Riding the Sooner Range

By Ted Beard

Indeed, there is a certain element of pride in any organization when outstanding citizens who are not connected with it except through membership lend a helping hand! Such is the case of the University of Oklahoma Alumni Association in its relationship with the O. U. Dad's organization, as has been made very much in evidence and is now established on the campus of the University of Oklahoma for its very splendid seminar covering a year's activity.

There are many men who are alumni of this institution. Many of them have sons and daughters who are graduates of O. U., and to each man Dr. J. R. Hinshaw, '19, 21med, Butler; "Bert" Hutto, '10, of Norman; Attorney Walter Morris, of Anadarko; Hal Muldrow, Sr., of Norman; Judge B. B. Barefoot, of Chickasha and Oklahoma City; Judge F. F. Lester, of Oklahoma City; Emil R. K. Krattli, '1ex, secretary of the Board of Regents; Eugene Ledbetter, '14law, president of the Board of Regents; and many others, your Alumni Association is deeply grateful. By action of these men, we are now privileged to have another "range" to cover! By Executive Board action of the Dad's Association and endorsed unanimously by the alumni of more than six hundred members in their general business session, the current president of the Alumni Association along with the executive secretary became ex officio members of the Dad's Executive Board. Your Alumni Association appreciates this confidence and honor extended its way.

In a hundred growing in rush days and weeks over a six-month period, the months make the work of the association all the more stimulating. Hundreds and hundreds of problems coming across the desk and over the wires weekly offer a new challenge in each allotted period. Progressive young Jim Hanning, '36, '39law, now established as an attorney at Ada, along with Judge Oreil Bushy, '1law, Lowrey Harrell, '21law, Moss Wimbish, student, and dozens of other Ada citizens give us plenty to do in outlining a constructive program for the coming year.

"A smooth Santa Fe ride," Norman to Arkansas City, is made quite an interesting four hours in an exchange of conversation with several alumni give train to their various points of work. Then a visit in Arkansas City for a couple of days and nights "labor" really convinces one that this thriving city of southern Kansas is truly an O. U. town! We were privileged to meet and greet, break bread, and chat with the following Sooner in Arkansas City: R. R. McComb, '30law, chairman of the O. U. Alumni Advisory Council, and (the very charming wife of Mc is indeed a perfect hostess when Sooner are assembled for an informal evening in that center); Leslie L. Thomas, '26, '39ma, along with the newly acquired wife, likewise proved to be the perfect host and hostess in feeding "the roving hired hand," as he jogged along the "Kansas Range."

Other Sooner giving us the "Hi there!" and "How's things?" in the Arkansas City territory were Mrs. R. W. Marjorie Spain Durfee, '37; Mrs. H. H. Crain, '26, mother of Ernest Crain, '36clm, who incidentally doing a swell job in his legal connection in the Federal Land Bank and quite enthusiastic about an O. U. club in Wichita, Kansas. H. H. Crain, '26, has been very much in evidence and is now established in a prosperous business Arkansas City; R. E. Garral, '24, and Mrs. Durbin, took the evening off from professional and social activities in Winfield, Kansas, to drive down and chat with us in the informal "fireside chat," and of course Dr. Dunbar was quite interested in knowing about a lot of his "lookers-after." Supt. O. B. McClellan, 1915-1919, inclusive. Mrs. Vera Lee Mitchell Edwards, '30, '33clm, along with Mr. Edwards, quite interested in the informal party. Mrs. Mitchell is still doing a swell job as librarian in the city library of Arkansas City and gets a lot of pleasure in reminiscing, particularly over the many strongholds (Hartshorne, Oklahoma) gave the "real range business" by checking up on his large range cattle and livestock, out of Arkansas City. And of course, all these young grads wanted to know who the band queen was this year, of course. Of course came out in the race for the scholarship crown last semester. How the Ruf Neks were "functioning," along with dozens of other O. U.-questions! (HEY! You "book-worm" Sigma Chi take close notice, as I am sure you will be glad to inform the world of your first place rating in O. U. scholarship last semester!)

The shad, dizzy dash of homecoming—still with its many interesting features. Visitors from a "over" and of course, Joe, '23, and Lois Marshall, Hicks, '23clm, of Chillicothe, will be theHighlight of the Oklahoma City and guests of President and Mrs. Bizzell in their homecoming game, and guests of their many friends that weekend. With a swell job that Joe has been doing since his graduation in '23! What a keen interest that boy Joe has in his University—his latest contribution being to write the words and music for a new O. U. song. "Cheer Oklahoma."

Janet Allen Langford, '18, Norman, plus some fifty other loyal Sooner alumni representatives attended the Oklahoma Memorial Union following the game. (This "gang" always delivers the groceries.)

The jingle of the telephone, and E. H. Skinner, '23, and Al Drake, '28us, of Kansas City, are on the line—more Sooner business. We received a note from John Donivan, writing in and out, delivering a series of messages from Paul A. Walker, '1law, of Washington, D. C, who with the assistance of his very able advisory council managed to raise the country's outstanding O. U. alumna dinner in the capital city on the night of November 11.

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Ho-Hum—how these fast moving Sooner can make you believe in the three o'clock hour on Thursday afternoon, November 16, we must dash out to the family fliver and go Columbia, Missouri, way to take care of the "Christian special." Yes, it will be a long drive from Norman to Columbia, but we are taking a staff of professional alumni football pin-up picture cameramen deluxe, so it will be a beauty. And we were saying the same thing to the modern day football tackles a "feast for sore bellies." Of course, George V. Metzler, II, '34ma, now at East Central State College, Ada, was back greeting old friends; Ruth Gober, '25ma, '38, of Blackwell, state "prissy" of the speakers, teachers organization, was very much in evidence; Maurice B. Gles, '52, who this year is teaching in Collinsville after receiving his degree in '39, was back wishing that he could be a student this year at the University; Charles Edwards, '33law, of Ada, attorney at Cordell, was greeting old friends who are still in the University completing their professional courses since his graduation in law in '36.

A 25-minute dash to Oklahoma City via a Sooner grad's Ford and at the Quarterbacks' session in the Skirvin. Gov.? There were eight years removed and the kids—well, reliving every play as it was flashed on the screen, featuring the O. U.-Kansas State breathtaking game.

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