bs; EMMETT A. DARBY, '28bs; JERRY J. NOLAN, '39bs; CHARLES FARR, '41bs, '43ed; JAMES C. REED, '44 eng; EDMUND P. HORN, '37bs; BOYD F. KOEPKE, '21aw; CHARLES P. LANDT, '42bs; ORVILLE G. ROGERS, '42eng; ROBERT G. ROBERTS, '43bs, '45ed; JAMES C. REED, '44 eng; L. F. "JACK" STEELE, '33ed; PAUL C. TEAS, '23; KENNETH H. WASSON, '32aw; CLIFFTON W. WILHITE, '36ed, and WEYMIA ADAMS WILHITE, '38bs, '38a, '40ms, '43aw.

Sure, there are dozens of others who will make that DALLAS affair outstanding and one to be long remembered, but space prohibits our listing a Dallas directory just here!!

An informal Sooner pose is held by these alumni who are but a few who attended the pre-game rally held in Detroit. Reading from left to right (seated): Col. Emery E. Alling, Battle Creek, Michigan; Col. Arnold A. Allbright, '28bs, '27aw, and Mrs. Allbright, '29bs, Battle Creek; Mrs. T. C. Huberlein, '35aw, and Mrs. Allbright, '29bs, Battle Creek; Mrs. E. Bert McCollum, and Dr. McCollum, '29bs, '30ms, '32med, Grosse Pointe, Michigan, and Dr. C. R. Huberlein, '37bs, '39med, '41med.
So, there is the galloping on the Range as we go to press with this Homecoming issue of SOONER MAGAZINE (October, 1947) and as we put the last lines of this particular issue "to be," it's to OKLAHOMA CITY from where we will fly over TULSA way and there attend the annual meeting of the O. U. Alumni Club. In that session, the president, FORREST DARBOUGH, '21ba, '23 law, along with JUDGE HARRY L. S. HALLEY, '15ba, '17law; JACK CAMPBELL, '36ba, '38law; BRAD RISINGER, '23ba; HARRY KNISELEY, '26ba, '29ma; BILL EAGLETON, '13ba, '19law; ELTON HUNT, '13law, and dozens of others, too numerous to list, will have the stew and cookies properly brewing for that annual session in Horace Main Junior High School. As we meet next Monday night. Yes, they will see the excellent color motion picture film of campus scenes and campus personalities and, as a side issue, will elect their officer personnel for the ensuing year. Thus she goes in Riding the Sooner Range!!

Elevated Titles Are Given
Roscoe Cate, Dr. D. Dangerfield

At the regular meeting of the Board of Regents of the University on October 8, creation of two new administrative titles, executive vice president and financial vice president, was authorized and approved by the Regents, upon recommendation of President George L. Cross.

Dr. Royden J. Dangerfield was advanced to the position of executive vice president of the University, and Roscoe Cate to the position of financial vice president.

Dr. Cross stated, "This action on the part of the Regents provides that Dr. Dangerfield will act as University president in the absence or disability of the president. In the absence of both the president and the executive vice president," Dr. Cross further explained, "the financial vice president will serve in the top position on the campus."

Dr. Dangerfield joined the University faculty in 1928 and with the exception of some 16 months spent in the Navy during World War II, has served at the institution since that time. Mr. Cate, before taking his administrative post as financial assistant to the president in 1944, was acting alumni secretary-manager of the Alumni Association and acting manager of the Oklahoma Memorial Union, while Ted Beaird was on active tour of duty with the United States Army.

Mr. Cate was the Editor of Sooner Magazine for eight years.

New Honor for the 99th

Alumni-veterans who are former members of the 99th Infantry Division recently received letters from Maj. Gen. Walter E. Lauer, retired, informing them that the division has been awarded the Belgian Fouraguerre.

Cited for meritorious action in the campaign of the Ardennes, old members of the division are entitled to wear the medal on their coats. General Lauer, who commanded the division during the war, is charged with forming a division association. In his letter to veterans of the 99th, he urged that former members of the checkerboard division write to him at 99th Infantry Division Association, Box 461, Monterey, California, for information about the division association.

The general also is seeking an author to write the history of the 99th. He is interested in receiving recommendations.

Alumni who were former officers with the division include Lt. Jack M. Boures, '39ba, '41naa, Norman; Capt. Walter F. Hood, '29ba, Oklahoma City; Lt. Col. Nevelle E. McKinney, '30pharm, Dallas, and Maj. Orville Schwoerke, '21, Oklahoma City.

Alums May Fly to Games

Alumni and other guests attending football games in Norman this fall may find air travel a solution to their traffic worries. Those flying in can land at the University's own airport, Max Westheimer Field, located two miles north of Norman. Planes landing at Westheimer will be serviced and cared for during the game and attendants will be on hand to speed their departure when the owners return. Both 80 and 91 octane gasoline are available as well as aircraft motor oil. Airplanes will be checked and tied down on the ramp, or if an overnight visit is planned spacious storage is available.