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**M**inds are reverted to the deeds of the Roman and Grecian heroes, to the scenes of the Gallic wars and campaigns of Caesar, under the teaching of Miss Jessie Newby, '10 arts-sc. She has excelled the usual method of the teaching of Latin in seemingly to awaken what many students call a "dead" language. Instead of the dull translating of chapters, declining of nouns, and conjugating of verbs she makes things seem real. In her high school classes her pupils make fighting implements, armors and ships. Tunas and togas become more than pictured costumes when sewed and dressed on dolls.

In recognition of her good teaching Miss Newby was recently elected professor of Latin at Central State Teachers college at Edmond, succeeding the late Professor O. W. Jeffries. She was a friend of Professor Jeffries and says that she became attracted to him many years ago because he was "the best Latin teacher in the state."

Miss Newby is for the most part a product of Oklahoma schools. She graduated from the Logan county high school at Guthrie, and attended the University of Oklahoma preparatory school at Norman. She attended summer school at the University of Oklahoma 1910 and 1928 and taught a course in numismatics during the summer of 1928. She has some post graduate work in the University of Chicago.

She taught in Lawton high school 1910-13; Chickasha high school 1913-17; Amarillo, Texas, high school 1917-18; served as principal of Purcell high school 1918-20; assistant principal of Irving high school,

Oklahoma City, for three years, and was head of the department of foreign languages in Classen high school, Oklahoma City six years.

She was chairman of the Latin teachers' organization in Oklahoma City, and is now chairman of the state committee for the service bureau for classical teachers of the American Classical League (New York university). She has been secretary of the Latin teachers' conference of the Oklahoma Educational Association for nine years. She is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Kappa Delta Pi, P. E. O., Order of Eastern Star, and a life member of Oklahoma Educational Association and University of Oklahoma Association.

The Newby-Wells Latin tests are partly hers. There are fourteen of these for first and second year Latin, published by the Harlow Publishing Company, Oklahoma City.

She was chairman of the state committee for the revision of the Latin course of study. Their material was the first to be completed and the first off the press and in the hands of the teachers.

Miss Newby has two main hobbies. She has a coin collection of over one hundred old Roman and Greek coins and a complete set of United States memorial half dollars. Coins from many foreign countries are also included in her collection.

Her second hobby is travel. She has been abroad three times. In 1922 she saw the Passion Play and went as far as Athens. In 1924 she took the Midnight Sun Cruise and toured England and Scotland for six weeks. This year she took the Vergilian Pilgrimage and Aeneid

Latin is not a «dead» language as taught by Miss Jessie Newby, '10 arts-sc., who has recently become professor of Latin at Central State Teachers college. Her work has not been limited to her own particular school but she has helped many Oklahoma schools plan programs that vitalize Latin

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cruise, visiting Mantua, Vergil's birthplace, and Naples, the place of his burial; Aeneas's sojourns at Sicily, Africa (Carthage), Asia Minor (Troy), Thrace (Constantinople), various places in Italy, France, Greece, and England. Ten of the best authorities on Vergil to be found in England and America led the party on the tour.

A lecture of the Passion Play of Oberammergau was prepared by Miss Newby which she has given at Phillips university, Enid, University of Oklahoma, Eastern State Teachers college at Ada, in several other towns of the state and numerous times in Oklahoma City.

In connection with her teaching she has had her pupils translate numerous nursery rhymes and songs into Latin which, together with various other material, form the contents of an annual publication which she has put out for the past several years. This publication has grown until it has a large circulation in Latin circles throughout the state.

In taking up her work in Edmond she hopes to publish an annual Latin paper similar to the one she has been publishing at Classen high school in Oklahoma City. It is also her desire to collect material on Vergil and moreover she hopes to be able to "Carry on all the things Professor Jeffries has initiated and set going" while he was in charge of the department.

Miss Newby says that perhaps her biggest service is in answer to the dozens of letters she gets from Latin teachers each year asking for help in planning assembly programs, club work and classroom troubles.