Riding the Sooner Range

By Ted Beaird

DID you ever see an "Ike" go walking—or dancing—or prancing? Well, on this night of March 15, it may be the true hour for "The Ides of March." There was no relation to tides (either night or day) for the past month while galloping up and down the Sooner Range. Some things, some of the things they are doing, some of the things they have been doing the past thirty days? Well—let's take a peek back stage and find out!

Forty-eight years is a long period of time for the University to carry forward its functions without a joint board meeting of all agencies concerned in its development ever being held! So-o-o—the big idea of the Alumni Association was to stage an official joint board meeting to consider "the state of the nation," or should I say, "the state of the Sooner Commonwealth," in an intensive study of the financial structure of the State of Oklahoma, more especially, from the standpoint of the future of higher education in the state.

February 20—high noon—167 strong, official members of boards and representatives of boards, including Regents, Dads, Mothers, and Alumni Associations of the University of Oklahoma, and the Stadium-Union Board of Trustees, representing sixty-two of the counties of the State of Oklahoma. And what an intensive study of the state financial structure to follow! Names of hot-shots, hot-butters appearing on this particular "Joint Boards" program of statewide interest—men and women giving of their time plus considerable effort—could fill a book! In attendance were such outstanding alumni as SENATOR CHARLES R. DUFFY, '22law, Ponca City; SENATOR JAMES RINEHART, '23law, El Reno; REPRESENTATIVE ELAINE JOHN-SON TUCKER, '26ex, Claresholm, High Oklahoma City teacher; DR. JAMES H. HODGES, '29ms, 31std, Tulsa; J. E. MURPHY, '29ed, Sapulpa; HEDWIG SCHAEFER, '18, of the O.U. staff; ALMA LOIS RODGERS, '27ms, Alva; SUZANNE ARNOTE, '36, "the Oklahoma City, Oklahoma and Times Susic," flashing her best smiles over the entire convention; JOHN T. HEPLEY, '01, 35ed, of the O.U. staff; the promising C.P.A. in the making, namely, ERYLL BROSS, '39ex, Oklahoma City, paid the compliment of a call at headquarters; F. C. SNOW, '38ms, now completing his doctor's work in the College of Education at O.U., was with us for the program; JIM ROBINSON, '32, '32law, of the State College, Tahlequah, took time out and during the convention had a lot of fancy visiting, as well as reporting to the various school marm sessions, on his schedule; D. D. KIRKLAND, '33ed, the newly-elected superintendent of schools at Coalgates, was "in and out" during the entire convention. (In passing, we challenge you to watch that school system at Coalgates pick up momentum.) Then there was ROSALIND BURNS, '34fa, who took the day off from her duties as public school music teacher in Oklahoma City to come down and " strut with the other school marm's." J. O. VER- NON, '36ed, along with Mrs. Vernon, motored over from Vanoss School to meet and greet a lot of fellows on this—the big education day. DR. WALTER B. EMERY, '34law, dropped his orating for the hour and sped up from his University headquarters in Norman to Oklahoma City to swap yarns with the boys. E. E. BRADLEY, '39ed, in a "dust bowl," having dropped his official duties in Panhandle A. and M. College for the day, and was the one man in a great "spew"—but incidentally he shifted around among the delegates enough to be elected state president of his special education section of the O.E.A., and you will get that "fire-cracker" job done! JESSIE D. NEWBY, '10, of the Central State College at Edmond, was very much in evidence. TEY KASEN, '58, the mathematics-vice coach of the McAlester school system, was over greeting old friends. Superintendent GEORGE
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