

GEO. W. OLINGER
DENVER, COLORADO

June 11, 1945

Mr. Forrest C. Allen
c/o University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Rotarian Allen:

It pleased me very much to receive your letter of June 6, and I thank you for it. I feel that it is a real compliment if any word that I have passed on to you had a value then or now. The lines which you quote have been a life-long conviction of mine and I have had many personal proofs that this formula works.

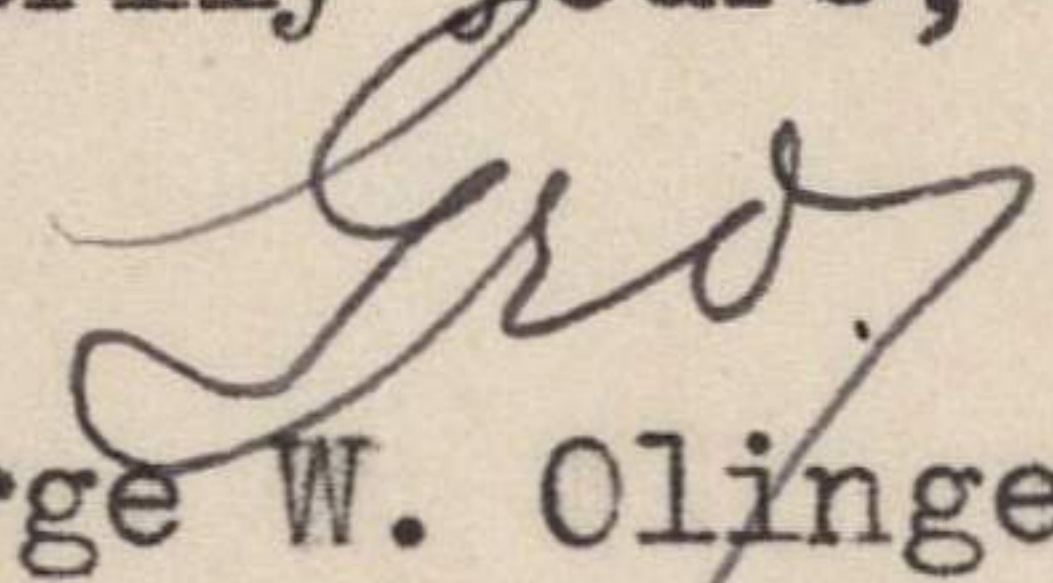
The Highlander program has been a great adventure to me personally. All my life I have had a great passion for youth and out of this experience has come some of the finest friendships of my life.

Years ago I founded the Highlander Boys' Organization whose membership today totals some 11,000, and about 7,000 of this number are in the armed forces. From the very beginning, it was my custom to enclose in every letter a card of some helpful thought or encouragement. The little packets sent represent a group of these cards, planted here and there in the hope that one or more of them occasionally may represent a stepping stone to victorious living.

In closing, may I say that if you feel that any of the cards or any additional packets would be of practical value to any of your friends or boys, if you would send me their names and addresses, I would consider it a privilege to send them packets.

The sunset picture to which you refer was one that I took at Hi Hume about 300 miles north of Vancouver in British Columbia-- a paradise for sunsets. For years I have had a lake about one-hundred miles from Denver and I am enclosing to you a little snap of it. If sometime this summer you would like to get away from the heat of Kansas into the cool of Colorado, why not come over and I will show you the most beautiful spot in our mountains-- Black Lake.

Rotarily yours,


George W. Olinger

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Enc.

June 6, 1945.

Mr. George W. Olinger,
2600 Sixteenth St.,
Denver 11, Colo.

Dear Rotarian Olinger:

In writing to Gerald Hesse, the president of our Lawrence Rotary Club, I recalled an incident about two weeks ago when I spoke to the thirty Junior Rotarians at Russell, Kansas. The Rotary Club there was giving them their annual banquet and they asked me to go out to speak to the boys.

Prior to my going, I was rummaging through some old files of mine and produced the letter you had written me on November 18, 1929, on my birthday. I used the second paragraph of your letter as a text. It reads as follows:

"When I was a boy, there was a man who made a most vivid impression on my life and taught me then that the only things in life that we keep are the things that we give away; that the laws of life ask a tenth of our earning power and a tenth of ourselves; that it is a bigger job to build a life than it is to build a business."

I do want to thank you so much for sending me the inspirational cards which have just been received. They are lovely. The one that made the strongest impression on me was the one that did not have a printed word on it. It was Nature, with all of her beauties against a background of sparkling water and rolling clouds.

Again thanking you for your kindness, I am

Rotarily yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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1 February 1945

Dr. Forrest C. Allen
Director of Physical Education
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas.

Dear Dr. Allen:

I ran into Lt. Bob Trump here in Boston, in fact he is on temporary duty with the same installation to which I am assigned. He happened to have a copy of your "Jayhawk Rebounds" with him and I really got a big kick out of finding out where a lot of the fellows I went through school with had ended up in the service. If it is possible I would like very much to be put on the mailing list. I was not active in athletics while I was in school but always followed the teams closely. The eastern papers evidently don't give much space to the Big Six sports and it is next to the real thing to be able to read your account of the highlights of the games.

From all appearances I am going to be one of those few guys who spend most of my time fighting the war from this side of the water. Am at present assigned to the Post of Embarkation with no hopes for a change of scenery at least for some little time to come.

I haven't heard anything of Bob (Allen) in some time now. He and I played a lot of golf together in the summer of '41 while I was attending summer school. I went into the army only a couple of months after that and lost track of him completely.

My kindest regards to Mrs. Allen, Eleanor, and the rest of the family.

Yours sincerely,

Bill Oliver

WILLIAM W. OLIVER, '41

Mailing address:
Capt. William W. Oliver
11 Babcock Street
Brookline, 46, Mass.

March 27, 1945.

Mr. Burt Ober,
LaJolla, California.

Dear Burt:

Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness in congratulating me on the election as Governor of District 123, R. I. It is nice of you to think of me, and it was also good to receive a clipping giving Lt. Glenn Cunningham's opinion on his doubts as to Hagg.

I notice that prices are higher than a cat's back in California. Well, a fellow who is better satisfied is the man who tries not to spend everything he has got. When it shrinks he will still have a little left.

That rocket powder is something! I would want more than 625,000 acres if they are going to shoot that stuff around me. I would be clear on the outside of all of it. It is mighty powerful because I have seen them shoot it, and it is devastating.

Anticipating your and Mrs. Ober's early return, and asking to be remembered kindly to her, I am

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Herb Phog -

Congratulations on

being Gov. of Kelams - may

your term of office be an

outstanding one - Enclose you

a clipping thought you might

be interested in - This really

is a beautiful place - and

seems to be growing - Every

thing still going good in

this part of California - How

long can they keep it up -

Price is higher here than in

Lawrence and most every

thing same. Navy building

a testing ground and a lot of

other things for rocket powder

in Mojave Desert 625000 acres of

ground - Must be some future

to this powder - Best wishes to all

as well as yourself
Ruth Ober

Cunningham Doubts 'Shadow' Will Hit 4.12



LT. GLENN CUNNINGHAM
... doubts Hagg can do it.

By **EDDIE GRIFFITH**

Gunder Hagg the Swedish shadow who sped from farm boy to fireman to miracle man of motion in three swift laps, declares he will run the indoor mile at the Knights of Columbus games in Cleveland tomorrow night in 4.12 or less.

And Navy Lt. Glenn Cunningham, holder of the world's indoor mile record and now stationed at San Diego's 11th Naval District, counters with: "I doubt it!"

Cunningham, who in 1938 on the boards of the Dartmouth college track at Hanover, New Hampshire, ran the 11 laps in 4:04.4 for a world's record which has yet to be challenged, isn't casting doubt on Gunder's racing ability.

"It's just that I don't think Hagg is in condition for such an effort at this time," the Kansas tornado explained.

"In his three starts since arriving here, Hagg has appeared to be in very bad shape. If he was in fair condition when leaving Stockholm, I can't understand how he could have tailed off so badly even counting the time it took for the crossing. A few simple exercises on shipboard would have kept him toned up."

Cunningham, it should be explained, is a stickler for conditioning. Although desk-bound much of the time by his duties as assistant physical and welfare officer of the district, Glenn daily takes workouts which tend to keep him close to the peak of condition.

Switching the subject, we asked the "Miracle Man of the Mile" the difference between running indoor and outdoor miles—another factor which apparently has proved difficult for Hagg to understand.

"Indoor miles are run approximately two seconds slower than the same distance outdoors,"

he said. "This is due to the more numerous turns and shorter straightaways inside. There are 11 laps to the mile, which means that 22 turns must be made. This tends to slow speeds and a runner must be able to pace himself with great accuracy. The long stretch runs and wide sweeping turns of outdoor tracks make for better times."

Glenn digressed to deny that he was paced when setting the world's mark at Hanover.

"I was never paced in a race," he emphasized. "I always figured I knew more about my wind, timing and endurance than the pacer. At Hanover, I knew within one-tenth of a second where I was all the time."

This is indeed remarkable and helps explain the successes Cunningham scored as a distance runner.

The Hanover track had only 40-yard straightaways and 40-yard turns.

Asked about the possibility of a flat four-minute mile, Glenn promptly replied:

"It is more than a possibility. I would say it is a certainty. Times for the distance are steadily being whittled down. And I don't think it will be long before such a mark is made."

Cunningham admitted that Hagg might grab the honors for such a record, but still doubted the Shadow's ability to run in 4.12 or less tomorrow night.

"That time requires a man to be at peak condition. I think Gunder has yet to reach that type of physical well-being on this trip."

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March 15, 1945.

Mr. Paul O'Boynick,
Sport Desk,
The Kansas City Star,
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Paul:

In our conversation regarding the game of basketball we were convinced that it is impossible to officiate the game properly. I am sending you my ideas which I thought were slightly muddled in this morning's Kansas City Times.

Observe these games from your standpoint and try to visualize the free throw change, which I think would be a swell idea.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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Enc.

February 14, 1945.

Dean Paul M. O'Leary,
Cornell University,
Ithaca, New York.

Dear Paul:

Thanks for the Times clippings. It was nice of you to send them to me.

Say, fellow, I am glad that you took up golf. I would like to see that hook of yours. I never have been able to shoot a good one. Nothing would give me more pleasure than to play a few rounds with you.

I am sending you a copy of our latest Jayhawk Rebounds. I know you will tire of reading it, but there will be some point of interest if you have time to scan it over during your busy hours.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES
CORNELL UNIVERSITY
ITHACA, NEW YORK

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

January 30, 1945.

Dear Phog,

Thanks very much for your kind note of January 26th in regard to my new appointment. I appreciated your thoughtfulness.

Recent events have certainly borne you out in the matter of gamblers and Eastern basketball. You may already have seen the New York Times story in which you are mentioned but I want to be sure so I am sending it on.

Harriet and I still remember with great pleasure our evening at the Country Club with the Allens, and Mother. We enjoyed every bit of it. You will be interested to know that I took up golf late this summer and got a real bad case of "golf fever". Anyway next time I come out there I am looking forward to a few rounds with you over the Lawrence Country Club where I played the game many years ago. You've never really seen a "hook", Phog, until you've seen mine!

Give our very best to Mrs. Allen.

Fraternally yours

Paul M. O'Leary.

OKLAHOMA FOOTBALL

1942

Sept. 26 . Okla. Aggies at Stillwater.

Oct. 3 Tulsa at Tulsa.

Oct. 10 Texas at Dallas.

Oct. 17 Kansas at Lawrence.

Oct. 24 Nebraska at Norman.

Oct. 31 Iowa State at Ames.

Nov. 7 . . Kansas State at Norman.

Nov. 14 Missouri at Norman.
(Homecoming)

Nov. 21 . . Temple at Philadelphia.

*Dec. 5 William and Mary at Norman.

*semi-centennial game.

Cooch!

We are sending you
another blast.

If the first mailing ever got
there, please send this one on
to:

ARTHUR EDSON,
ASSOCIATED PRESS,
KANSAS CITY, MO.

(STAR BLOC)

for former Sooner athletes in the service, only.

Oct. 3, 1944

NORMAN NAS ZOOMERS 28, OKLAHOMA 14

STATISTICS....earned first downs: Zoomers 9, Sooners 7. Net yards gained tushing: Zoomers 241, Sooners 119. Forward passing: Zoomers completed 2 of 5 for 43 yards, Sooners completed 3 of 16 for 60 yards. Interceptions: Zoomers 3 for 70 yards. Punt returns: Zoomers 3 for 21, Sooners 2 for 49. Kickoff returns: Zoomers 2 for 46, Sooners 3 for 113. Blocked punts: by Zoomers 1. Total yards: Zoomers 433, Sooners 349. Fumbles that cost possession of ball: Zoomers 1, Sooners 0. Penalty yardage: Zoomers 100, Sooners 67.

BRIEF PLAY-BY-PLAY....first quarter....Lebow, Sooner tailback, brought kickoff back 48 yards to Sooner 46, then Sooners marched 52 yards to a touchdown in 10 plays, most of them weakside bucks by Lebow and spins by Billy Wright, our Lubbock, Tex. freshman. One pass on the march, Lebow hitting Red Dinkins for 11 to the Zoom 18. Lebow scored the touchdown on a drive over guard. Wooten kicked goal. Sooners 7, Zoomers. Homer Sparkman, our 148-pound blocking back, turned their line-backer nicely on this drive. Then the Zooms went into action. Sitko and Eshmont can run behind that 203-pound line. They smashed back 50 yards with only a clipping penalty stopping them. Lebow punted. Tommy Meason, our Ardmore freshman, interferred, giving them ball on our 41, and Sitko, Great Lakes' star last year, slashed around end 41 yards to a touchdown and Miller kicked goal. 7-7. They went ahead 10-7 in the second quarter when Lebow's quick kick was partially blocked and Miller hit a nice field goal into the wind from 22 yards off. In the third quarter our passing game boomeranged all over the field. Williams, their center, intercepted Meason toss and they marched 44 yards to a touchdown which Welsh scored. Miller missed. Zoomers 16, Sooners 7. A little later Lebow overshot his receiver and Eshmont intercepted the ball and ran 60 yards down the sideline for another touch. He was opening and shutting like a jackrabbit. Miller missed. Zoomers 22, Sooners 7. At this point Snorter took out our fagged first team and put the subs in, saving his varsity for the college schedule. The Zooms caught our freshman safety out of position and Herron pegged 50 yards to O'Brien who was behind everybody and scored easily. No goal. Zooms 28, Sooners 7. Then our second team backfield of Meason, Basil Sharp, Bobby Estep and Louis Dollarhide scored with three minutes left. Estep brought back Cox's punt back 39 yards to the Zoom 18(it is now late in fourth period) and on next play Dollarhide swept his weakside end for 18 yards and a touchdown standing. Don Weir, Kerrville, Tex. freshman, goaled. Zooms 28, Sooners 14.

HURT....Dinkins, our starting left end, cramped a nerve in his shoulder....Archie Bradley, our second team wingback, smashed a knee but it isn't swollen and he may play later, although probably not in next game.

THE LOW DOWN....They were too big, too experienced and too good....Four former "pro" players in their club, Eshmont(New York Giants), Guards Clem Stralka(Washington Redskins) and Roy Stuart(Detroit Lions) and Center Rex Williams(N.Y.Yankees). ...The surprise of the game was the way they smothered our passes with their 5-man line....We couldn't peg the ball away from their three line-backers, especially Williams, the middle one....They out-weighed our light wartime club 16 pounds to the man and after horsing them out of the way on our opening touchdown drive, our kids got awfully weary....We ought to look much better against college teams.

THIS WEEK....We meet Homer Norton's Texas Aggies 8 p.m. Taft stadium, Oklahoma City, October 7....Texas Aggies are good....They beat Bryan Army Air Field 39-0 and Texas Tech 27-14....They are a T formation team and Mac, who scouted them, says they are fast and their line charges hard....Two radio stations will broadcast: KOMA of Oklahoma City with Al Donaldson at mike(1,510 kylocycles) and Humble Oil company of Texas with Ves Box at mike(try KRLD, Dallas, 1,080 kylos). KTUL of Tulsa will pick up KOMA's broadcast. So long for this time.

for former Sooner athletes in the service, only.

Oct. 10, 1944.

OKLAHOMA 21, TEXAS AGGIES 14

Crowd--filled Taft stadium in Oklahoma City full and slopped over....Bill figgers it about 15,000 and Uncle Billy doesn't miss it far....Both sides, the entire south horseshoe, wooden bleachers in north end all filled.....Then they sat around the playing field six deep....It was our first game in Oklahoma City....Dale is taking four home games there this year, Texas Ags, Tex. Christian, Okla. Ags and Neb.... The idea is to take football to the population centers in time of war, giving war plant populations a chance to see them and obviating the need for transportation.

WEATHER--Cool. About 65. Clear. Great night for game.

Summary--TA led first downs, 15-14...Okla. most rushing yardage, 220 to 141...TA most forward passing yardage, 131 to 51...We hit 4 of 6 however, Lebow pegging them all...We intercepted one pass for 4 yds...they out-punted us, 47 to 30....they had most yards kick-runbacks, 141 to 63...neither team lost the ball on a fumble...we were penalized 51, they 26.

First quarter--Oklahoma drove 74 yards to a touchdown on the ground with Lebow, Louis Dollarhide and Charley Heard running cleverly behind the blocking of our strongside blocking shield, Red Dinkins, Harley, Tigart and Harley Smalley, the Alabama boy....Lebow barreled over on fourth down for the touch....Dub Wooten, who never placekicked a conversion before in his life until this fall, hit the goal kick.
Second quarter...We rolled 75 yards to a second touchdown, this one in six plays, all runs, no passes....The thrill play was a 62-yard reverse by Charley Heard who was bumped out on their 5-yard line....Lebow took three bucks and went over on fourth down....Wooten did his stuff....We led here 14-0 and Snorter put in a whole second team....In four plays Texas A and M had a touch, Cashion passing to Spires for 44 yards and six points....Abraham goaled....14-7....Snorter rushed his tired starters back to put out the fire....Third quarter....Norton cut loose with his tomadic rushing offensive and they marched 80 yards to the tying touch....Our line fell apart like it had been laid open by a swiftly-yanked zipper....Yates, Southwest conference leading scorer, made it....Abraham goaled....on our first team, too.... Many thought we were through....Swell rally by Cadets....fourth quarter--They kicked to us and back we came along "The Lebow Road"....Without surrendering the ball we marched 69 yards in 13 plays to the winning touch....Lebow scored it....Boy how he was driving....He can buck with the best....He threw three passes along the route this time, shot-gunning two to Wooten and one to Dollarhide, last year's sub from Idabel....Old automatic Wooten did his stuff....21-14....Were those babies licked? ...Heck no....they ripped us to shreds trying to score in final moments but Homer Sparkman, our 148-pound blocking back, saved two touches, once with a peach of a tackle in open field, once by slapping down a td pass....at the finish Heard tossed his red helmet 30 feet into the air and our boys huddled, like highschoolers, right out in the middle of the field and gave 15 rahs for Texas A and M....an unusual tribute, for collegions, to a great fighting team....the game was rough, hard but clean....Monte Moncrief, of Dallas, their tackle (what a hoss! We ran away from him all night and still he got us) and captain and Dub, our cap, were buddies at Chicago this summer in all-star game....they kept their boys in line....It looks like a great series....the crowd ate it up....they return to Norman in 1945-46-47-48 for four more games....hurry back, you footballers, we are going to need plenty of help against those babies....they play for keeps....fine team, fine coaches.

This week....Texas at Dallas....45-year old rivaley....Bill Cross says the crowd will go 30,000....not bad for wartime although still way off the crest crowd of 44,791 in 1941 when they shellacked us 40-7....Bible had two cripples, Layne, his new tailback, and Plyler, his 260-lb. tackle....he held them both out of last week's defeat to powerful Randolph Field but they are ready for us....We have Bob Mayfield, our fine center, limping while Red Dinmins has a charley horse as hard as steel.... may not play....KOMA(1,520) and KTUL(1,430) and several Texas stations will carry it.

CROSSCOUNTRY.....Jake's boys won their 2-mile opener against the Purcell Gunners here between halves of the Zoom game....Vicklund, our Big Six outdoor mile and 2-mile champ, won it by 100 yards in 10:33....Eldon Ferguson, Tulsa freshman, a Bill Lantz boy who last year won the state highschool crosscountry run and also the class A mile and half-mile, finished second with only a week's training(he enrolled late)....Jack Osborn of Tulsa third....Ivan Evans our freshman from Putnam City, the state HS 440 champ last two years, was fourth...their first man fifth....However our youngsters took it on chin 30-25 in close race at Taft stadium between halves Texas Aggie football game Saturday night October 7....Vicklund won in 10:22, following Hampton six laps, then out-finishing him by 40 yards....Osborn fourth, Ferguson seventh, Winston Hudson of Healdton, state HS class B 880 king, was eighth and Evans tenth....We may run Texas Aggies a return go at 3 or 4 miles at College Station later....We run Purcell Gunners a return race this week at Purcell(big Naval gunnery school down there, about 6 miles east of Lexington)....It's 5 miles.... Our two-mile team is real young....Vicklund 19, Ferguson 18, Evans 18, Hudson 17 and Osborn the dean at 20....Vic and Osborn in Navy unit here, Ferguson and Evans are Army Air Force reserves expecting call daily....Hudson below military age.

BASKETBALL.....Bruce has begun practice....they work at night....3 lettermen back, all peewees....Don Buelow of Enid, Jack Landon, OC Capitol Hill and Ed LindenbergWe have one fine transfer, Bill Whaley, who played last year at Pepperdine college in California....He's m little too....The rest is pretty green material but Bruce has 60 odd boys working.

JUNIOR VARSITY....The only all-victorious team on the campus....using T formation and coached by three Navy chiefs, Ben Tankersley, Mose Sims and Swede Johnson, they have beaten Purcell 25-12, Holdenville 19-0, and last Friday night at Ada they took East Central 14-6....The Jayvees are fighters....with six minutes to play at Ada they trailed 0-6....Then they got kinda mad, so mad that Jess Sweeting, their guard, even scored a touchdown on a special play that could be called "Sweeting's Sweet-heart.".... this week they play Henryetta HS, also all-vic, at Henryetta....Our Jvs are nearly all Navy unit boys assigned here....they play all their games on the road which means they have to be a touch and a half better than their opponents to get a draw....Nobody has even tied them yet....They scat from the T and also from a plain vanilla single wing....They are young, light kids, averaging, perhaps, 19 and about 155 or 160 pounds....They run up against all sorts of obstacles on their trips, such as weird officiating, unfriendly crowds, tire trouble, etc. but they like to play, and how....

CHAFF....Myrtle Greathouse, wounded on Guam, is back at Pearl Harbor resting up.... He was shot through legs but in Hawaii was trying to play football....Al Horwitz, our 135 lb. rasser several years ago, has a 30-day leave from the Navy in the India theater and is visiting his wife at Dallas....He is a Loot JG....S/sgt. Skeet Harnage, our Cherokee Indian broadjumper, is back in the states after 50 missions, 30½ combat hours....He has a Silver Star, Distinguished Flying Cross....Presidential(group) citation, Asiatic Pacific Theater good conduct medal....2nd. Looney Ken "Crow" Farris, our Big Six broad jump champ(4 times), now in marine quarter-mastery, furnished the above dope....Skeet won't talk although he did tell Ken, "Ain't these medals a mess? When I pin them all on, they look like somebody spilled fruit salad on my shirt."....the university is rapidly being converted back to a peacetime basis....Our army contingent dwindled from 1,000 to 200, scores of discharged veterans are here, the university is desperate for (1) money for an adequate faculty, and (2) housing space for students....With 2 big naval units on each side of town and rent high, few people want to rent room to students....The football team hasn't been able to get its new uniforms delivered and played first two games in old ragged stuff that looked as bad as Norman high's practice stuff....Just before the Zoom game Red Dingins was leading calisthenics....the new girls pep club, 90 gals, was drilling nearby....As Red led a vigorous "jumping jack," the seat of his old pants fell out....Sarge darned him up....PS new stuff got here for Texas game.

for former Sooner athletes in the service, only.

Oct. 17, 1944

TEXAS 20, OKLAHOMA 0

BROKE OUR SCORING STRING....This game marked the first time in 17 consecutive games dating back to the 1942 season that Oklahoma failed to score. The last time was Oct. 27, 1942 when Nebraska beat us 7-0 at Norman. Since then we scored in 17 consecutive games.

STATISTICS....We held them to three first downs and only 74 net yards gained runningfirst downs went 5-3 Oklahoma, rushing yardage 117-74 Oklahoma, they out-passed us and how, hitting 8 of 15 for 132 while we hit 6 of 17 for 40 and they intercepted 4....our kick runbacks were 6 for 87 yards, theirs 5 for 87, fumbles that cost loss of ball, Oklahoma 2, Texas 1, penalties Oklahoma 46, Texas 25.

PLAY-BY-PLAY....In first quarter marched to their half-foot line where they held us. Lebow hit Burgert and Wooten with passes and himself ran 16 yards to the Texas six for a first down. However here our backfield was in motion and we were penalized ~~where~~ where it hurt. Lebow hit Sparkie with a pass that carried to the one-foot line, but on fourth down they moved Wetz, their 285-pound tackle and Plyler, their 235-pound tackle, into the defensive guards and even Lebow couldn't dent all that blubber. Texas then scored just before the quarter ended when Layne, their tailback, took a lateral from Fischer, ran wide, then suddenly faded and pegged to Bechtol in the end zone, our defensive half sucking in M fatally. Layne goaled. There was no more scoring or even threatening gestures made until the fourth quarter. Here Texas again found our pass defense wide open. Maxie Bell pegged a flatter to Leroy Anderson who zipped down ~~in~~ the sideline 40 yards to score. No goal. Later Layne hurled to Wayne Bennett, a long one down the middle, and Bennett was all alone in the end zone as he caught the ball. Billy Andrews, their 4-foot 11-inch water boy, came in but instead of drop-kicking the extra point, he threw it to Layne. 20-0.

THE LOW DOWN....Our pass defense leaked woefully....Their throwers stood up all day behind that 211-pound line, waiting until the receivers had eluded our secondary.... Some of our players thought Lebow scored on our first march....our tackling was sloppyon Anderson's run down the sideline, three of our boys had cuts at him....Their line was too big to move much on running and their pass defense was very cleverly set for us....It was a Texas team that looked impotent on offense save for those clutch passes old Dana dreamed up for us.

JUNIOR VARSITY....our Jvs, who didn't win a game in either 1942 or 1943, are a going thing this fall....they are all-victorious to date, having beaten Purcell HS 25-12, Holdenville HS 19-0, East Central 14-6 and all-victorious Henryetta last Friday night 27-0....they are nearly all light navy boys but do a swell job....they play Coach Paul Young's Ardmore HS Tigers Friday night October 20 to close their season.

CROSSCOUNTRY....Jake's kids beat the Naval Gunnery School of Purcell in a five-mile race, 35 to 20....Vicklund first in 30:12....Ivan Evans, the state 440 champ, second followed by Jack Osborn and Eldon Ferguson of Tulsa....we go to College Station, Tex. Saturday October 21 for a return meet with the Texas Aggies to be run between halves of the Texas Aggies-Texas Christian football game.

NEW ADDRESSES JUST RECEIVED:(not on list we recently mailed you):

Lt. Hugh Ford, O-404451, Btry C, 104 FA Btn., APO 27, San Francisco, Calif.

Major Ab D. Walker, PMG school, Ft. Sam Houston, Tex.

Major Harold E. Fleetwood, O-314620, HQ 802 FA Btn., APO 403, % Postmaster, New York.

Pfc Dave Wallace, 38395769, Cannon Co., 347th Inf., APO 448, % Postmaster, New York.

Lt. Dick Reich, 7th Inf. Tr. Bn., Inf. Trn. reg. Trn. command, FMF, Camp Lejuene, N.C.

Lt. Lendell E. (Jack) Steele, O529087, 140 Bn T.D.T.P. Hqs, North Camp Hood, Texas.

Major William R. (Bob) Clark, O-305707, 276th Armed FA Bn., APO 403, % PM, New York.

Capt. Walter (Waddie) Young, Gen. Del., Herington Air Base, Herington, Kans.

Pvt. L.V. Birge, 38711710, 3508 AAF Bn, Sect. P, 1906, Truax field, Madison, Wis.

Lt. George Gibbons, O1184828, Hq 422 FA Grays, APO 403, % PM, New York city.

for former Sooner athletes in the Service, only.

Oct. 24, 1944

OKLAHOMA 68, KANSAS STATE 0.

STATISTICS....Earned first downs, Oklahoma 17-7. Net yards gained rushing, Oklahoma 404-52. Forward passing, Oklahoma hit 4 of 7 for 63, KS hit 6 of 18 for 50. Interceptions, Oklahoma grabbed 4 for 158 yards, KS none. Punt returns, Oklahoma 4 for 73, KS 1 for 25. Kickoff returns, Oklahoma 1 for 46, KS 9 for 148. Blocked punts, Oklahoma 1 (Ed Parker, tackle). Total yards, Oklahoma 744-275. Fumbles that cost loss of ball, Oklahoma 2-1. Penalty yardage, Oklahoma 87-21.

PLAY-BY-PLAY....Here's how touchdowns were scored: Homer Sparkman over on qb sneak, Basil Sharp bucked two yards, Homer Sparkman repeated on qb sneak (we ran most of time off T formation), Tommy Meason, Ardmore freshman, swept end for 7, Bobby Estep reversed for 26 with Bob Stover throwing key block, Basil Sharp, Pawnee freshman, ran 51 with lateral, Estep weaved 22 on reverse, Meason bored off tackle for 6, Johnny West intercepted Ungles' pass and came back 82 yards to score (our longest interception run since QB Eddie Johnson came back 94 against Oklahoma Aggies here in 1923), West passed to Johnny Austin for 10. Dub Wooten, our end who never before placekicked anything but kickoffs (for Amarillo, Texas high) booted 8 of 10 conversions, giving him 12 of 14 so far this season.

THE LOWDOWN....Kansas State has no navy unit and very little good civilian talent. They deserve plenty of credit for even putting a team on the field in these times. They also had two or three boys crippled and lost others as the battle aged. Snorter played our first team only 17 minutes, turning the game over to the reserves, many of them all-state high school boys 17. Hungry to play, these kids ate up the Wildcats.

BEST-LOOKING KANSAS STATERS....Dana Atkins, a 17-year old 142-pound halfback, was a slippery runner who averaged nearly three yards against us with very little blocking in front of him. Elliott caught three passes for 30 yards against us. Bill Ungles, their qb, was busiest, running 13 times for net gains of minus 5 yards, shooting seven passes, suffering a blocked punt and returning four kickoffs for 70.

WHAT SOONERS PLAYED....Starters: Burgert and Wooten, ends; Bill Hallett and Harley, tackles; Don Tillman and Tigart, guards, Mayfield, center; Lebow, Sparkman, Heard and Sharp, backs. Reserves: Ends Bob Gambrell of OC, Bob Stover of Enid, Jim Marr of OC, Johnny Austin of Pauls Valley, Bill Magness of Coalgate, Tackles Millard Cummings of Enid, Albert Stover of Weatherford, Ed Parker of Midland, Fla., Wilhelm Schneider of Willows, Calif, Darold Reckling of Lincoln, Neb.; Guards Steve Sawyer of Tulsa, Elvin Jackson of Eureka, Calif., Roff Anworthy, L.P. Brown of Duncan, Centers Al Vogel of Texarkana, Texas and Bill Snyder of Ridge Farm, Ill.; Backs Dick Peddycoart of OC, Game Captain Bob Estep of Phillips, Texas, Tom Meason of Ardmore, Don Weir of Kerrville, Texas, Harry Paramore of Duncan, Laddie Harp of Fairview, Max Culver of Muskogee, John Wright of Lubbock, Texas, John West of OC, and Bob Williams of Weatherford. Snorter swept the bench clean. Dinkins, with a "charley," and Smalley with a twisted ankle, didn't play.

NEW ADDRESSES....Capt. W.C. Hetherington, Co. B, 20th Bn., 5th Repl. Reg., A.G.F.R. D.No. 1, Fort George G. Meade, Md. and Lt. R.H. McKinney, Marianna Army Air Field, Marianna, Fla.

NOTES....Lt. (jg) Dick Smethers is back on a 40-day leave from Alaskan duty, will be transferred to mine sweeping school at Yorktown, Va. He and his wife saw the K-State game....Lt. (jg) Al Horwitz, who has been in action India theater, is also home on leave and with his wife saw the Texas game....Lt. Gordon Clarke who has been in SW Pacific theater, was home on short leave and saw K*State game..... basketball has started....Bruce may get Shorty Hines, who played last year at Southwestern, Texas university (where he was in Navy V-12)....Hines has been given a discharge....Jake's 2-milers lost 30-25 to Texas Aggies at College Station Oct. 21.

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Oct. 31, 1944.

OKLAHOMA 34, TEXAS CHRISTIAN 19

THE LOWDOWN....Oklahoma won with a fourth quarter punch after TCU rallied thrillingly to score three touchdowns in the third quarter....the score then was 21-19 Oklahoma....However Bob Mayfield, our center, and Elvin Jackson, our sub guard, intercepted TCU passes in the fourth quarter and we drove to a touchdown off each interception....The game was a little weird in that we outshone them a bit in their speciality, forward-passing, scoring two touchdowns aerially on them and intercepting three of theirs to set up the game-winning touchdowns, while they outran us slightly....Dutch Meyer, their coach, gambled, using virtually an eight-man line to choke our running....However this left his secondary thin and Lebow soon began passing through it....The return to action of Red Dinkins, our left end(out three weeks with a balky "charley") definitely helped....Red is a rough boy.

PLAY-BY-PLAY....first quarter: Dinkins, our game captain, celebrating his first game since October 7, blocked Jackson's punt so solidly that the ball bounded back across the goal, Dinkins following and covering it for a touchdown....Wooten goaled....7-0....second quarter: Wooten partially blocked Mason's punt and TCU was penalized 15 for protesting the referee's decision to give Oklahoma the ball, which left us holding it on their seven....Lebow passed in the left flay to Heard for the td. and Dub goaled....14-0....third quarter: led by Joe Kucera, their tailback who played last year at Rice but was moved by the Navy to TCU, the Frogs came out on fire....receiving our kickoff, they marched 78 yards to score with Merle Gibson, their fine pass-catching end, stealing behind our defense to take a long 43-yard pass from Kucera and score....Mullins missed goal....14-6....Oklahoma then received the kickoff and scored in six plays, Lebow firing a long pass over their safety to Wooten....Wooten goaled....21-6....They received the kickoff and marched 70 to another touch, Kucera again pitching to Gibson in the end zone who made a wonderful catch with Sooners all around....Flowers missed goal....21-12....Three plays later they scored again when we kicked out short after being penalized to our one, and Kucera bootlegged 32 yards to pay dirt....Mullins goaled....21-19....fourth quarter: Lebow punted 50 yards to put them back on their 11 and when Kucera tried a pass, Mayfield intercepted it and ran 18 yards to their six....from there Lebow churned over standing on a weakside buck....Wooten did....28-19....We nearly scored again, Basil Sharp, our freshman full from Shawnee, going 33 yards on a ripping buck with the TCU safety tagging him by one foot to prevent an 86-yard td. run....They stopped us, Lebow punted, they had to pass and this time Jackson jumped into the air and intercepted Harly's deflection to give us the ball on their ~~MMMMMM~~ 45....Lebow cutback for 13, Sharp biffed tackle for 4, Bobby Estep, our 138-pound wingback from Phillips, Texas, ran 28 to a touch standing on a weakside reverse with Wooten blocking their end....Wooten missed goal after hitting 8 in row....He has booted 16 of 19 this year, 84.2 percent....On the next to the last play of the game Estep nearly scored again....He intercepted a pass and returned it down the sideline, weaving and dodging, 50 yards, swan-diving over ~~the~~ the goal....However officials ruled he had stepped out on the Frog 13 and with one play left we didn't have time to score.....34-19.

SUMMARY....First downs earned, Texas Christian 8-7....net yards rushed, Texas Christian, 162-158....forward passing, TCU hit ~~xxxxxxx~~ 10 of 18 for 109, Oklahoma 7 of 16 for 95....Pass interceptions, Oklahoma 3 for 55 yards, TCU 1 for 18....all kick returns, Oklahoma 5 for 108, TCU 7 for 77....total yards, Oklahoma 447-366....fumbles that lost ball, Oklahoma 1....penalties, Oklahoma, 55-50.

SHORTS....Snorter used only 7 subs, Ends Preach Burgert, Jim Marr, Tackle Millard Cummings, Guards Steve Sawyer and Elvin Jackson, Center Al Vogel and Back Tom Meason. Mayfield, our center, played a wonderful game. He had Meyer's short pass game all figured out, grabbing the Frog receivers before they could turn after catching the ball....Although the Frog ball-carriers came to him every conceivable way, full steam, cutting and slowed up from missed tackles, Mayfield wrapped 'em up in his big arms....He was sure fire....Taft stadium nearly full, 12,314....However it wasn't as big as the 15,413 that saw us nose Texas Aggies there three weeks ago.

OKLAHOMA 12, IOWA STATE 7

THE LOWDOWN....Iowa State was cleverly-coached and highly keyed before its home crowd on Homecoming Day, but Oklahoma might have won by an even greater margin if Derald Lebow hadn't bumped his head on the ground while scoring the first touchdown. Groggy, Lebow came out and played no more until the last six minutes. Without him (for nearly three quarters) we were like a pugilist who has broken a hand and has to fight on the defensive....It was close....They lacked only one foot scoring a second touchdown when we gave them the ball on a fumble on our four-yard line in the fourth quarter....We held them for downs....Johnny West, third string tailback who came in for Lebow, played a swell game, driving us to the winning touchdown on a 65-yard march in the second quarter and kicking the ball a mile after we held for downs, but we always click better with Lebow who calls the signals. Homer Sparkman, blocking back, had to call them when Lebow was hurt....He didn't do badly....In fact, he mixed them up shrewdly on our second touchdown march.

PLAY-BY-PLAY....the two teams couldn't get going in the first quarter. We gave them the ball when they intercepted a deflected pass. They gave it back to us twice on fumbles. From the second Iowa State fumble which Tackle Bill Hallett recovered for us on their 20, we drove to a touch in four plays. Lebow ran 5, then 5, Basil Sharp 8 to their 8-yard line, Lebow scored the td. and knocked himself out. Wooten missed goal....6-0....We kicked off to them, held them, ~~from~~ forced them to kick and drove to another touchdown....It was a march of 65 yards with big Sharp, our new freshman fullback from Pawnee (an all-state highschool choice, 188 lbs., 6 feet 2 inches, fast, ran the dashes at Pawnee HS) tearing off dashes of 12, 16 and 8 yards....they penalized us 15 as we neared their goal but we over-reached it when West ran 14 on the fake pass and run, then hit Sparkman with a short pass. It was fourth down and one to go on their seven, but instead of trying for a first down, Big Sharp waded through them for the touchdown. Wooten goaled but we held and his second ~~shot~~ shot, from the 35, fell short....12-0....then, with only six minutes of the half ~~left~~ left, Snorter pulled the first team and sent in the seconds....Iowa State scored three plays later, Gene Phelps, their sub quarter, sprinting 69 yards on a quarter back "Keep It" play around tackle....It was a T formation play and their man in motion drew off our outside line-backer....Warner kicked goal....12-7.... that was the final score....Without Lebow, we had lost our offensive punch and they came after us....in the third quarter....It was nearly all played in our half of the field....We held them, they kicked, we clipped and were penalized back to our 8, Sharp fumbled there and they recovered on our four with four downs to score! But our line held. Don Tillman spilled the first play, Dub Wooten got the second, Harley (who is developing into a fine tackle) smashed them for a two-yard loss. On fourth down they ran wide, lateraling to Howard but Sharp and West one-twoed him in the corner of the field, knocking him off the field at the ~~ham~~ one-foot line and it was our ball....West coolly kicked a 50-yarder and it was all over.

STATISTICS....first downs, Oklahoma 14-6, net yards rushed, Oklahoma 221-173, passing, Oklahoma hit 2 of 8 for 16, Iowa State 3 of 8 for 22, IS intercepted two of our passes for seven yards, kick runbacks, Oklahoma 62-24 yards, total yards, Oklahoma 327-230, fumbles that lost ball, IS 2, O 1, penalties 35 yards each.

SHORTS....Cpl. Bill Campbell, our all-Big Six blocking back of 1942, came down from Sioux City, where he is an AAF gunner, to see the game....Bobby Estep, whom we are losing to midshipman's school, hitch-hiked a ride on a B-17 to see it....It was so cold the IS girl cheer-leaders wore gloves....Between halves the IS band played some fine numbers from the play Oklahoma!....Jake's crosscountry team lost a close meet to Iowa State 30-25....Vicklund, our ~~man~~ ace, won by a foot from Bill Arlen, IS ace....Vicklund's time for the 3 miles 296 yards was 17:44....Eldon Ferguson of Oklahoma finished 4th, Jack Osborn 6th, Ivan Evans 9th and they had to go get Hudson, our last man, in a jeep....Iowa State's hilly course killed off our boys, used to the flat prairies here, but Iowa State's runners could run....so long until next week.

OKLAHOMA 21, MISSOURI 21

The Lowdown....Just before the game, the Sooners lost three stars, Derald Lebow, Charley Heard and Willard Cummings, by a Navy doctor's ban....Lebow and Heard had colds, Cummings a bruised knee....Lebow was permitted "one play in each half" and scored touchdowns on both but was in only a few seconds and his signal-calling, punting, passing and running was sadly missed....Heard's loss was even more acute because Arch Bradley and Bobby Estep, his alternates at the start of the season, are both lost, Bradley from a smashed knee that had to be operated and Estep because of transfer to midshipman's school....Missouri played without Bill Dellastatious, Ed Quirk and Jack O'Connell so it was a battle of crippled backfields....The Sooners had no time to season their backfield subs, Missouri played without Dell and Quirk last week while upsetting all-victorious Michigan State, so was a little more ready.

Play-by-play....A tornadic south wind swept the field, practically limiting each club's offense to two quarters....Missouri recovered a Sooner fumble to go into a 7-0 lead in the second quarter after a drive of 30 yards, Kekeris goaling....this was the only touchdown scored against the breeze....Paul Collins, Missouri's senior quarter, scored it on a quarterback sneak off the T....Oklahoma, with Johnny West, former OC Classen boy, in for Lebow and Max Culver of Muskogee in for Heard, tied the score 35 seconds before the half ended with a 65-yard drive, Luster electing to spend Lebow's first play with the ball on the Tiger one....Lebow bored over, Wooten goaling....7-7 at the half....Hell broke loose in the last half....West, a fine little runner-passer, was hot....He quarterbacked and ran and threw the Sooners to a 55-yard touchdown ^{drive} from kickoff which Basil Sharp scored on a six-yard cutback, Wooten goaling....A minute later West returned a Missouri punt 23 yards to the Tiger 11, faking in and going wide, to the Missouri 10-yard line....Culver ran 9 on a reverse, nearly scoring, and then Luster elected to spend Lebow's last play and Lebow trotted in and did his stuff, bucking over from the one....Wooten also did his stuff and Oklahoma led 21-7....But Missouri wasn't licked....Gaining the sweeping wind in the fourth period, they rallied, capitalizing alertly on two Sooner errors....one was an intercepted flat pass, Robinson picking off West's toss to run 40 yards to the Oklahoma 31....from there Collins jockeyed the Missouri T to a touchdown in eight plays, most of them over our weakside with Kekeris and Stone, Tiger linesmen, brush-blocking brilliantly....Kekeris goaled....21-14....Later Sparkman sliced a short 10-yard kick out of bounds on the ~~Missouri~~ Oklahoma 35 and Missouri drove to the tying touchdown in 12 plays, Collins scoring his third td. on the qb. sneak....that put it up to Kekeris, the 273-pound Tiger fat boy tackle....Kekeris laughed off the pressure, booting the conversion over the north hedge...."Kekeris was easy to block, but sure hard to run around," Thurman Tigart, our guard, declared later, out of deference to the Tiger tackle's wide hips....First downs were 11-6, Oklahoma....Net running yardage 124-104, Oklahoma....Passing yardage, 84-22, Oklahoma....Pass interception yardage 70-0, Missouri (they intercepted four of West's passes), kick runbacks, Oklahoma, 167-89....penalties, Missouri, 35-20.

Chaff....Capt. Warren "Lefty" Morris, baseball chunker from Tulsa on Jap's and Daer's team three years ago, won the Silver Star for gallantry in action off Tarawa (Lefty is a marine....the citation said: "Despite the wound in his shoulder, Captain Morris displayed courage and persistence in continuing to lead scattered elements in repeated attacks against enemy strongholds"....Lt. Don Sutliff of Blackwell, Sooner wrestler several years ago, is missing in action over Europe....Winner of the Silver Star, Don has been missing in action twice before (in SW Pacific theater) but got back safely each time....Lt. Harold Tacker, Navy photographic ace who shot movies of the Aleutians campaign and later was decorated, has been visiting on leave here... Joe Enos, Sooner catcher '42, is a Liason pilot in Italy, flying a cub for the artillery....Lt. Lyle Smith, football end '40, is a pilot and flight leader on a B-24 in Foggia, Italy....Another Sooner rassler who can tell plenty about the Italian campaign is Capt. Warren Gunter of the Air Corps....Writing from a NY APO, Capt. Harold Fleetwood, Marlow, center '33, says: "If this rain holds out I may have to call in Teddy (Ted Owen) to give me a rubdown....I creak like a saw horse."

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Nov. 21, 1944

OKLAHOMA 20, KANSAS 0

The Lowdown....The boys won it with their vicious, slashing running. We drew a cold, gray day but there was no wind and the field was dry. After a bit of sparring the Sooners drove 33 yards to a touchdown in the first quarter, putting over the first scoring punch of the battle as they have all year. Dub Wooten set it up by blocking Robison's punt. Lebow and Dollarhide marched that 33 yards ~~rough~~ fast with Lebow scoring from the one. Wooten goaled. 7-0. In the second quarter we nearly scored again with our backfield of Meason, Heard, Sharp and Sparkman. They began running off the T and it looked great. Sharp took a hand pass from Sparkman and shot around his left end for 37 yards to the Kansas 4, but the play was called back because our backfield was in motion. The boys nearly scored anyhow when Heard ran 28 yards to the Kansas 11 off a T buck, but Sharp's fourth down buck was stopped on the one-foot line and it was 7-0 at half. Oklahoma received the second half kickoff and drove 65 yards to a touchdown without losing the ball. Lebow bucked for 9 and 7. Lebow flipped a pass to Heard who made a leaping catch for 33 yards on the Kansas 31. Lebow passed to Sharp for 8, fake passed and ran 15, passed to Sharp for 8 more and Sparkman qb sneaked for the td. Wooten goaled. In the fourth quarter Tommy Meason, Ardmore freshman and our sub tailback, broke loose for 54 yards to the KU 17. Then Billy Wright, sub fullback, bootlegged around right end for the td. and this time Wooten missed. Our second team was in on this drive with Peddycoart at blocking back and Max Culver at wingback.

Team Statistics....first downs, Oklahoma 12-11. Net yards rushed, Oklahoma 254-103. Forward passing, Oklahoma hit 3 of 6 for 50, Kansas 8 of 16 for 62. Intercepted passes, Oklahoma 3 for 17, Kansas 1 for 0. Kick runbacks, Kansas 6 for 76, Oklahoma 3 for 34. Blocked punts, Oklahoma 1. Fumbles that lost ball, Oklahoma 1. Penalty yardage: Oklahoma 23, Kansas 16.

Individual statistics....Meason 114 net yards rushing in 13 carries for average of 8.7 yards per carry, Lebow 70 net in 12 plays for 5.8, Wright 18 in 2 for 9, Dollarhide 9 in 3 for 3, Heard 49 in 9 for 5.4, Sparkman 5 in 2, Weir 1 in 1, Sharp 5 in 3. Lebow hit 3 of 5 passes for 50 (none intercepted). Chuck Moffett, Dwight Sutherland, Leroy Robison and Faulkner were the Kansas backs. They gave us trouble ever now and then. Wygie, their big tackle, was tough up front, our linesmen said.

Who played....Oklahoma's starting lineup: Wooten and Dinkins, ends; Harley and Hallett, tackles; Tigart and Tillman, guards; Mayfield, center; Lebow tb, Sparkman bb, Heard wb and Sharp fb. Our subs were Gambrill, Burgert and Austin, ends; Al Stover (who is now 4-F) and George Martin, tackles; Steve Sawyer and Elvin Jackson, guards; Bob Stover, center; and Backs Peddycoart, Culver, Dollarhide, Wright, Meason, Weir, Harp. Johnny West and Millard Cummings stayed home to get leg injuries ready for A and M.

Oklahoma's record this season....14, Norman Navy Zoomers 28, 21-14 over Texas Aggies, lost 0-20 to Texas, won 68-0 over Kansas State, won 34-19 over Texas Christian, won 12-7 over Iowa State, tied Missouri 21-21, won 20-0 over Kansas. Play Oklahoma Aggies in Oklahoma City November 25 (try KOMA of Oklahoma City, 1,520) and Nebraska in Oklahoma City Dec. 2.

Basketball....Bruce has Harold "Scooter" Hines, his 5-foot 6-inch freshman two years ago, back as a Navy discharge....also, Bill Whaley, a Kansas City boy who played last year with Pepperdine College of California, is here....Don Buelow, Ed Lindenberg and Jack Landon, lettermen, return....all five these boys are little fellers... there is no other experienced talent nor outstanding highschool talent although Bruce is working hard to develop boys from the navy unit.

Tuesday, Nov. 21 (today) is first day of quail-hunting season but few can hunt because of scarcity of shotgun shells....this will be okay with the quail....it's a typical Oklahoma autumn day, clear, cool and the ground soft from a big rain last week end... swell for hunters if they had shells and gas....bird dogs are pining away.

YOUNG OVER TOKYO....In last week's raid by B-29s on Tokyo, Capt. Waddy Young, Oklahoma's All-American end of 1938 from Ponca City, flew one of the giant American bombers. Young first completed all his missions over the European continent, then came back home to Pratt, Kans., and later Herington, and learned B-29s. "I'm going back again," he said. Just before he left Kansas for the Japanese theater, he wrote the athletic office here for the names of all the members of the Japanese university wrestling team that came through Norman in 1936 and wrestled a dual meet with Coach Paul V. Keen's Sooners. "I might have to talk my way out of that country and these names might come in handy," the canny Young explained.

OKLAHOMA AGGIES 23, SOONERS 6

THE LOWDOWN....Their line, which had been easy for everybody else to run on, outplayed ours widely. "We couldn't run it, it could run us," was the way Dale Arbuckle, our backfield coach, put it. The Aggies were bigger, meaner and outplayed us decisively. We stopped Bob Fenimore, their ace, pretty well, holding ~~him~~ him to an average of 3.5 yards per carry rushing and limiting his longest gain from any means to 16 yards on a pass interception runback. But he had a whole lot of help. The guy who wrecked us was Ralph Foster, a 230-pound discharged Navy ensign who played three years of peacetime football against us in 1937-38-39. Ralph played left tackle for the Farmers, and played a lot of it. Also, he flipped us out of the powerful wind in the first quarter. Jake Colhouer, their guard, and Neill Armstrong, their end and quarterback, played well as did their whole backfield. John Harley, our right tackle, played a whale of a game, as usual. Bob Mayfield did okay at center, stopping up the short middle. Charley Heard tackled Fenimore a million times in the secondary and Homer Sparkman's tackling helped. Louis Dollarhide was our leading ball-toter with 60 yards in 5 carries, an average of 12.

PLAY-BY-PLAY....They struck us with everything in the first quarter, after they drew the terrific south wind. After an exchange of kicks, they were on ~~mm~~ their 43. They drove 57 yards to a touchdown without giving up the pig, just short punches with Fenimore lugging the ball on most plays and goose-stepping across the goal for the touch. Mack Creager goaled. Later, Lebow kicked a low cannonball punt against the breeze. Cecil Hankins, Aggie defensive half, gloved it and began running. Lebow and Basil Sharp both dove for him up the field but collided and he stepped agilely over them and kept going 40 yards to score. Creager goaled. In the second quarter we got the wind and with Lebow leading the attack went inside their 15 three times and up to their four once, but always they held us. In the third quarter we had to gamble. We began throwing in the wind. They intercepted three passes. On one, they drove 41 yards to a touchdown with Fullback Jimmy Spavital barrelling over from the one. On another, John Gattis, their center, plucked Johnny West's short pass back to the weakside out of the wind and with nobody to ~~cut~~ his path went 81 yards on the interception to score. Creager booted both goals. Then Jim Lookabaugh, their coach, put in his second team and on Lebow's 27-yard punt return and Dollarhide's 38-yard weakside buck off a T play, we scored on their seconds. "Everything happens to a team that's getting beat," Snorter said later. He missed the game, worrying himself into bed two days before with what Dr. Curtis Berry called a "suspicious chest knock and temperature." The statistics were first downs 9-7, Aggies. Yards rushing, 178-134, Aggies. Passing, Sooners hit 7 of 18 for 56, Aggies 6 of 9 for 63. Punt runbacks, Sooners 104-40. Crowd at O.C. Taft about 15,000....Field was a little soft from Friday's rains but the wind dried it. It was the first Aggie victory over a Sooner team in eleven years. Whit Cox was on hand to deliver the bell-clapper over to them. The Aggies got the Cotton Bowl bid and will meet Texas Christian, Southwest Conference champs, who have lost but one game this year, to the Sooners a month ago at OC Taft, 34 to 19. Tulsa plays in the Orange Bowl against Georgia Tech. We finish up a tough ten-game schedule Saturday against Nebraska and then our boys say they are going to bed. There were lots of good football teams in Oklahoma this year. The best was the Norman Navy Zoomers who beat us 23-14 and beat the Aggies 15-0. Tulsa declined a challenge from

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Dec. 5, 1944.

OKLAHOMA 31, NEBRASKA 12

The lowdown....Our first team was too experienced and too good for Nebraska's kids (six of their starters are only 17, although husky). We played our first team most of the first half, led 25-0 at the half. The first team started the last half, got a td. in three minutes, led 31-0 and saw very little action afterward as Nebraska licked our second team all over the field.

Statistics....First downs, Oklahoma 9-8. Net yards rushed, Oklahoma 108-92. Passing, Oklahoma hit 7 of 10 for 132, Nebraska 4 of 16 for 78. Punt returns, Oklahoma 7 for 64, Nebraska 1 for 9. Total yards, Oklahoma 369-254. Penalties, Oklahoma 20-16.

Play-byplay....First quarter: Sooners drove 40 yards in seven plays to score with Lebow smashing over. Longest gain this drive a 22-yard pass, Lebow to Dollarhide. Wooten's conversion blocked by Center Keith Doyle of Nebraska, an outstanding lineman. Sooners drove 65 to a second touchdown, Tommy Meason, Ardmore freshman and Lebow's sub, scoring it on a nine-yard cutback behind a solid block by Guard Thurman Tigart who played a fine game. Longest plays this drive two insideM reverses by Charley Heard, 13 and 15 yards, and Meason's passes to Sparkman for 7 and Dollarhide for 7. Meason missed goal. 12-0. Third touchdown: Sparkman, our 143-15, qb, ran wide, faked a lateral, kept the ball, cut back in the secondary and outran the Cornhuskers 20 yards to a touchdown. Wooten hit this one. 19-0. Just before the half ended we drove 47 to a fourth touchdown, Meason passing 13 yards to Wooten who was all alone in the end zone. Previously Meason had sniped another pass to Wooten for 37 yards, Wooten sensationally taking the ball away from Betz. Wooten missed goal. 25-0. last half: We scored in three plays, Dollarhide scooting 3 yards off the T, Lebow trapped passing, had to run, made 2, then Lebow bulletted the ball to Dinkins who ran 31 yards to a touchdown. Wooten's kick hit the post. 31-0. Nebraska drove 48 to a touch, Joe Kessler running 11 and Betz passing to Kessler for a td. 31-6. Berkey's kick was wide. 31-6. In the fourth period they drove 60 in five plays to another, Collopy plunging 3 for it after Knight had reversed 25 to the three and fell down and ~~and~~ Perdew had hit two nice passes. Knight missed goal. 31-12. They made another long drive at the bell which we stopped on our 4 only after Snorter sent the first team back in. Those Cornhusker kids were a frisky bunch. They were never licked, playing their best ball when five tds. behind.

Oklahoma wins Big Six....The victory gave us another undisputed Big Six title, our second in a row. We had 4 wins, 1 tie. Iowa State second 3 wins, 1 loss, 1 tie. It was a weird season. Snorter's boys played more hull-gull football than ever before, breaking a 25-year scoring record at the university. However they also were scored on (149 pts., 22 tds.) more than any Oklahoma team of all time, and football is 50 years old at Norman this year. We defeated Texas A&M 21-14, Kansas State 68-0, Texas Christian (Southwest conference champions and meet Okla. Aggies in Cotton Bowl) 34-19, Iowa State 12-7, Kansas 20-0 and Nebraska 31-12. We lost to Norman Navy Zoomers 14-28, to Texas 0-20, to Aggies 6-28. Tied Missouri 21-21.

Stuff....The players autographed the Nebraska game ball with which they won the Big Six and it will be auctioned off between halves OU-SMU basketball game here Friday night to highest war bond bidder....John Jacobs was hunting quail near Capshaw school house east of town, started to blow nose, quail flew up under his feet, Jake put the hanky in his mouth, upped his gun, fired twice, missed both shots....Bruce Drake's car stolen from in front of Fieldhouse last night....Drake just left, accompanied by the sheriff, two detectives and a police dog....but no clues yet....probably some of the basketball players just borrowed it to go down to the corner.... Three years ago Bruce lost another Ford V-8 in the South Canadian river....Please let us have your address changes as promptly as possible....Results first round class A Okla. HS football playoffs: Classen 20, Ardmore 0; Tulsa Central 12, Ada 3; Perry 22, Sand Springs 0; Altus 13, Lawton 0. This class A only. So long..

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CHATTER....Our boys are all over the world and here are a few recent excerpts from their letters....from Capt. Waddy Young who piloted a super-fort on the first bombing of Tokyo, "You know, I won two gallons of catsup from Col. "Pelly' Diltman, Texas A. and M. boy. His school loyalty misled him. By the way, this catsup makes powdered eggs taste like real home cooking. The food here is fine and it is just that time. Speaking of ball team, dam that Tex. U. I guess that is what I get for getting a little cocky."....from Bob Estep, who played five games with us this fall before being assigned by Navy to midshipman's school at USS Prairie State, New York city, "Remember Herb Smith? He is here and will get his commission Dec. 15. Also, Grover Ramsey(all-Big Six basketball center last season for Oklahoma) is here with me. Ask Dinkins, alias 'Merle Pretty Curls,' if he doesn't think it is about time to make a touchdown?"(Dinkins did, Bobby, in the finale against Nebraska. Lebow hit him with a pass and the redhead cut back through the secondary 35 yards for a touch)....Lt. Thelton "Sonny" Wright, football and track star of 1941-42 who is now a marine company commander at Camp Pendleton and awhile back was decorated for pulling a comrade out of a river at night during maneuvers, finally wrote in. Asked about the new company commandership, Son broke down and admitted it. "I have 337 men to be a mother and father to. I teach them the drive and hustle method. They eat it up. I am also transportation and recreation officer. I am so pooped at night I can hardly find my shoe strings with both hands," Wright said....One of the earliest Christmas cards this year came from Cliff Mell, our gritty little Texas broadjumper of 1931 who still holds the Big Six Indoor record and is now a litter-bearer in Europe with the medical corps....Mell was always known for his native wit. Once he was trying to make the American Olympic team in the hop, step and jump(there were too many good colored boys among the broadjumpers). It was Mell's last jump and he still hadn't done as good as fourth place, necessary to make the team....He kept waiting and waiting at the head of the straightaway. He had a reason. On the other side of the field a couple of Californians were pole-vaulting for the world record. Mell waited until the attention of the big crowd, and also of the hop, step and jump officials, was on the pole-vaulter. As the latter ran down his runway with his pole on the east side of the stadium, Mell foxily sped down the hop, step and jump runway on the west side of the stadium, unseen by his own judges who were watching the pole-vaulter. Mell hit the board, took a hop, TWO ~~jump~~ steps and a jump, but still didn't go far enough to get that fourth place....Sgt. Billy Cross, an Army Air Force gunner just transferred to England(son of Bill Cross, Sooner quarterback of '04-07 and business manager of athletics) writes, "We have a stripped down fortress called the Green Hornet that crews use as a taxi to Paris and I am going to try to get over there once or twice before I come back. I haven't seen any of the boys recently but Bill Caldwell was a co-pilot in our group when I came over. Tell Bruce Drake if I have a chance I'm going up to Scotland and take a look at some of their golf courses as they have some honeys."....Pvt. Bill "Chigger" Pruitt, crosscountry '43, was in the Battle of the Philippines and described it as being like "a good football game, plenty of action." "However it has settled down to plenty of hard work now. I'm in the best physical condition that plenty of hard work and lots of sleep will put one. I feel like giving Vicklund a good run in the two-mile. Ha. I am writing this by candle light and it is almost out."....Capt. Herb Scheffler, basketball '39-40, also sends Christmas greetings from the Philippines. Herb, a big 6-foot 3-inch left-handed rebounder deluxe who is still Oklahoma's greatest backboard rebounder of modern times and loved to rile enemy crowds, would have a picnic now that the 5-personal foul rule is in effect(for the first time this year)....Lt. Ken "Crow" Farris, our Big Six champ broad-jumper who is now a marine quartermaster, writes from eastern USA, "Had a swell visit with Stan Green and Butch Chancellor a couple of Sundays ago. They go to Quantico around the 3rd of Jan. Stan played six games with Ark. A&M while in V-12 school this fall. We are planning a New Year's party with them. I see where Dub Lamb(who played with the Maxwell Field team this fall) was chosen on the powerful Bainbridge Commodores all-opponents team. I had a letter from Ray Mullen this week. He is at a transit center overseas(Pearl Harbor, I think; his address was an APO) and he and Kerbel (Joe Kerbel of Seminole) were playing football on the transit center team. Recently

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they met John Kimbrough's team and were beaten 0-7 but Moon said they stopped Big John cold. Moon said Greathouse (Myrle Greathouse, wounded on Guam) tried out for the team but on account of his injury (shot through legs) couldn't make it yet. I also had a letter from Tom Rousey (another marine hoopster). He went all through Palau and said it was really hell. Said he got through okay but accidentally fell into a fox hole and skinned his face up."....Shorts....Lt. Lonny Chapman, our Oklahoma AAU mile champ three years ago, got his gold bars at Quantico, after going through Guadacanal, whipping malaria. Lonny's buddy, Lt. Jon "Big John" Sharp, now a pilot still operating in the air over Belgium, writes that he is "still alive and in excellent health."....Eldon Ferguson, our crosscountry rambler from Tulsa, and Ivan Evans, ditto, from Putnam City, AAF reserves recently called, are at Keesler Field, Miss. They report that "everybody has a cold down here due to the climate. 't's known as 'Mississippi Misery' or 'Keesler T.B. Instructors who have been here two and three years say they have never gotten rid of their colds.".... Keesler is pretty close to Louisiana which reminds of a good story. A sentry marches daily around the tomb of deceased governor Huey Long, erstwhile dictator of Louisiana. A spectator asked the sentry what he was trying to do patrolling the place, keep people from getting into Huey's tomb? "Hell no," the sentry is said to have replied, "I'm here to see that Huey don't get out."....Lt. Frank Spence has been moved from Ireland to England. "I've seen a few of the buzz bombs and several shot down by fighter planes at night. I always stand close to a nice shelter when I am cheering on the fighter planes," Red wrote, "I miss the beautiful ~~Irish~~ Irish scenery, hospitality and steaks and eggs but I still can't complain because I'm not sleeping in a fox hole."....Lt. (jg) Al O'Horwitz, our rassling Hebrew, is now asst. public relations director at Norfolk after several months service in the Italian, Indian and Southern France theaters (with amphib)....Bill Van Dyke, with the Navy at Honolulu, was married to a California girl recently....Novel Wood, our big center of '38-39-40, is now a major with a bombing squadron in the Pacific.... Capt. Johnny Jacobs jr., son of the Sooner track coach, now has a NY APO....Mitch Shadid is now at Lemoore, Calif....Lt. Pete Cawthon is back at Camp Hood, Texas.... Lt. (jg) Dick Smethers, our four-time Big Six 2-mile champ, recently got a 40-day leave after 17 months as executive officer of a mine sweeper in the Aleutions. What did he do after arriving but have to have his appendix cut out at the Navy hospital at Norman. Three weeks later he checked out a track suit from Wake and was running on the roads....He is now at a minecraft training center in Virginia....Andy "Cueball" Cary, our Big Six 880 outdoor champ from Duncan (first freshman ever to win a Big Six running title), is now an ensign at Fort Pierce, Fla., living in a tent on the beaches....Lt. (jg) Paul Updegraff, No. 1 Sooner sports fan now in the Navy, recently developed pneumonia at Gulfport, Miss. (there goes that Mississippi Misery again) but recovered and is now at Armed Guard school in Norfolk....Major Horace "Happy" Poole sent a Christmas card from Europe. He is with a troop carrier wing....George Boudreau now has a Frisco FPO....Please give us your address changes as promptly as possible and also send us chatter about yourselves and any other Sooners you see....every guy overseas will get his stuff mailed to him air mail.

CLEANING UP FOOTBALL....Oklahoma this year won its second Big Six conference title in a row and kept inviolate a string of 13 consecutive conference games without defeat....No Big Six team has licked us since Nebraska put over that 7-0 deal here in 1942....Thurman Tigart, our guard, made the Omaha World-Herald's all-Big Six.... The Sooners played hull-gull football this autumn, breaking a 25-year record by scoring 227 points and 34 touchdowns, the most Oklahoma has made in a single season since 1919....However Oklahoma this year permitted her opponents an all-time record high of 149 points and 22 touchdowns and football at Norman was 50 years old this fall....The 6-28 defeat to Jim Lookabaugh's Oklahoma Aggies was our first loss to an Aggie team in eleven years, since Lynn Waldorf's Farmers walloped us here in 1933 by a score of 13-0....after the season, Oklahoma turned down a bid to meet the Second Air Force Super-bombers in the Sun Bowl at El Paso, Tex....Dale Arbuckl said, after refusing the bid, "The Navy's 48-hour rule forbade our playing it (most of our boys are V-12s and NROTCs). Besides our squad is tired from its long, hard

10-game schedule and we have achieved our season's objective, the winning of the Big Six championship."....We have a new "ig Six faculty representative, Dr. John Hervey, dean of the law school....The Big Six in December voted to permit its coaches to initiate correspondence and interviews with prospective highschool athletes, and to offer them scholarships already available to other students....big surprise in view of their previous conservatism....John Jacobs, our track coach, expressed everybody's feelings when he commented, "They brought the rule down to the custom."....Snorter, who was ill with flu through much of the past season, went to the Texas gulf coast for 10 days early in December and came back tanned by the Texas sunshine(that's two tannings we got in Texas this fall) and six pounds heavier....

BASKETBALL....Our Roundball Runts(they average about 5-10 and 160 now) split two games since the last letter....Drake can still win the close ones....He beat Kansas one point at Lawrence last year and Missouri one point at Columbia....Last week he beat SMU one point at Norman and this week he beat the Norman Navy Zoomers one point here 39-38....However we lost to the all-victorious Iowa Pre-Flight Seahawks at Kansas City's Municipal auditorium Saturday Dec. 16 by a score of 52-40. Tonight

we meet Phillips university of Enid here. They held SOONER BOX, ZOOMER GAME Hank Iba's Aggies to a 46-37 win at Enid recently.... In the Sooner-Zoomer game they led us 23-22 at the half and picked up a nine-point lead on us in the last half. We were playing without Jack Landon, our lone returning starter from last year, and needed him. But the kids rallied. Krouse salted away a free throw, Buelow fed Hines for a goal, Lindy fired in a long goal, Lindy fed Brinegar for a side shot. They scored a rebounder over our heads but Hines fed Johnson for a bucket and Lindy hit two free throws in a row to put us ahead one point with 4 min. to go. With

1 1/2 to go, Herron fed Hubbard for a field goal and they led us 38-37. But our boys took it down the court carefully and Bill Whaley, our new transfer from Pepperdine who has been out two weeks with an injured back(he fell in practice) whipped in a long goal from the side to win it for us. We froze the ball until the bell....but it was as close as Whaley's burr haircut....In the Seahawk game they had too much height and experienced class....Especially did they our rebound us....they got 18 offensive rebounds to our three....We led them off and on all through the first half, holding them without a field goal until five minutes were gone, but they got away from us with a hot rebounding spurt at the end of the first half and the start of the second, breaking out for 17 points to our 1 during this period. At the half they led 24-17, two minutes later they were in front 32-17....then our boys awoke and controlled them some better....Ary, their forward from the Univ. of South Carolina, pitched in eight goals but their star was Joe Holland, a 6-3 center from Benton, Ky. who played last year at Berea(Ky.) college....He could jump into the air like a high-jumper and really controlled the rebounds. He also stuck in 7 baskets....That lack of height is going to hurt us all year so we just as well all get used to it....On Friday Dec. 22 at Oklahoma City's Municipal auditorium we meet Pentathlon Militar of Mexico City, the Mexican West Point....Their publicity man is on the ball and has sent us pictures and paragraphs on their best men....Luis Cortez he calls "good in the quick break sets"....Rodolfo Mercado "middle distance both hands shot."....Ignacio Ceballos(195) "slow because the weight. Enthusiastic aggressiveness."....Angel Paz "The necessary man in the rear."....Guillermo Olivera, "great agility. The nightmare of the opponent team."....At that, he does a much better job than we could trying to describe our boys in Spanish. So long, Merry Christmas.

SOONER BOX, SEAHAWK GAME			
	FG	FT	PF
Hines, f	6	3-4	2
Lindenberg, f	2	0-1	3
Whaley, f	2	1-1	1
Robison, c	0	0-0	2
Landon, g	2	2-3	1
Johnson, g	2	1-2	2
Buelow, g	0	2-2	2
Brinegar, g	0	3-3	1
totals.....	14	12-16	14

Potts, Crow and Krouse also played.