

Lee Hall of Texas

(Oklahoma Books and Writers)

THE period of wild frontier settlements, the great cattle drives, the expansion of railroads, and the change from free range to orderly farming and ranching was a spectacular phase in the history of Texas.

Captain Lee Hall of the Texas Rangers was a red-haired, clear-eyed hero of these stirring times. His biography—bringing to life both the man and the period in which he lived—was published last month by the University of Oklahoma Press under the title *Captain Lee Hall of Texas* (\$2.75). The author is Dora Neill Raymond, a native Texan, educated at the University of Texas and later at Columbia University, and now head of the Department of History and Government in Sweet Briar College, Virginia.

Adventure and danger were the breath of life to Captain Lee Hall. The brief interlude when he attempted a business career was in sad contrast to his remarkable success as a leader of men and a fighting officer, who preferred to make his arrests without shooting, but who could use a gun with remarkable accuracy when necessary. It was Captain Lee Hall of the Rangers who guarded the Rio Grande, who indicted King Fisher, helped track down Sam Bass and Wes Hardin and made thirty arrests on homicide charges that broke the famous Sutton-Taylor feud. It was Captain Lee Hall who furnished the inspiration for many of O. Henry's stories, as well as the western heroes of many other writers. O. Henry lived for a time on Hall's ranch in Texas and there is no doubt about the person the writer had in mind when he described a ranger "blond as a viking, quiet as a deacon, dangerous as a machine gun."

Although it was as a ranger that Captain Hall made his reputation as one of the greatest Western heroes, he was also successful as a rancher, an Indian agent at Anadarko, Oklahoma, and an officer in the jungle fighting in the Philippines during the Spanish-American War.

The author has developed her material in a manner indicating thorough scholarship, but has written the book in lively style that breathes the spirit of adventure rather than dusty documents.

Excellent pen and ink sketches by Louis Lundean and Frederic Remington, along with numerous quotations from Western ballads and verses at the chapter divisions add much to the western feeling in the book.



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Sooner Writers

Cherokee Cavaliers, by Dr. E. E. Dale, '11, and Gaston Litton, '34lib.sci, '40ma, published by the University of Oklahoma Press, has gone into a second edition. Dr. Dale is head of the history department in the University. Mr. Litton is on the staff of the National Archives, Washington, D. C.

W. S. Campbell's short story "Dakotah Courtship" which originally appeared in the *Southwest Review*, is listed as one of the "distinctive short stories in American magazines for 1939" in Edward J. O'Brien's collection, *The Best Short Stories 1940*. Mr. Campbell is director of creative writing courses at the University. One of his students, Mary Reid, had an article in the October issue of *Holland's Magazine*. Another student, Mrs. Martha Brunk of Frederick, recently won a prize for a poem in a contest sponsored by the national poetry magazine *Kaleidograph*.

Todd Downing, '24ba, '28ma, of Atoka, author of numerous mystery novels, has spent some time at the University this fall doing research in preparation for a historical novel. His most recent book was a descriptive and historical volume *The Mexican Earth*.

A geological bulletin on Washington County, Oklahoma, compiled by Malcolm C. Oakes, '16bs, '19ba, '22ms, has been published by the Oklahoma Geological Survey.

An article, "Mexico Shifts Her Foreign Policy," by Dr. Maurice Halperin, associ-

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ate professor of modern languages in the University, appeared in the quarterly issue of *Foreign Affairs* in October.

Dr. Oliver E. Benson, '32ba, '33ma, associate professor of government in the University, is author of an article "Behind the French Surrender," which appeared as the lead article in a recent issue of *Events*, a monthly review of world affairs.

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Association Progress

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Mrs. Esther Voiles, '39pharm, of Hooker, has been appointed to the council in Texas County.

A new member of the Oklahoma County Council is Frank Jones, '29law, an attorney in Oklahoma City.

Dr. Paul G. Sanger, '31m.ed, of Vinita has been appointed to the Craig County Council.

Grover Howard, '32, of Westville, and Jack Chaffin, of Stilwell, have been added to Adair County Council.

Four members of the St. Paul, Minnesota Council, appointed by Chairman Curry Bell, are Earl Christmas, '13ba, George Christmas, '28ba, Virginia Geary, and Richard D. Williamson, '31eng.

Nancy Anderson, '38journ, is a new member of the Tillman County Council.

Dr. Claude Bloss, Jr., '37m.ed, of Okemah, is a new member of the Okfuskee Council.

R. L. Simpson, Jr., '32bus, of Eufaula has been appointed to the Council in McIntosh County.

A new member of the council at Washington, D. C. is Ted Evans, '12.

Mrs. Tom Irby (Marion Tolley, '23fa) has been appointed a member of the Kay County Council.

Four persons have been added to the Advisory Council at Roswell, New Mexico. They are Nina S. Cullen, '18ba, Mrs. Elizabeth Amis Malone, '40h.ec, Vester Montgomery, '26ed, '29ma, and Charles Sumner Whitney, Jr., '25ba, '31ms. ed.

At Des Moines, Iowa, the following have been appointed to the Advisory Council: Dr. Beryl Freeman, '31ms, Leo F. Harrington, '35ba, Robert H. Bassett, '34bus, and Norman H. Hall, '33eng.

Josiah Sibley, '23, is new chairman of the council at Atlanta, Georgia, and Luman T. Cockerill, '32, is the new chairman of the Council at Ithaca, New York.

The following persons have resigned Advisory Council memberships because of removal from the cities where they were appointed: Maynard Fuller from Craig County, Edna Hoffman from Kay County, Dr. Roy W. Anderson from Vancouver, B. C., James R. Bollinger from Denver, Colorado, Dr. J. H. Brady from

Major County, Jean DeLaney from Pontotoc, Charles Grimes from Salt Lake City, Utah, Ray G. Gill from New Haven, Connecticut, Dr. Robert L. Lindsey from Jerusalem, Palestine, Lynn K. Lee from Olney, Illinois, D. E. McKinley from Ciudad Bolivar, Venezuela, Dr. Robert A. Knight from Durham, North Carolina, Clarence Musser from Atlanta, Georgia, Tully Nettleton from Washington, D. C., Arthur J. Pansze from Fort Smith, Arkansas, Mary Helen Spickard from Okfuskee County, and Thomas Z. wright from New Haven, Connecticut.

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Homecoming Is November 16

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County Advisory Councils out over the state have been invited to meet with the Executive Board.

Loyd Noble, '21, of Ardmore, president of the University Board of Regents, has accepted an invitation to speak at the meeting. Dr. W. B. Bizzell, president of the University, has been invited to tell the alumni board about the budget request for the 1941-43 biennium which will be presented to the State Legislature early next year.

The Mortar Board Alumnae Association will hold its second annual breakfast at 10 o'clock in the morning, in the English Room of the Union Building, Initiation ceremonies will be held for members of Owl and Triangle, the local honor society which became a chapter of Mortar Board, and early-day members will describe the establishment of the group on the O. U. campus.

Arrangements are in charge of Mrs. Florence Monnet McKown, '22ba, president; Mrs. Lucille Hinshaw Powell, '38ba, '39 m.fa, Norman, secretary; and Mrs. Elizabeth Bearly Dudley, '33ba, Norman, historian.

Members of the Law Class of '30 will have their annual Homecoming reunion luncheon at noon in the Pine Room of the Union. Leonard Sibel, Oklahoma City attorney, is president of the class.

Oklahoma's leading educators will meet at 12:30 p. m. in the Union Ballroom for a luncheon session of the Association of School Administrators of the Oklahoma Education Association. A crowd of five or six hundred is expected.

Two organizations have scheduled dinners at 6 o'clock in the Union on the evening of Homecoming Day. They are Sigma Gamma Epsilon and Phi Beta Delta.

The general reception and openhouse for all alumni and friends in the Union immediately after the game, and a Homecoming Dance in the Union Ballroom at 8:30 o'clock that night will be the final events to which all alumni visitors are invited.

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