

# Belles lettres and bell ringers

IN the absence of any new books by Sooner alumni in the last month, it might be of interest to list the ones that have appeared in the last year.

Kenneth Kaufman, '16, book editor of the *Sunday Oklahoman*, recently compiled a list of books published by Oklahomans and former residents of the state during the last twelve months. Nine of the 39 books listed are by Sooner alumni or former students, and several others in the list are by University faculty members.

The books by alumni and former students are:

*Murder on the Tropic*, by Todd Downing, '24as, '28ma, Doubleday Doran (The Crime Club).

*The Case of the Unconquered Sisters*, also by Todd Downing, same publisher.

*Level Land*, by Kenneth Kaufman, '16as, '19ma, Kaleidograph Press.

*Catch-'em-Alive Jack*, by Jack Abernathy, '33as, Association Press.

*Catalogue*, by George Milburn, '31ex, Harcourt Brace.

*Pretty Boy*, by William Cunningham, '25as, Vanguard Press.

*Russet Mantle*, by Lynn Riggs, '24ex, Samuel French.

*Cherokee Messenger*, by Althea Bass, '21ma, University of Oklahoma Press.

*An Appreciation of Will Rogers*, by David Milsten, '25as, '28law, The Naylor company.



## Nominated for award

George Milburn, '31ex, and Dr. Paul B. Sears, head of the botany department in the University, are among 36 nationally known writers who have been nominated for four \$2,500 fellowship awards to be given by the Book-of-the-Month club in 1937.

Four authors "whose works have not received from the book reading public the recognition they deserved as measured by actual sales" will be named for fellowships.

Final selection was left to a committee of outstanding literary critics.

Milburn's latest book is *Catalogue*, and Sears is author of *Deserts on the March*.



## Writers, here and there

Harold Keith, '29, has sold eight short stories to national magazines in the last two years. His latest was a track story in the November *American Boy*, "The Duke Takes a Bow" . . . J. L. Rader, '08as, '13ma, University librarian, hopes to com-

plete this year a comprehensive bibliography of the history, literature and books of the southwest. He has been working on the project for several years.

Each of Todd Downing's five published detective novels has sold a thousand copies more than the one preceding. The last published, *The Case of the Unconquered Sisters*, has been serialized by seven different newspapers . . . Elgin Groseclose, '20as, has written a fictional-philosophic treatment of the life of an American missionary in Persia, which will be published this spring by Bobbs Merrill.

"No university in America is more alive to the importance of regional leadership than the University of Oklahoma," wrote Harry Hanson in a recent number of *Harper's Magazine* in which he commented on books published by the University Press. . . . The Press' display of books at the nation's first annual book fair held recently in New York City under auspices of the *New York Times* drew several complimentary notices in *Publishers Weekly* and other publications.

Wilbur F. Cloud, '25as, '26ms, associate professor of petroleum engineering, has prepared a treatise on petroleum problems, *Petroleum Production*, which will be published early in 1937 by the University Press. . . . Two articles on school curriculum revision by Dr. Frank A. Balyeat, '11as, '18ma, were published recently in *High School Clearing House*, New York, and the *California Journal of Secondary Education*.

A full page feature article on the European situation by Dr. William B. Bizzell, president of the University, appeared in the *Daily Oklahoman* recently. . . . A new series of tests for lower grades in the states of Oklahoma and Kansas, edited by Dr. Henry Rinsland, '20as, '24ma, has been published.



## Bar nominees

Recent nominations for members of the board of governors of the State Bar association included Hal Johnson, '29law, and F. E. Young, '06ex, both of Oklahoma City; John C. Powell, '22law, Sulphur; A. N. Boatman, '14as, '16law, Okmulgee; and George A. Meacham, '20 law, Clinton.



## Pharmacy visitors

Recent guests at the School of Pharmacy have included C. B. Huddleston, '35, Dick Larson, '31, Elwood Wright, '33 and Gordon Utter, '36.

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