Riding the Sooner Range

By Ted Beard

DECEMBER—with early winter winds; a cool clime to an early-after-close-of-war football season meeting, it was a distinct pleasure to visit in person with the Organizer and Publisher of THEOKLAHOMAN. After spending some time with Mr. L. COL. BEN COOLEY (21 MD), FT, BLISS, strolls in for a long delayed chat and re-hash the doctor, soon to be discharged from the Army duties, explains he plans to return to medical practice in San Angelo, Texas. What a fine record his young daughters KAY and CAROLINE have set up in O. U. during Dad's two tours of duty the past four years.

At PURCELL, the housing and professional men assembled in the conference during that noon-day assembly, another Sooner-Session was under way! JOHN KENNEDY (30 Phc) was a pleasure to greet, hearing John, the exchange of A-3 civilian planning was DAD GUY NORTHCUTT and other in-law DADS who publicly were singing the praises of the recently Army discharged General. Commander of Men BILL MILLOR (42) for his handling, "with efficiency and dispatch the problems of paper-and-red-tape of our business items of University interest (following the three, as Board of Managers, Oklahoma College-Borden General Hospital). Not only recent timers but, aboard the Executive Board—sponsored by the O. U. Alumni Club of TULSA County and, too, mixed over prospects of an early "moving." At the annual Homecoming session of the Alumni Executive Board—not only "recent timers" but, indeed, many "old timers" were present to add to the deliberations of the hour. Among those assembles for the first time in many years, was the Past Presidents RAY TOLBERT (12b), OKLAHOMA CITY; JUDGE EARL FOSTER (12b), OKLAHOMA CITY; TOM CAREY (12b) and "JACK" BOATMAN (11b, 16aw), OKMULGEE; FRED TARMAN (10b), NORMAN; and JUDGE ROSS HUME (16aw, 1900ma) ANDERSON. All these, plus many, many more were there at that 10:00 a.m. annual session, assisting, counseling and guiding "we of the younger generation."

That double-decker assembly over in the Capitol of Grady County—CHRISTMAS—was an interesting and constructive meeting, during and after his release from FAIRVIEW, the Oklahoma Memorial Union were in on none-too-pleasant Army and Navy "duty assignments" on the Alumni plans for the session to be staged in a few hours in PAWHUSKA where, under the guidance of JOHN T. "WADD" LEATHERWOOD, the Oklahoma College-Borden General Hospital "tryin' to save what it's left of the legs" of MABLE E. WEAVER ('136a); and ROY U. WOODS (11ba) of VERDEN, Space permitting, that Grady County list would continue far into the column!

In ALVA, for the O. U. Planning Commission meeting there, it was a distinct pleasure to visit with MOTHER HOLLAND and O. U. daughter JEAN (27ba, 29ma). For a "number of years" Jean has been a staff member of the Northwestern State College. Yes, during the three free morning hours it was most pleasant with Mother Holland to check up on recent activities of those other O. L. HOLLANDS; namely, loyal "JACK" (14b) and "FRANCIS" (12b), OKLAHOMA CITY; WEAVER (12b), DALLAS, and others in the family who know no other way to think in education than to fervently plan to these pleasant and profitable years they spent at O. U."

To sit around the conference table in "the Municipal Center of Major County"—FAIRVIEW, was a long-delayed O. U. pleasure. To again be associated with J. PHIL BURNS (27ba); WAYMAN CORNELEN (27-33); CECIL WARD (36ba); A. O. MANNING (10-13; AUSTIN FIREBAUGH (36aw); and O. U. citizens of Major County made this stop on the trail a complete, "45 dimax. And—are those Major County Sooner planners for the future!"

That "Riverine" Shuttle (Oh! When will new cars be released?!) out of FAIRVIEW via ENID, KINGFISHER and EL RENO—leads us in due course of time back to the Alumni Headquarters in the Oklahoma College-Borden General Hospital. It's to "get out of pounding) to "public steno" as series of un-finishing items to the program. In PAW- HUSKA brief calls are listed on the trestle board at GUTHRIE, PERRY, PONCA CITY and CLEVELAND. Thus it goes—something new, ever changing—in Riding the Sooner Range.

Wrinkle Gives Placement Tests

Placement tests were given by Herbert E. Wrinkle, director of highschool relations, to an estimated 5,000 highschool seniors the latter part of November.
Wrinkle visited 57 highschools, which served as test centers. Neighboring schools were invited to send students interested in attending college to these centers to take the tests. Under this system, highschool seniors from approximately 150 schools were tested.

The new practice of giving placement tests to highschool seniors was carried out on an experimental basis for the first time last year. The tests were administered to 2,337 seniors from 40 high schools at 15 test centers.

Advantages of this system to the seniors include experience in taking standardized tests. Their names are placed on permanent record in the college work, and they are emotionally better prepared to take tests in home environment than in the first few days' residence at the University. The program also gives possibilities and problems involved in the establishment of a statewide testing program which is now being considered by public school administrators and the colleges of Oklahoma.