

and Mr. Phillips already has numerous trophies ready to display in it. He seems to be a natural-born collector.

The FP Ranch, Woolaroc Lodge and Museum are located in an interesting historical setting. The word "Woolaroc" means woods, lakes and rocks, and it was originally the home of Osage Indians who were moved by the federal government in 1871 from Kansas to the Osage Nation reservation in what is now Osage County. Herds of cattle grazed there, and it was a favorite deer hunting ground for both whites and Indians. Then it became an outlaw hangout, and a favorite retreat for desperadoes and cattle thieves. Making the location still more interesting, prehistoric village sites have recently been discovered within the ranch boundaries, and various implements such as grain grinders and crude utensils were dug out and placed in the museum.

In the wild setting of ravines and trees graze herds of elk, buffalo, wild turkey,



Oklahoma Books and Writers

TO some alumni it will seem only a few years ago that Dr. W. B. Bizzell brought Joe Brandt from the *Tulsa Tribune* to the University of Oklahoma campus and gave him the task of establishing a University Press. As a matter of fact, it was little more than a decade ago.

Yet last month the Press issued Volume 19 of its Civilization of the American Indian Series—and this series, of course, represents only a portion of the entire list published by the Press, a list that will probably reach one hundred before the University's semi-centennial.

No. 19 in the Indian series is *Cherokee Cavaliers*, by Edward Everett Dale, '11, head of the University history department, with collaboration of Gaston Litton, '34 lib.sci, a member of the staff of the National Archives at Washington, D.C.

This new volume tells the story of forty years of Cherokee history as related in the correspondence of the Ridge-Watie-Boudinot family, and in these personal letters we find the heartaches and the triumphs, the humor and the philosophies of these Indian cavaliers.

Two hundred letters are presented in the book, most of them selected from a collection of two thousand now in the Frank Phillips Collection of Southwestern History at the University. Except for minor punctuation and editing necessary for clarification, the letters are presented exactly as written, although they are generously annotated in order to preserve the continuity and make them thoroughly intelligible even to persons not familiar with the background of Cherokee tribal history.

The letters deal with the period of Cherokee removal from Georgia to Indian Territory and the ensuing thirty years of fac-

water buffalo, zebras, brahma cattle, and African blue gnu. There are about 1400 head of deer, including white fallow and other varieties.

Wild waterfowl alight on the lakes. Peacocks, cranes, swans, ducks, pheasants, prairie chickens and geese have the freedom of inclosures. Stables of purebred horses are kept by Mr. Phillips, who still likes to ride horseback. Perhaps this diverting outdoor exercise accounts for his keen mind and his ability to work long hours, even though he has passed his sixty-sixth birthday. His room at the ranch has rows of riding boots, both military and the high-heeled cowboy style. He also has a dairy of sleek Holstein milk producers, a meat packing plant, and poultry yards.

This man was first a pioneer farmer of the West, and he likes to surround himself with the real rural life of today as well as the atmosphere of the Old West that is dead except where philanthropists such as himself preserve it.

tional strife and turmoil within the tribe.

The book is a worthy addition to the Indian Civilization series. The price is \$3.00.



Textbook writer

A few years ago when the Texas public school system faced the new requirement of devoting thirty minutes a day to health instruction, Dorothy Nell Whaley, '27, was struck by the thought that there was no adequate text to use for this kind of instruction in the lower grades.

Physiology and health textbooks were written mostly for high school or the upper levels of grade schools.

Her own teaching field was high school English, but she knew something about small children too. So she went to work and produced two health readers, *A Holiday With Betty Jack* for the second grade and *The Land of Happy Days* for the third grade. Both have been adopted as textbooks for Texas schools, and one of them has already sold 77,000 copies.

The books are sold in New England, in Chicago, in Pennsylvania, and many other places. Doubleday Doran is the publisher.

Miss Whaley has sold newspaper and magazine features, writes book reviews for the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*, and is correspondent for the *Southwest Musician*, Arlington, Texas.

She has been in the Fort Worth public school system for six years and is now English teacher in Paschal High School.

After receiving her bachelor's degree from O.U., Miss Whaley earned a master's degree from Columbia University, New York, and has done graduate work at the University of Texas, Austin.

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