

Oklahoma Books and Authors

A concise and accurate description of *The Will Rogers Country* is presented in the book of that name, by Noel Kaho, published last month by the University of Oklahoma Press.

The book contains much historical data not found in any of the histories of Oklahoma, and might well be required reading for all Oklahoma school children in connection with their study of state history. Valuable for their general interest and for reference are a "Calendar of Dates" and a map of the Will Rogers country.

As the author says, the country in the triangle composed of Claremore, Oologah and Chelsea marks the heart of America, actually and figuratively. "It marks a land and place made famous over the whole world by one man, who slowly lifted it up, as he himself took stature, held it before the world's delighted gaze, and then let it float to earth after his passing," Mr. Kaho writes.

The brief book provides several hours of pleasant and profitable reading.

The *Daily Oklahoman* commented that "What Kaho has done for the Will Rogers country ought to be done by skillful writers for other sections of Oklahoma."

Gregg Diary Published

One of the most important diaries of the southwest, that of Josiah Gregg, famous plains traveler and trader of one hundred years ago, is revealed to the public for the first time in the book, *Diary and Letters of Josiah Gregg*, published recently by the University of Oklahoma Press.

The book is the personal record of the man who left the most widely known account of trading between the settlements of Missouri and Santa Fe. His story of the Santa Fe trade during the eighteen thirties, published in 1844 under the title *Commerce of the Prairies* is a western classic.

Maurice Garland Fulton, New Mexican author known for his books about Billy the Kid, edited *Josiah Gregg*. This new book tells about Gregg's last trip home from Santa Fe, and then a trip to New York; a trading trip to Texas where he saw Sam Houston inaugurated as president of the republic; a year studying for a medical degree; and then his great adventure while accompanying General Wool's Arkansas volunteers in the Mexican War. The book ends on the eve of the battle of Buena Vista in 1847, but a companion volume to be published by the Press will chronicle the remainder of the diary.

Josiah Gregg has an historical introduction by Paul Horgan, well-known novelist in New Mexico.

New Pamphlet Series

Opening the second series of *Co-operative Books*, published in Norman and edited by Winifred Johnston Perry, are three pamphlets on democracy, the advancing machine age, and the aftermath of World War II.

The first pamphlet is made up of three articles by liberal writers. They discuss the question, *How Democratic is England?*, and point out undemocratic practices and institutions of the British.

Articles and authors are "A Program for Counter-Revolution" by Franz Borkeu, former Communist who broke with the party and has become one of its most devastating critics; "The Question of War Aims" by Julian Huxley, writer on scientific and social topics; and "Toward a Dynamic Democracy," by Geoffrey Crowther, editor of the *London Economist*.

The second pamphlet in the new series, entitled *Democracy in Change*, is the work of Charles M. Perry, head of the University of Oklahoma department of philosophy.

The third pamphlet contains two essays on man and the machine and is called *Sinister Savior*. Author is Gustav Mueller, University of Oklahoma philosophy professor.

Press Schedule

Publishing program of the University of Oklahoma Press for 1941-42 includes:

The Road to Disappearance: A History of the Creek Indians, by Angie Debo.

Possum Trot: Rural Community, South, by H. C. Nixon.

The Man Who Sold Louisiana: A Life of Francois Barbe-Marbois, by E. Wilson Lyon.

Oklahoma: A Guide to the Sooner State, compiled and written by the workers in the Federal Writers' Program of the WPA in Oklahoma.

A History of Oklahoma, by Grant Foreman.

Forward to the Land, by Elmer T. Peterson.

Diary and Letters of Josiah Gregg, Book Second, Adventures in Mexico and California, 1847-1850, edited by Maurice Garland Fulton, with an introduction by Paul Horgan. American Exploration and Travel Series.

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Fall Reading for Oklahomans

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THE CHEYENNE WAY

by K. N. LLEWELLYN and
E. ADAMSON HOEBEL

A great new story about the tribal laws and organization of the fighting Cheyennes. Fascinating reading, for ethnologists agree that this tribe had the most interesting legal system found in a primitive American people.

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THE WILL ROGERS COUNTRY

by NOEL KAHO

"I recommend *The Will Rogers Country* as the best six bits worth of reading matter that has been seen in the bookstores in many a month."—BURTON RASCOE in *The World-Telegram*, New York City.

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Diary & Letters of JOSIAH GREGG Southwestern Enterprises, 1840-1847

Edited by
MAURICE GARLAND FULTON
and PAUL HORGAN

The hitherto unknown and unpublished journals of the man whom the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* calls, "One of the most interesting and important of all the men who saw and took part in the conquest of the American southwest." Book reviewers throughout the country are calling this book the great discovery in Western Americana during the last ten years.

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