Riding the Sooner Range
By Ted Beaird

What!... 10:15 a. m. and I am just getting into the office. Late again, but still, it has been an interesting morning. A 7 o'clock breakfast downtown was spent with HAL MULDROW, who told me of a recent trip to Norman, and of NORM NORMAN, who told me about the pleasure that he and his wife, CLARA MAE BELL, had attending the Rotary International Convention at Los Angeles. Their trip must have been smooth sailing, driving across the West Coast, and many of the bumps of the Main Street of America (Highway 66) were made smoother by bumping into the Sooner gang scattered across the country. At Albuquerque, the first night out, they found scads of them, had a coke and a cup of coffee, and rehashed "way back when" with distinguished STATE SENATOR DON DICKASON, '29law, who in recent years has grown famous in the New Mexico empire for his rôle on the Senate floor.

After breakfast, stopped at the campus corner to pick up birthday cakes for the 6-year-old young lady at the Beaird household, and had another surprise—FOR RENTON, '20, '21fa, of Metropolitan Opera fame standing on the corner in a very informal manner, red shirt and all, swapping yarns with RALPH RECORDS and another suprise—JOE BENTON, '20, 21fa, of Oklahoma City, who in recent years has been the heat of a prosperous real estate business.

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The City of Nashville, Tennessee, may be the Athens of the South, but the City of Memphis is a hot-bed for loyal Sooner spirit. It was a pleasure to visit the home of L. W. KIBLER, '16, '17fa, chairman of the Advisory Council for Memphis, and incidentally Mrs. Kibler (LOIS HARRIS, '16) and the two fine young sons, and discuss the days of yesteryear when both L. W. and the Mrs. were students at the University campus. The two young sons daydreamed quite at length about the time when they will follow in Mother's and Dad's footsteps and attend O. U. U.

... Passing the Book Exchange on the way to the office, I found FRANK GLECKLER, the "Class of '21 special," now manager of the Veteran's Facilities at Muskogee, who was in Norman to meet with a committee of which he is chairman. Yes, he was a few hours ahead of schedule, but he likes to relish Sooner experiences with CHARLIE MILES, '22, manager of the Book Exchange, and other Sooners who join the session...

At the front door of the office I was greeted by "Professor" JIM ROBINSON, '32law, head of the Speech Department of Northeastern State Teachers College, with his charming wife (recently acquired). He is on the campus this summer to complete graduate work.

The temperature of around a hundred degrees was eased somewhat, however, in a very pleasant afternoon's work with FRANK W. OZMENT, JR., '37p, chairman of the Sooner Homecoming Advisory Council. Frank is a prosperous young druggist in Fort Smith, is recently married, and may in the course of the next few weeks be transferred to another Sooner stronghold, Shreveport, Louisiana... While in Fort Smith we visited at the offices of J. W. ANDERSON, '54, and Jay, as usual, is doing a swell job in his chosen field of journalism... The popular Art Panze, '35p, was away from Fort Smith the day I worked there, traveling in the southern section of Arkansas.

... At Henryetta, Oklahoma, you could have a Sooner Homecoming on fifteen minutes' notice. In visiting and working with Superintendent E. E. BATTLES, '26, I learned of many successes being made by outstanding graduates and faculty, including many in Okmulgee County. And Henryetta continues, through the fine influence of Superintendent Battles and dozens of his O. U. teachers in the Henryetta system, to send to the University many promising and outstanding students.

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