

# Belles lettres and bell ringers

*Military Posts and Camps in Oklahoma, by W. B. Morrison. Harlow Publishing Company, Oklahoma City, 1936.*

**T**HE author is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma, and is at present professor of history at the South-eastern Teachers college at Durant. His long study of military establishments in Oklahoma fits him to speak authoritatively and his training as an author enables him to write in an easy style. As a teacher of Oklahoma history he knows what facts to bring before his readers.

*Military Posts and Camps in Oklahoma* is a series of essays, each complete in itself, but sufficiently developed into a nar-

rative to make a volume which will be read in its entirety by those interested in the history of Oklahoma. The author helps to make us "Oklahoma conscious," and creates a desire to further the cause of preserving not only the history of the state but the historic sites themselves. He



W. B. Morrison

calls attention to the fact that frontier days are not only recently gone but permanently so. Hardships, Indian fights, soldiers, cattlemen, Boomers, and traders appear throughout the book.

Oklahoma is portrayed as a training ground during the past century for scores of army officers whose names appear in every school history. Many present day highways on which we travel or cross were once military trails laid out by soldiers who moved from post to post. Some posts, occupied for a short time, the author points out, were intended to be but temporary; others were built for permanency, being strategically located to solve Indian and other problems. In each case reasons for establishment and abandonment are set forth. Delightful sketches of the lives of many of the commanding officers are given.

Such places as Forts Smith, Gibson, Towson, Washita, Arbuckle, Reno, and Sill, of which only the last two remain, are pictured as spots once filled with life, but now to be read about and visited as "historic sites."

The book is not too long. It can be read to the end in an evening leaving one with

an appreciation of the state's military history. It has a good style, well selected quotations and bits of verse—some by the author himself. No irrelevant material fills the pages. The scholarship is sound.

With all praise that can be given the book, there are slips here and there that should have been checked. Belle Starr and her activities are given the date of 1833 (p.21). This doubtless is a typographical error. Arkansas is said to have become a state in 1837 (p.60), it should be 1836. Proof reading should have been more carefully done—Samuel M. Worcester (p.46) should be Samuel A. Worcester, W. B. Morrison should be W. B. Morrison (p.73). Such points do not mar the story but we wish they had been corrected.

—M. L. Wardell.

*Analyses of Business Cycles, by Dr. Arthur B. Adams. McGraw Book Company, New York, 1936. \$3.00.*

This book, written by the dean of the College of Business Administration in the University, replaces *Economics of Business Cycles* by Dr. Adams which was published in 1925.

As Dr. Adams points out in the preface, much water has passed over the dam of our economic system in the 12 eventful years since 1925. This new book gives his latest views on the causes of business fluctuations and suggestions of practical public policies which he believes would result in greater stability in the operation of our industrial system.

This book is entirely consistent with the economic philosophy expressed in his previous books, though the presentation is filled out and given much added substance by a comprehensive discussion of all major factors in business cycles.

The major point he makes is that private business cannot be depended upon to take the steps necessary to stabilize business cycles and permit maximum production and consumption. He believes that governmental action is necessary, and that such policies must be directed largely toward preventing the occurrence of depressions.

"To cure depressions, it is necessary to control the forces that produce them; that is, it is essential to control inflationary booms or oversaving-underconsumption conditions," he says in this new book.

This is a "must" book for economic students, and an enlightening one for the general reader.

A reviewer in the Christian Science

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Monitor said he was putting the book on his list of recommended readings for all people who asked him about books on fundamental economic problems. C. T. Revere of Munds, Winslow & Proctor, 40 Wall Street, New York, complimented the author for the clarity and simplicity of the book.

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*Santa Anna*, by Wilfrid Hardy Callcott. University of Oklahoma Press, 1936. \$3.00.

This latest volume from the University Press is written by Wilfrid Hardy Callcott, a native Texan now professor of history in the University of South Carolina.

It tells the story of the spectacular soldier, president and dictator who flashed across the sky of Mexican politics during the turbulent period of 1823 to 1855.

Santa Anna is remembered as the central Mexican figure in both the War for Texas Independence and the war between Mexico and the United States.

The book is a distinguished one, combining valuable but little-known historical information with the career of a strong and somewhat gaudy personality.

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Wilburn Cartwright, '20law, is author of an article in the January *Scribners*. Entitled "The Motorist Girds for War," the article tells how the diversion of highway funds—"always unfair, always illegal"—is being outlawed state by state. Mr. Cartwright, Oklahoma Congressman and chairman of the House Committee on Roads, says that motorists are rebelling against the diversion of gasoline taxes for purposes other than highway building.

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Dr. V. E. Monnett, '12as, director of the School of Geology, has been asked to revise the references on Oklahoma mineral resources for a new edition of *Economic Geology*, a widely used textbook prepared by Dr. H. Reis, head of the Cornell university geology department.

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Ernie Hill, '33journ, is author of an article on "Builders of Basketball" in the January issue of *All American Sports Magazine*. The article tells about Dr. James A. Naismith, originator of the game, and Dr. Forrest C. Allen, University of Kansas athletic director who has done much to develop the game.

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W. S. Campbell, associate professor of English in the University, is author of a novelette, "Warpath to Glory" which was published in the January-February issue of *Big-Book Western* magazine. This type of writing is one which he will discuss in a forthcoming book on creative writing.

#### ▲ ▲ ▲ Field agent appointed

Stephen D. Crouch, pastor of the First Presbyterian church at Davis for the last four years and father of two University alumni, has been appointed financial di-

rector and field representative of the Oklahoma School of Religion.

Mrs. Lacy Adams, a daughter now living in Shawnee, received a master's degree from the University in 1932, and a son, Walter H. Crouch, superintendent of schools at Hollis, graduated in 1921. Stephen D. Crouch, Jr., is a senior in the University this year.

#### ▲ Cosmopolitan

The University this year has 500 students from outside the state and 12 from other countries.

Persia sends three, Canada three, South America two, Holland one, Mexico one, New Foundland one and the Canal Zone one.

Out-of-state enrolment figures show students coming from 36 states, as follows: Alabama 4, Arkansas 22, California 6, Colorado 17, Connecticut 1, Florida 1, Georgia 2, Illinois 13, Indiana 6, Iowa 13, Kentucky 7, Louisiana 17, Maryland 1, Massachusetts 2, Michigan 8, Minnesota 2, Mississippi 33, Nebraska 3, New Jersey 3, New Mexico 12, New York 33, Ohio 5, Oregon 1, Pennsylvania 13, Rhode Island 1, South Dakota 4, Tennessee 7, Utah 1, Virginia 4, District of Columbia 2, West Virginia 3, Wisconsin 4, Wyoming 5, and Oklahoma 5,222.

#### ▲ Herbarium enlarged

The University Herbarium has received 805 specimens from the famous Stevens collection of Oklahoma flora, in an exchange with the botany department at the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis. The original Stevens collection, said to be the most comprehensive one of Oklahoma flora gathered by one man, is part of the Gray Herbarium of Harvard university, Cambridge. Dr. G. W. Stevens, Edmond, made the collection for his doctor's thesis.

#### ▲ New course planned

A four-year curriculum in climatology, designed to prepare students for positions as government meteorologists and climatologists will be offered by the departments of geography and geology beginning with the second semester of the present school year. Research work in climatology has become increasingly important in the last few years.

#### ▲ Weather station approved

A weather observation station to be used in research work for the United States Weather Bureau will be established on the University campus soon. The principle purpose will be to study all factors of evaporation. Clyde J. Bollinger, associate professor of geography, will use the findings in a study of climatic conditions.

#### ▲ Geologists in demand

Students wondering what occupation to choose might consider geology. Dr. V. E.

Monnett, director of the School of Geology, recently received three calls in one day for geologists, two to do subsurface work in the Seminole region and one to fill a position as professor of vertebrate paleontology in a Texas college. No man with the necessary training was available for any of the positions.

#### ▲ Statue of Boyd

A statue of Dr. David Ross Boyd, president emeritus of the University who died in November, has been carved in stone and will be placed in a niche beside the main entrance to the Administration building. This statue was carved by Julius Struppeck, Baton Rouge, La., graduate student in the school of art, under direction of Joseph R. Taylor, assistant professor of art. The statue was done in a decorative Gothic manner.

#### ▲ Students too ambitious

University staff members have always worried about getting students to work diligently on their lessons. Now they are discovering that there is another extreme to be avoided.

The faculty of the college of arts and sciences has requested the administrative council of the University to consider the problem of putting some limit on the amount of outside work a student can do while carrying a heavy scholastic load.

Ima James, head of the department of physical education for women, found in a survey that a remarkably large number of co-eds are spending an unreasonable amount of time on classwork and outside work by which they are earning their expenses.

It has been estimated that nearly one-half of the students in the University work for either part or all of their expenses.

Miss James suggests that for each five hours of outside work, the student's credit-hour load be reduced one hour, and that the maximum study load for the student not doing any outside work be 17 hours per week.

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Dr. H. Lloyd Stow, formerly assistant in the Department of Greek at the University of Chicago, has succeeded Dr. James R. Branton as assistant professor of Greek in the University. Dr. Stow has spent a year at the American School of Classical Studies in Athens, Greece, on a Reyerson traveling fellowship in classical archeology. Dr. Branton has accepted a position at the University of Oregon.

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Recommendation for a four-year course in criminology and police training in the University has been submitted to the State Planning Board by Dr. R. J. Dangerfield, assistant professor of government, and Dr. J. J. Rhyne, director of the School of Social Work.