Riding the Sooner Range

By Ted Beard

The fortnight (mid-February to mid-March, '49) on the Sooner Range has been most interesting. Failing to come in meek and mild as a lamb, the activities continue as a roaring lion! Assemblies throughout America have demanded the attention of Sooner alumni these past four weeks.

The 58th state meeting of the Oklahoma Education Association brought thousands of University of Oklahoma alumni into Oklahoma's Capitol City. (See special candid camera shots portraying the activities of a cross-section of these thousands on other pages of this issue of SOONER MAGAZINE.) As ever, and as down through the years, among the many participants (not shown in the pictorial section) of the Oklahoma Education Association's various meetings were: President C. DAN PROCTOR, '36med, '36led, Oklahoma College for Women, CHICKASHA; President TOM T. MONTGOMERY, '26med, Southeastern College, DURANT; ELBERT COSTNER, '29ba, '34med, Superintendent of Schools, POTEAU; Prexy GEORGE L. CROSS, O.U.; M. L. WARDELL, '14ba, O.U.; R. L. "RED" McLEAN, '38med, Superintendent of Schools, ANADARKO; Prexy BRUCE CARTER, '32ba, Northeastern Oklahoma Junior College, MIA, (Bruce is not only the guiding light of the very popular and outstanding college he heads, but is one of the bulwark Executive Board members of the Alumni Association); HARRY SIMMONS, '24ba, Superintendent of Schools, MUSKOGEE, former Executive Board member of the Alumni Association and one of the "directing lights" preparing for an early assembly of the Sooners in the Muskogee County Alumni Round-up; FRANK CRIDER, '30ba, the ever-popular football coach of East Central State College, ADA, (also an Executive Board member of the Alumni Association); GEORGE D. HANN, '36med, Superintendent of...
Claude Chambers, ably represented the Sooner tribe.

In the immediate days and nights ahead additional Range Riding will be accomplished by numerous Sooners. It is the season of the year when the president of the general Association calls into counsel his nominating committee. Scheduled for mid-March work at the Oklahoma Biltmore, Oklahoma City, the president of the Alumni Association, Grady Harris, '18, Alex, will work with the group that he appointed 30 days ago as the official nominating committee for the selection of nominees to go on the 1949 official ballot. This group includes: Herbert Branam, '32, ba, '38law, Oklahoma City; C. Guy Brown, '23, Oklahoma City; D. Horton Grissom, '30, ed, Norman; Ben Head, '42, bs, '48law, Oklahoma City; Harry Hughes, '29, '48, ed, staff member of Southwestern Institute of Technology, Weatherford; J. F. "Maj" Malone, '37, ba, Oklahoma City; Paul Reed, '21, Sulphur, Oklahoma City and Dick Virtue, '48, Oklahoma City.

Yes, those nine Sooners will select a total of 15 nominees to go on the ballot from which will be selected one board member each for districts 1, 3, 5, 6 and 8. As of April 15 the fourteen nominees selected by the nominating committee will be placed on the 1949 ballot and distributed world-wide to the thousands of members of the University of Oklahoma Alumni Association. The vote will continue until midnight May 25, then the election committee will make its final tabulation. At the conclusion of the balloting, five O.U. alumni will have been selected to serve a period of three years on the governing board of the general alumni organization.

Indeed, it is the usual busy spring season. Sessions for immediate future participation are now being formed in ADA; CLEVELAND, OHIO; ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI; CHICAGO, ILLINOIS; MUSKOGEE; LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA; NEW YORK CITY and dozens of other cities, towns and villages throughout America. In the immediate future weeks SOONER MAGAZINE will release more news stories giving a word picture of the ever continued participation on the part of thousands of alumni as they swing along while Riding the Sooner Range.

- Dean Glen C. Couch, '31, ba, '37, m, ed, dean of University College attended the meeting of the National Association of Advancement of Foreign Students in Cleveland, Ohio, late in March.

- Dean D. R. Johnson, '18, m, dean of the School of Pharmacy, attended the meeting of the District Six Boards and Colleges in New Orleans, Louisiana, March 2-3.
Achievement Day April 12

The University of Oklahoma and its Alumni Association will honor five public-spirited persons Tuesday, April 12, 1949, by presenting them with the Distinguished Service Citation.

The Achievement Day awards were begun last year and are intended to recognize the accomplishments of "distinguished Oklahomans and/or alumni of the University of Oklahoma wherever located."

As many of you will recall the awards were made last year to Mike Monroney, '24ba, General W .S. Key, General Raymond S. McLain, Everette Lee DeGolyer, 'llba, and Lynn Riggs, '23.

The winners are selected by the Distinguished Service Citations Selection Committee composed of three men appointed by President Cross, three appointed by the president of the alumni association, and the president of the Dads’ Association or someone appointed by him.

The selections are based upon the following qualifications:

b. Distinguished service to an Oklahoma community, or the State of Oklahoma, or the United States of America, or the United Nations organization.

c. Humanitarian, cultural, intellectual, or scientific contributions.

d. Unselfish service or leadership over an extended period of years.

e. Research that contributes to the public welfare.

f. Pioneering in new fields, thereby advancing ideas and opportunities for development.

g. Distinguished achievement in a chosen profession.

Anyone desiring to attend the Second Annual Achievement Day and the dinner at which the awards will be presented contact Ted Beaird, Alumni Office, University of Oklahoma. The banquet will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the Union ballroom. Cost per plate is $1.50.

Extension Division Hums

Things are always humming at the University Extension Study Center on the North Campus. In addition to regular courses of instruction being presented there, the Center is the site of many conventions, conferences and short courses.

Listed below are coming activities scheduled for the Center’s Department of Short Courses and Conferences:

April 2- 3—Annual Camping Institute
April 8—Interscholastic Contest
April 2- 3—Gas Measurement Short Course
April 21-23—State Finals (Speech) South Campus
April 22-23—Dr. Raps, A. A. R. W. Convention
April 25-26—Mothers Club Conference
April 28-29—Intercollegiate Contest—Vocal Music, Curricular Contests, Baseball Tournament
April 29—Legal Institute
April 30—Intercollegiate Contest—Safe Driving Contest and Baseball Tournament

May 2—Church College Work Conference
May 6-7—Interscholastic State Finals Track and Field
May 6-7—Art Education Conference
May 7—O. I. P. A. Spring Meeting
May 11-12—Oklahoma Library Association
May 13-14—Municipal Government Short Course
May 19-21—Short Course for Swimming Pool Operators
May 21-22—Labor-Management Conference
May 23-27—Hearing Institute
May 30-June 1—Insurance Agents Short Course
June 3-11—Boy’s State
June 5—Professional Writers Short Course
June 6-7—Speech Institute
June 13-24—Association for Childhood Education Workshop
June 27-28—Institute on Business Skills
June 29-30—Audio-Visual Conference

Dr. Chia-shuenn Yih, former research assistant for the Chinese national bureau of hydraulic research, has been named visiting professor of mathematics at the University.

Dr. Henry R. Hansen, ’47m.ed., Modesto, California, has been named a visiting professor at the University education facility for the summer session. Dr. Hansen is a consultant in audio-visual education.