

Oklahoma Books and Writers

Memo on the Movies, by Winifred Johnston, Cooperative Books, Norman, 1939. Fifty cents.

Where Is There Another? by Freda Kischway, Oswald Garrison Villard, and Marguerite Young. Cooperative Books, Norman, 1939. Fifty cents.

Poetry, Least Popular of the Arts, by Ray Kessler Immel, and Helen Loree Ogg. Cooperative Books, Norman, 1939. Fifty cents.



Leland Jamieson, '23ex, author of a new serial in the *Saturday Evening Post*

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OPEN minded thinking is the distinguishing quality of Winifred Johnston's Cooperative Books, and when the editor takes up the pen of the author we understand why this is true. Winifred Johnston is a thinker aroused by the retrospective view of herself, a victim of World War Propaganda. *Memo on the Movies* is the story of the life cycle of World War propaganda which found in the movies its most nourishing habitat.

In this interesting pamphlet we see the cycle beginning anew, as peoples drift in a warring world. The author's citations are not straws to show which way the wind blows, but conclusive facts which make a convincing picture of the hurricane itself. Insidious factors quite rightly get the emphasis.

The other books here reviewed are in existence because two men dared to reach conclusions which were likely to bring discomfort to some of their associates. The first of these men is the subject of *Where Is There Another?* a memorial to the late Paul Y. Anderson, reporter and staff correspondent extraordinary, by three of his associates. The book contains almost four times as much of Anderson's writings as of the three associates who contribute to it, but their comments upon the man who served them for a model complete the picture of the remarkable figure who uncovered the tempest in the Teapot Dome because he had been taught by "O. K. B." to supply for his readers the additional facts that would enable them to correctly interpret the superficial aspects of a story. The pamphlet is a splendid summary of a brilliant and useful life.

The second man referred to is one of the two authors of *Poetry, Least Popular of the Arts*. Anyone who has had the privilege of a pipe and a talk with Ray K. Immel will know him for a man who will face and disclose the facts. In a pioneer world where art gathered dust with the family bric-a-brac Immel emerged a he-man with an appreciation of poetry.

Head of the speech department at the University of Southern California, he is in a good position to launch a broadside at the people he considers responsible for poetry's present low in popular estimation. They are the "priests in the temple" he says and he makes it stick. Such a clear headed account of what poetry really is, and what good teaching is not, is hard to find. The book makes you want to enlist in an army to regain poetry for the peo-

ple it belongs to and save for them a little of the real world.

Sooner writers

Selling a serial to the *Saturday Evening Post* has long been the greatest aspiration of many a really able author.

A former student of the University of Oklahoma made the grade last month. Captain Leland Jamieson, of Eastern Air Lines, '23ex, is author of *High Frontier*, a story of the pioneer days of air transport flying, which began running in the *Post* in December.

Captain Jamieson is the author of many short stories and of novelettes, but this is his first story published in installments. He has flown approximately 10,000 hours and is listed among Eastern Air Lines' million-miler pilots.

He is a brother of Mrs. Fayette Copeland (Edith Jamieson, '20, '25ma) of Norman.

... Five articles by Stewart Harral, '36 ma, director of press relations at the University, have been accepted recently for publication by magazines. These include "University Press Relations," *Journal of Higher Education*; "Activities in the Headlines," *School Activities*; "Why Your Copy Doesn't Click," *College Publicity Digest*; "When You Know the Editor's Interests," *School Review*; and "Better Equipment, Better Public-School Relations," *The Nation's Schools*.

... Dr. John Hackler, '33med, is author of an article in the November issue of the *American Journal of Public Health*. Dr. Hackler, who is director of the Payne County Health Unit, Stillwater, based the article on an outbreak of food poisoning

from milk in that county . . . Dr. Maurice Halperin, '29ma, associate professor of romance languages, is author of an article on "Mexico Faces the Test" which appeared in the November issue of *Living Age*.

... An article on "Muscular Fatigue" by Ellen D. Kelly, instructor in physical education for women in the University, appeared in a recent issue of *Hygeia* magazine. . . . The November issue of *Banking*, the journal of the American Bankers' Association, carried an article on "Economics on the Campus" written by Dr. A. B. Adams, dean of the College of Business Administration, and Dr. Gilbert Harold, associate professor of finance. The article defended the teaching of the principles of communism, socialism and fascism in college economics classes, and declared that full explanation of the principles involved enables a student to understand better the advantages of the American economic system.

... *Propaganda for War*, the widely quoted University Press book by Dr. H. C. Peterson, associate professor of history in the University, is included in *One Hundred Notable Books: 1939*, a list of the year's outstanding volumes compiled and published annually by *New Republic* magazine. . . . *Country Life Magazine* recently accepted an article on "Mexican Cowboys Fight Bulls," by Grace E. Ray, '20, '23ma, instructor in journalism in the University. Another article by Miss Ray, "A Priceless Collection of Bibles," has been accepted by *Hobbies* magazine. Other articles by her have appeared recently in *American Forests*, *Rocky Mountain Sportsman*, and *Nature* magazine.

New series by Press

A new series, called *American Exploration and Travel*, is being issued by the University of Oklahoma Press. It follows rather logically on the Press's program of regional exploration carried out over the period of the last eleven years, which has produced the well-established *Civilization of the American Indian Series*, now numbering nineteen volumes, and an extensive list in the field of Western Americana.

Behind the story of the gradual and inevitable recession of the American frontier lie the accounts of explorers, traders, and travelers, some of them by native Americans, others by foreigners, which individually and in the aggregate present one of the most romantic and fascinating chapters in the development of the American domain. Many of these accounts have remained up to the present in manuscript form; others have been published in a limited way as reports of government documents, and as such have been little known to the general public. It is intended that the new series as a whole shall present a thorough-going picture of the processes of American exploration and settlement, giving attention also to movements that continue even into the present.

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