Riding the Sooner Range

By Ted Beaird

The Trail of Cheers—that's it, "cheers" for those ambitious and talented youngsters who each April and May find that by hard work and extra burning of midnight oil they have earned their way into the states of extracurricular educational competitions! A fine crew, we'll say! Check these kids over the past thirty-year period—the ones who have participated as state and national finalists in various educational activities and events, and you will find state and national leaders in the ranks.

And who have been some of the men and women who were the scenes, sponsoring this work? Well, there's DR. J. W. SCROGGIS (eighty odd years old and the retired dean of University Extension work); JOSH LITTELL, '17, Junior United States Senator from Oklahoma; WILLIAM ROGERS, '30,d, Oklahoma Congressman-at-Large; FRANK G. TAPIAN, "century-plus"ergus of the O. U. alumni; L. R. TOWNSEND, '33, M. U. athletic director; JOHN O. MOSELEY, '16, new dean of students at the University of Tennessee; WALTER ISLE, '15, President of Northeastern College, Tahlequah; GRAY THOMPSON, '21, fa, head of the M. G. Department at the O. U.; DON WRIGHT, student, the boy of boys of O. U.; DON WRIGHT, student, the boy of boys of O. U.; DOROTHY HECK, '35,ex, director of WNAD radio station; HAROLD HENDERSON LEAKE, '34,ex, head of O. U.'s School of Drama; ALMA PRICE GREEN, 25, head of O. U.'s speech department; RUTH GOBER, '25, '28, Blackwell, state president of the Speech Teachers Association; JOE CALLAWAY, '25c, the Shakespearean specialist of New York's World Fair, formerly of O. U.'s School of Drama; ALMA SHAW, '34c, of Federal Theater fame; MARY GRAY THORNIM, '21a, head of the O. U. T. School of Speech at Oklahoma City; JIM ROBINSON, '32, '32aw, head of the Speech Department at Northeastern College, Tahlequah; J. E. MALONE, '32, ex, head of the O. U. Speech Department at Weatherford; State Representative MOSS WIMBLEY, now a law student at O. U.; WALTER B. EMERY, '34c, aw, from leave from O. U. to work for a doctor's degree to be received this June at the University of Wisconsin; PERRILL MUNCH BROWN, '14, '58ma, popular speech teacher at O. U.; DON WRIGHT, student, the boy of boys as an O. U. student was no outstanding attorney at Oklahoma City and for-

himself and his sidekicks JAMES R. "JIMMIE" FRAZIER, '25, '29, of Chickasha; HELEN KELLER, '33c, along with husband I. A. KELLER, '33c, has been working for years in the interest of speech education in helping Oklahoma youngsters.

All these, along with some 200-plus others have been instrumental in developing educational activity work, and steering students in this field on to state and national recognition at various periods during the last thirty years, particularly in the field of speech education.

But, who are some of the many men and women on the firing line in the senior high schools and colleges of Oklahoma, training day after day, all year round, for the contest, these successful young citizens? Let's look! B. L. WERTZ and PARTHENIA GREGORY, '26, at Central High School in Muskogee; C. E. GRADY, '30c, (Pop and Colonel to his associates, and father of two fine sons sent to O. U.) and MRS. HAMILTON TUCKER, JR. (Elaine Johnston, '29c), of Chansler at Oklahoma City. The old wheel horse JAKE HOOVER, '28, of Central at Oklahoma City. Another who has made more than one national contribution in his work is HEDRICK NETHERTON, law student, of Capitel Hill at Oklahoma City. EULA BOULWARE PETERSON, '35c, what a teacher, what a trainer of the Altus Junior College speech crew. As a matter of fact, the late's former student, fine young husband of Mrs. Peterson, has contributed his share in this work in more than one way. State newspapers report he has been advanced to high school principalhip in Altus, taking the position held for the last six years by Sooner ROY DAVIS, '25, '34d,m, who goes to Grandfield as superintendent of schools.

IRENE SHAUL, '35a, '36, idol teacher (and how she has developed students in the deep Southwest). She'll be back with us at O. U. next year, and will help to promote WNAD work. Union town and general work in general work just as she did in the days of Sylvia Mariner and YVONNE DYMOND, '35a, and others, in our palmiest clay in '35 (O. U. ROY DAVIS, '25, '33c, should be included in that wiscrack). In Broken Bow High School, LOUIS NANCE, '30aw, also has done his part.

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From his days as superintendent of schools at Shermack and during the last nine years of his superintendency at Washita, Superintendent C. W. GUSINGER, '31ex, has been one of the most enthusiastic speech education promoters in the Southwest.

ROY GRANTHAM, '33, '34c, assistant speech teacher at Ponca City High, along with W. J. TYLER, '26, of the same department, have never let down in this educational training with their students. Others? Yes, scads of 'em, among whom we find JOE JACKSON, '27, the most enthusiastic speech education promoter in the Southwest.

HARLEY CROMWELL, '36c, El Reno; MRS. JOY GILKEY (JESSIE LONE CLARKSON), '27a, of Chickasha; NELLI WATERMAN, along with the sage of many, many banquet speeches and strings of oratory, ELMER FRAZER, '20, '38ma, both of Chickasha High School; ELBERT COSTNER, '29, '39ma, superintendent of schools of Panam; LESTER M. "DUTCH" DOUGHTY, '24, superintendent at Tahilina; C. C. "CHET" BARTON, '24, of Shawnee; the boy of boys, the one master of "Queens English," and how he has developed students in the Southwest.

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Henry Washington, D. C. office. Indeed, it is reported that Mrs. IONA B. FREEMAN, '31ex, of Miami, along with CHLOE PROCTER, '36ed.m, as a guiding influence in helping Oklahoma youngsters.

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