Riding the Range Range

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Let's summarize—rehash events and incidents of a summer (and watta summer in most spots) as the Range has been covered. Thousands of miles have been left in the distance since that flock of June 1947 were guided off the O.U. campus. The West Coast, the East Coast, the District of Columbia, British Columbia, Canada, and Alaska have all been turned "out" en masse in those 61 days. Yes, the treks over a long series of trails was under way that summer morning. Ten thousand miles of air travel, with 11 scheduled Sooner conquests, was up for the first leg of this 15-day (and night) Ride on the Range!

The "air-steed" taxied to a halt at 12:01 noon. There was a 12-minute pause for refueling then on out of Amarillo to streak over hills, valleys, and the peaks of the Rockies to the first scheduled stop on the swing—Denver. On the early July shuttle over the Range, that 12-minute pause in Amarillo was ample time to call "His Honor", the Mayor. The Mayor—Sooner LAWRENCE R. HAGY, '23ba, who but to call "Hiz Honor", the Mayor . The Mayor—Sooner LAWRENCE R. HAGY, '23ba, who did all the "advance" work—and are still at it—pointing toward a fine Charter Club; HAROLD H. LECRONE, '34ba; MARY JANE NEWELL McLENNON, '17ba (the same 'one and only Red looking forward to an early visit in his Colorado hideout with MUGDERMOTT, '20ba, from O.U. campus ways); ROBERT B. WILLIAMS, '47ba; WILLIAM M. FLEETWOOD, '32law; GUY L. REED, '18; MILTON E. PARKER, '41ba; BERT GLADYS SCROGG HAWTHORNE, '10ba, (daughter of the late Dr. W. SCROGGS, of the O.U. staff); W. MAX CHAMBERS, '21ba, '29ms and MRS. CHAMBERS (Max, Oklahoma, Superintendent of Schools, was completing his doctorate degree); R. H. ZOELLNER, '46; BETTY G. SLOVER, '43 ban; BYRON G. ROGERS, '22; PHILIP COLINS, '49ed; and DOROTHY BETTES COLINS, '24ba. Again, it's a 12-minute refueling pause in Boise, Idaho. On the other end of the line was WILLIAM B. CRAM, '40ba. Flash back, a chat in retrospect! What a series of incidents over the years those 12 minutes afforded! "How about my coming back after all these years and acquiring a little more of the education?" "Would I likely go over BERLIN way again with a cargo of sulphur?" "Remember when I smashed a finger (to your great humiliation) before WNI radio microphones and introduced some new radio terms, unheard of in a basket ball radio coverage?" And—on and on, with the assurance of this Sooner that the other O.U.-ites of BORE were, "don't well, thank you!" And the others? Yes, here they are: MABEL N. BAKER, '40ba; O. C. KELLY, '30ba; OTIS G. MASSEY, '37; DR. CARL SMITHSON, '33ed; IDA C. SMITHSON, '44ba. With SPOKANE, WASHINGTON, as the hub of activity, its offer for an interesting day's work (10:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m.) with the general Sooner President, WALTER W. ISLE, '18ba, to Vern CHENEY, the seat of Eastern Washington State College. Two calls (and I failed to connect in SPOKANE) with "Lifer" and leading Sooner-ambassador for the 30,000 troops of SUDDETH, Camp Testa, returned to SPOKANE after an extended tour of duty as Army Chaplain. With him in Spokane, representing O.U. Alumni in this beautiful city of the Pacific Northwest, was the son of GRETCHEN BATES, '39phm; Mrs. M. S. CUNNININGHAM, '32ed; FLOSSIE GRAHAM, '32ed; DR. O. L. GRIGSBY, '45 ed; MA. O. B.
McIVER, '35-'36; GERALDINE E. ROSS, '42ed; and OWEN G. SMITH, '34-'36.

SEATTLE is indeed a Sooner City. There the recently organized O.U. Alumni Club is flourishing. Leaders of the Oklahoma tribe claiming Seattle as their adopted home city are: DR. MARTIN GERGER, '47med; DR. ROY W. DONAGHE, '34med; IRA EPLER, '38ba; '43ma; T. H. ES RIDGE, '42; DR. H. F. FLANIGAN, Jf., '41med; VIRGINIA G. HARVEY, '43nurse; THOMAS H. LAMBIDIN, '40ed; JOHN W. RILEY, '39eng; DR. R. D. ROYS, '38med; JESS E. SCHROCK, '46-'47; and CLARENCE B. TAYLOR, '43arch, '47eng.

It’s out of Seattle—a start south of the glamorous Pacific Northwest. Eight hours later it’s a landing at Municipal Airport, RENO, NEVADA. Reno, a Pacific Northwest city, is the “perpetual summer home” of multitudes, some 300-plus universities and colleges of the U.S. and Canada participating in the American Alumni Council Convention.

SAN FRANCISCO SOONERS are on the march. In the near future their “request for charter” meeting will be held, papers executed and filed and another outstanding O.U. Alumni Club will come into existence. Letters, wires and calls have been pouring in for weeks asking for additional information on Club formation, etc., from this West Coast group. Among the near 250 O.U. Sooners residing in and near San Francisco are: ALICE H. BOTSFORD, '12ba; CONSTANCE K. CONCELLO, '44sociwk; LOUISE ESCH, '30ba; THOMAS J. GABRIAT, '19ba; DR. CAROLYN C. A. HAYS, '47med; MARY KESKEBA, '44sociwk; A. GLENN LANE, '42law; EDWARD H. (MICKEY) PARKS, '33-'37; IRA Y. RICE, Jf., '34journ; CHARLES L. SMITH, '39-'40; MRS. F. PAXTON, '01ba; DAVID W. FREY, '47eng; WILLIS E. SNOWBARGER, '19ba; JOHN L. GOLDEN, '17ba; CARROLL MADDOX, '47geol; HENRY R. HANSEN, '47med; HAROLD BELL ORR, '47ba, and MRS. PEARL MORRIS, '32ba, '34ms.

That LOS ANGELES Sooner crew is always an interesting and up-and-at-‘em lot. So interesting that indeed ROSCOE CATE and myself could figure only one route from S.F. back to Sooner soil, namely, via LOS ANGELES and the O.U. Annual Picnic sponsored by that outstanding Club.

Watta session! True to form, excellent Los Angeles food, chatter, O.U. movies, more chatter, plus more, far into the evening, allowing ample time to report at 12:01 midnight non-stop flight back to OKLAHOMA CITY. One hundred thirty-seven reported and signed in for the annual L. A. event. New officers were elected—old officers, however, did not bow out. They all work, and keep at it in that outfit. F. L. TIBBITS, '16ba, '19ma, was elected president to take the place of the retiring “Proxy” LONNIE VANDERVEER, '19ba, '39med. Among the dozens of others attending were MIRIAM DEARTH MOSK, '32ba, '36ba, (the former O.U. “song-bird” of the “middle thirties”); HERMAN ZIEMMER, '35ba, '40med; HIAWATHA ESTES, '40ba; (yes, the Ziemmers and Estes combination of the former O.U. band days; and those two revered campus atmosphere!) OLIVE LEIPER, '11ba; OCILLE BULL TIBBITS, '21ba; RALPH BRAND, '38ba, '38ma; LLOYD M. MOR RISSET, '17ba; MARGARITE MADDOX LONG, '21ba; (the Range Rider's efficient secretary of 20 years ago) MRS. “OKLAHOMA AGGIE” (LONNIE) VANDERVEER; RALPH CESSNE, '33ba; WINFRED KEYS, '43sociwk; GLENN WATSON, '39law; and MARY INGOLD STANLEY, '08ba.

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Preparing a report on the progress made in the formation of a Denver, Colorado, O.U. Alumni Club are these Denverites: Left to right, Roscoe Walker, Jr., '40ba, '42law; Harold LeCrone, '35ba; John Tippit, '38ba, '40law, and Mrs. Gladys Scrogg Haworth, '10ba.

A few minutes before the short "Soup's On!" at the annual O.U. picnic in Los Angeles, this quartet got together for a friendly chat. They are, left to right, Ralph Clence, '37ba; Mrs. Lucile Tibbets, '24ba; Winfred Keys, '43sociwk, and Ralph Brand, '33ba.
A “so-long-for-now” at 12:01 a.m. in L.A. and to step off the non-stop flight in OKLAHOMA CITY five hours and forty minutes later (7:30 a.m. CST) makes it possible in the age of ’47 to gather the Sooner clan into sessions from coast to coast in short order. Yet, the last “so-long-there” had barely faded away until it was breakfast with family at home, 930 Lindsay Road, NORMAN . . . then to a Sooner Alum Headquarters in the Union Building—an office stacked with service requests and calls for more Sooner action!

Yes, Sooner action. The chief boss of the Executive Board (governing body of the Alumni Association), Prexie HAL MULDROW, JR., ’28bus, NOMINATOR, joined with the president of the Alumni Association, PREXY HAL MULDROW, JR., ’28bus, and a lot of Sooner hob-nobbing. From all over the O.U. campus and personalities, refreshments registration, presenting of colored motion pictures—had the stage set perfectly for introductions, assembly. BOB, in his usual kind and helpful manner, had the stage set perfectly for introductions, registration, presenting of colored motion pictures of the O.U. campus and personalities, refreshments and a lot of Sooner hob-nobbing. From all over the O.U. campus and personalities, refreshments registration, presenting of colored motion pictures of the O.U. campus and personalities, refreshments and a lot of Sooner hob-nobbing.

Eleven days later it’s away from the campus work-shop and off to the NEW YORK and WASHINGTON sessions. How they turned out for a renewed glimpse of O.U. in those Eastern sea ports!

In the office suite of BOB CALVERT, ’09ba, ’10ma, NEW YORK CITY, a temporary O.U. campus was established for that “down East” assembly. BOB, in his usual kind and helpful manner, had the stage set perfectly for introductions, registration, presenting of colored motion pictures of the O.U. campus and personalities, refreshments and a lot of Sooner hob-nobbing. From all over the O.U. campus and personalities, refreshments registration, presenting of colored motion pictures of the O.U. campus and personalities, refreshments and a lot of Sooner hob-nobbing.

Sidesin NEW YORK, ORA dropped in for the alumni meeting, representing the active student point of view, since she was to be away in some 72 hours toward NORMAN to enroll for her sophomore year, having completed her freshman work in June, ’47; SID COCKRELL, JR., ’38bus. There was a private session, prior to the general alumni conflag getting underway, in which I was privileged again to swap yarns with SID, JR., about our Commanding General (General BILL KEY of NEW YORK CITY, a temporary O.U. campus was established for that “down East” assembly. BOB, in his usual kind and helpful manner, had the stage set perfectly for introductions, registration, presenting of colored motion pictures of the O.U. campus and personalities, refreshments and a lot of Sooner hob-nobbing.

Among those present were: R. H. PARHAM, ’33ba, for whom he worked when LOWELL was cutting his eye-teeth as a freshman, after arriving on the O.U. campus from
privilege to work with his brother, ROSCOE Walker, Jr., 41ba, 42law, the DENVER attorney, discussed in paragraphs above in this Range article. DR. CHARLES R. HETHERINGTON, 40 eng. and MRS. HETHERINGTON, were on special leave for the evening. He explained that Dad Bill (of the City National Bank of Norman) was visiting in their New York home and that Grandpa Bill was staying in for the evening taking care of the children while he and the Misus were out Soonering. RUSSELL BLACK, 42speech—yes, the old warrior of the deep south Pacific is now back on civilian status, and he has finally gotten in the chips, meaning, as he explained, that he is now on the third round up with the National Broadcasting Company, in his chosen profession, with NEW YORK headquarters. A. S. GILLES, 34ba, 37law—it was a pleasure to again see Al. His sister, PAULINE GILLES ROGERS, 38ed, having worked with us as top secretary of the alumni outfit for a number of years, and his "little brother, PETE", 42ba, having been one of the hired hands in the mailing division of the Alumni Association, ties the GILLES family quite close to Soonery. KEN ROBINSON, 38law, staying late, Ken was civil at the veteran status, and he has finally gotten in the chips, "in-law" of the O. U. alumni outfit, BETTY JONES ROBINSON, 38ed, along with the very charming and efficient wife, MRS. "PAT", 38ed, still on active duty with the Adjutant General’s Department after his return from the European theater. Down at the meeting in the Cosmo Club, other old timers (and more recent timers) enjoyed a general session devoted to O. U. events and predictions on the O. U. -site. In this assembly were MAJOR BILL WITT, 32ba, 32law, of the United States Army, now stationed in Washington, was present for his first O. U. meeting in probably fifteen years. It was a pleasure to again visit again with Judy, and exchange yarns of the days back yonder when he was editor-in-chief of a dozen official publications on the O. U. campus and a staff member with yours truly. COL. BOB WATERS and wife, FRANCES, 31ba, 32ma, along with daughter JUDY, were all very much in evidence at the meeting. The Waters family was perfecting last minute details to send Judy O. U. -ward in the 72 hours to follow, when she expected to begin her freshman year on the O. U. campus. MALVINA STEPHENSON, 36ms, with her usual grace and charm and her eye for business, pointing toward special work in journalism, was present as was FRANCES HUNT, 29ba, former O. U. staff member in the School of Journalism and now following her professional career in the nation’s capital. All these, plus dozens of other Sooners, assembled for that Sunday evening get-together in the historical COSMO CLUB—and not unlike Soonier traditions, that Club is steeped in history and lore—for a typical Washington, D. C. assembly of the Southwestern short grass gang.

So, a brief few hours later, it’s back to Soonier headquarters on the O. U. campus. Back to dash out special bulletins at the request and under direction of the O. U. Club in DETROIT, pointing toward their big pre-game rally and special reserved football section for the Sooner-Detroit U. game, come the night of September 26. And that, of course, requires more energy, more planning, the execution of more open (and hidden) plays, but it all proves that nation-wide these O. U. Alumni are doing a lot of Riding of the Sooner Range.

38 Alumni Admitted to Bar

A total of 20 June graduates, 11 seniors who were graduated from the University in August and seven other alumni successfully passed the June state bar examination, John G. Hervey, 23ba, 25 law, executive secretary of the Oklahoma Bar Association, has announced. The June graduates are: Lui James Antonelli, David J. Aubrey, Margaret Behringer, James B. Bratton, David R. Douglass, Mack Easley, Frank Elkouri, Earl Penn Eno, John Helen Haley, Jr., Russell B. Holloway, William P. Hickin Jr., Thomas G. Keller, William O. Leach, James W. Shepherd, Jr., Wayne B. Snow, Robert W. Sullivan, Paul D. Sullivan, Herbert A. Turk, Luke A. Willerson and James Worton, Jr.


Other alumni lawyers and their classes include: Birney D. Henrin, 21; Edward A. Edmondson, 40; John V. Henderson, 40; Samuel Morton Rutherford III, 41; William Hensley Tabb, 41; Charles Ruphieh Nebith, 42, and James G. Davidson, 43.

Frank Elkouri, one of the June graduates, has been awarded a scholarship for graduate work in law at the University of Michigan.