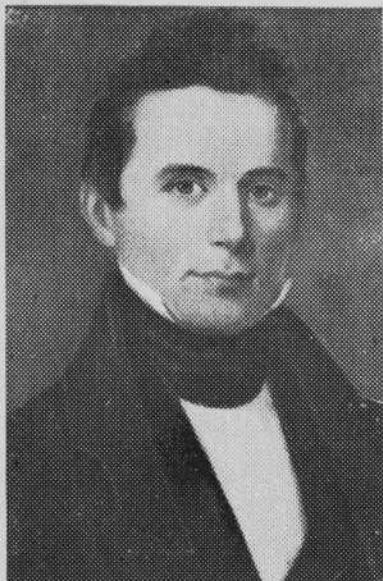

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HAROLD KEITH'S second book, *Sports and Games*, published last month by the Thomas Y. Crowell Company, New York (\$2.50), seems certain to be a double-barreled success.

It's crammed with interesting, inspirational and instructive material about sports and games that is sure to delight the heart of any normal boy. Conveniently organized with one chapter devoted to each of the most popular sports, the book tells a youngster interesting background material, colorful anecdotes, stories about the all-time stars of each sport, and then proceeds to tell accurately—but in simple language—just how to play each game and to develop skill in it.

It is hard to imagine any better or more useful gift for an active boy.

On the other hand, *Sports and Games* contains much material of interest to adults. The chapter on golf has many sound suggestions for developing skill in this popular form of adult recreation. And many adults will especially enjoy the chapters on badminton and bowling.

Even the spectator sports fan who never has the time or energy to participate in any sport himself will find that the background material in Keith's book, and his explanation of how various skills are developed and used by the experts, will greatly increase enjoyment of watching sports events. Almost always the person who says he doesn't like a particular sport will be found to lack an understanding and appreciation of the particular skills involved. To understand a game usually means to like it.

In addition to covering the major sports such as football, baseball, golf, tennis and swimming, *Sports and Games* devotes chapters to basketball, badminton, boxing, handball, bowling, wrestling, crosscountry, volleyball, softball, ice hockey, six-man football, and the various events of track and field.

Keith consulted numerous authorities in preparing this book, but he also wrote from a wealth of personal experience. As sports publicity director at the University of Oklahoma and sports correspondent for the *Daily Oklahoman*, *Kansas City Star*, *Omaha World-Herald* and other newspapers he has been intimately associated with a great variety of sports. As a student in the University he was a varsity athlete. In 1928 he won the 3000-meter steeplechase at the Pennsylvania Relays at Philadelphia; he was the Missouri Valley conference indoor mile and two-mile champion; and ran the anchor mile on Oklahoma's all-victorious medley relay quartet that won championships at the Texas, Rice and Kansas Relays.

Despite his heavy schedule of work,

he finds time to keep in first class physical condition. Only last month he entered the open mile event at an intercollegiate track meet in Colorado and ran a creditable race.

Keith's first book was *Boys' Life of Will Rogers*. He has written a number of short stories with sports backgrounds for *American Boy* magazine. For many years he has conducted a Sooner sports news department in *Sooner Magazine*. He has two degrees from O. U., a B. A. degree received in 1929, and an M. A. received in 1939.

Railroad Survey

The absorbing and authoritative journal of a topographic engineer sent out to find the most likely railroad route from Arkansas to Los Angeles, following roughly the thirty-fifth parallel, is the basis for the latest book from the University of Oklahoma Press—*A Pathfinder in the Southwest*, edited and annotated by Grant Foreman. (\$3.00.)

The young engineer was Lieutenant A. W. Whipple, who headed a party of civilian scientists, mineralogists, astronomers, naturalists, and artists, along with an escort of dragoons. The survey was made in the years 1853-54, after the California Gold Rush brought a great popular demand for better transportation facilities across the continent.

Whipple was a careful and enthusiastic observer. In his *Itinerary* he described the Indians and frontiersmen whom he met (many of them famous in the history of the West); the now famous ruins which he and his colleagues discovered; the Mexican settlements they visited; and with great clarity the wild, untrammelled beauty of an area unintruded by plow or white man. His route, incidentally, passed within a few miles of what is now the site of the University.

A Pathfinder in the Southwest is a worthy addition to the University Press's series on American Exploration and Travel.

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