

Belles Lettres and Bell Ringers

"*Revolt on the Border.*" by Stanley Vestal.
Boston. Houghton Mifflin Company. \$2.00.

TAKE the glamor and literary quality of a high class historical novel, add the action and outdoor atmosphere and excitement of a Southwestern setting, plus a remarkable insight into the early-day Indians and plainsmen and mountain men of the West and Southwest, and you have a typical Stanley Vestal book.

Revolt on the Border, which was published in late March, is in many ways one of Stanley Vestal's most readable books. The story itself is an absorbing one, dealing with the Santa Fe Trail and the dangers that lay at the end of it in the year of the American conquest, 1846.

There is a vivid background of history, faithful to the facts, but it is the adventure and romance experienced by the characters Vestal has drawn that keep the reader turning the pages avidly.

In this book the reader meets General Kearny, commander of the Army of the West; William Bent, merchant prince of the mountain men; his brother, first American governor of New Mexico; La Tules, queen of the gambling dens, and uncrowned queen of New Mexico; and conspirators, fanatics, traitors, Mexicans, Americans, Indians, officers, mountain men, and slaves.

The hero is John Martok, courageous, virile, self-confident in the wary fashion of the native Southwesterner who knew his way about the Indian country. He is a hero the reader can admire whole-heartedly. Here is no neurotic, self-analyzing leading character so often found in the so-called modern novels. And the contrast is refreshing.

Reader interest in the West never seems to decline. Magazines devoted entirely to Western stories have a great vogue. Western moving pictures often make more money, in proportion to cost, than the big feature attractions.

It is, perhaps, an indication that the American people still admire simple honesty and courage and vigorous action and outdoor life.

Without seeming in the least to be scholarly, *Revolt on the Border* is full of intimate detail of life as it was lived along the Santa Fe Trail and in New Mexico during that war period. The picturesque language, the frontier clothes, the customs and manners, the philosophy of life of the outdoor men, are presented faithfully but unobtrusively as parts of the background.

Stanley Vestal, as most Oklahomans



Stanley Vestal (W. S. Campbell)

know, is the pen name of W. S. Campbell, associate professor of English on the University faculty. His previous books include *'Dobe Walls*, *Mountain Men*, *Warp-path*, *Sitting Bull*, *Kit Carson*, and *Fandango—Ballads of the Old West*.

Although a Kansan by birth, he was educated in Oklahoma and was a Rhodes scholar from Oklahoma. During the war he served in France as a Field Artillery captain.

He is recognized as one of the best authorities on history of the Southwestern and Plains Indians. He understands the Indian viewpoint not only from long research in libraries, but also from long conversations around campfires and in teepees.—R.C.

Mueller lecture published

A lecture by Dr. Gustav Mueller, associate professor of philosophy on leave of absence, will soon be published by the *German Review*. The lecture was given by Mueller in a broadcast over the Swiss national broadcasting system.

On magazine staff

Dr. Henry D. Rinsland, professor of education, has been chosen a sub-editor of *Educational Abstracts*, a national bimonthly magazine published by Phi Delta Kappa, national educational fraternity.

Radio dramatist

Harlan Mendenhall, '37journ, former reporter for the *Daily Oklahoman*, has resigned as reporter-photographer on the *Wichita Falls Post* to write radio dramas for the Phillips Lord "Gang Busters" on the Columbia chain.

Mendenhall wrote several skits for the program as a free lance writer before he

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was engaged to write skits dramatizing notable crimes. He has written similar stories for detective magazines. Mendenhall received training in radio broadcasting and continuity writing at the University.

Sooner writers

A novel by Ross Taylor, '30, '33ma, is to be released in May by the Bobbs-Merrill Company, Indianapolis, Indiana. The set-

ting is the Brazos country of West Texas, and the story deals with the early day conflict between the range cattle industry and the beginnings of the present day type of agriculture and cattle raising . . . A story of Jesus, written by Rev. C. O. Ball, '26, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Westville, Oklahoma, is being published as a serial in the *Biblical Digest*, an interdenominational magazine published at Chicago.

Survey of Business Graduates

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given in Table IV is very large—some of them are receiving more than \$10,000 per year while others receive as low as \$80 per month. The general average of monthly salaries appears to be rather satisfactory. This information shows that our graduates make constant progress after graduation. Those who have been out longest have the highest earning power.

I was gratified to find that less than ten of the three hundred who replied to our questionnaire stated that they were unemployed at that time. I am glad that through our help most of those have secured positions since they returned the questionnaire a few weeks ago.

The biggest problem we have in reference to our graduates is being able to keep in touch with them. Many of them move

from place to place and leave no forwarding address. Many of them who are doing well in business neglected to answer the questionnaire we sent them.

Each year an increasing number of large business firms operating in the Southwest send representatives to the University to interview our graduating seniors with the view of employing them. Many others write or telephone asking us to send them one or more of our graduates to be interviewed in reference to employment. Through the dean's office last year more than sixty companies contacted our seniors in reference to jobs, and as a result employed about seventy-five of them. During the summer months last year the jobs available were in excess of the supply of graduating seniors.

TABLE III
GRADUATES OF THE COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO THE KIND OF BUSINESS IN WHICH THEY ARE ENGAGED

KIND OF BUSINESS	Number of Graduates Reporting	Per cent of total Reporting
Banking	13	5
Petroleum Production and Refining, Pipe Lines and Oil Well Supply	43	17
Food Producing (Chiefly flour milling and meat packing)	6	2
Public Utilities	13	5
Wholesaling	7	3
Retailing	17	7
Life Insurance	14	6
Fire Insurance	7	3
Finance Companies	9	4
Federal Government Employees and officials	23	9
State and Municipal Employees and officials	23	9
Grain and Cotton Trade	5	2
Professional (Professors, Attorneys, Judges and Certified Public Accountants)	15	7
Unclassified Businesses	52	21
Total	247	100

TABLE IV
MONTHLY SALARIES OF GRADUATES OF THE COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO TIME SINCE GRADUATION

	Number of Graduates Reporting	Total Number Graduated	Per cent Reporting	Monthly Salaries		
				High	Low	Average
Graduates of 15-20 years ago, classes of 1917-1922, inclusive ¹	15	73	21	\$833	\$192	\$350
Graduates of 10-15 years ago, classes of 1923-1927, inclusive	30	220	14	833	120	312
Graduates of 5-10 years ago, classes of 1928-1932, inclusive	82	439	19	600	80	193
Graduates of the last 5 years, classes of 1933-1937, inclusive	120	517	23	400	60	137
Total	247	1,259 ²	20			

¹ Includes the 3 graduates of 1915.

² Includes all graduates in Business Administration from 1915-1937 inclusive, 13 of which were graduated in 1915, 1916, and 1917.