

## Belles lettres and bell ringers

**A** NEW literary publication edited by Dr. B. A. Botkin, University faculty member and state chairman of the Oklahoma Folklore society, made its first appearance late in April.

Literary contributions by three University alumni were featured in the first issue of the monthly publication which will be called *Space* and which will have national circulation.

Walter S. Campbell, University English professor who was voted honorary membership in the Alumni Association in 1931, contributed an interpretation of western exhibitionism called *The Histrionic West*. Campbell, who writes under the name of Stanley Vestal, is author this year of two books dealing with the history of the west.

Isabel Campbell, '19ex, wife of Walter S. Campbell, contributed a satire, *Forenoon of a Horse*. She is author of a novel *Jack Spratt*.

John Joseph Mathews, '20as, author of Pawhuska, wrote a series of descriptive sketches called *Gallery* for the new magazine.

Other contributors to the first issue included John Gould Fletcher, Little Rock, Arkansas, and Paul Snodgrass, associate editor of *Books Abroad*, University quarterly magazine. Snodgrass will write a monthly literary column in *Space*.

Dr. Botkin has described the purpose

of the publication as purely literary. It will carry, to some extent, sketches, satires and poems concerned with the southwest. Dr. Botkin was editor of the four annual volumes, *Folk Say*, a regional miscellany, which was published by the University Press.

### ▲ "Book Nook" Established

A new feature of the Union building book exchange on the campus is the "book nook" where more than three thousand volumes of recent fiction, old classics, publishers' remainders and scholarly books of current interest are on sale.

The books are in open racks where students, faculty members and campus visitors may inspect the volumes. The "book nook" was the idea of Charles Miles, '22as, manager of the book exchange. Sula Saltsman, '35as, McAlester, is in charge of the department.

Another feature of the nook is the first edition department which is constantly buying and selling rare first editions.

### ▲ Press Book Recommended

A second University of Oklahoma Press book has been given recognition by the Book-of-the-Month club.

Joseph A. Brandt, '21as, editor of the press, was informed late in March that *No More Unemployment*, written by three University faculty members, received the supplementary recommendation of the club.

The authors of the press book are Dr. Howard O. Eaton, of the philosophy department; Dr. John B. Cheadle, of the law school; and Dr. Cortez A. M. Ewing, of the government department. The book is a plan for relieving unemployment.

The other press book given recognition was *Wah'Kon-Tah* by John Joseph Mathews, '20as, Pawhuska. It was recommended as a first selection more than a year ago.



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