
Books

Two EXCELLENT books by O. U. alumni came from the University of Oklahoma Press last month. They are *Covering the Mexican Front*, by Betty Kirk, '29ba, and *Flush Production*, by Gerald Forbes, '36ba, '37ma, '39ph.d.

Former Ambassador Josephus Daniels describes *Covering the Mexican Front* as "a volume that gives the best analysis and truest picture of Mexico of this decade."

Through her work since 1936 as Mexico City correspondent for such newspapers as *The London Times*, *The Christian Science Monitor* and *The Washington Post*, as well as free lance writing for magazines, Miss Kirk has accumulated material that is both interesting and informative.

She has covered the regimes of President Lazaro Cardenas, who consolidated the far-reaching social and political gains of Mexico's long revolution, and President Avila Camacho, who has directed political and social trends toward the "middle way."

Miss Kirk says that the Mexican Revolution was the first revolt of the masses to begin in this century, and also the first to swing back into the middle way. She contends that Mexico's solution is the solution which ought to be adopted by a world in revolution.

Mexico's complicated political and economic and social problems—difficult for the average newspaper reader to understand—are clarified by Miss Kirk as she describes the personalities and the various factors that have shaped the events of the last decade in Mexico.

She writes sympathetically, with an obvious love of Mexico and a warm hope for its continued progress, but she deals realistically with the clashes of interests that have kept Mexican affairs frequently in turmoil.

► Gerald Forbes, author of *Flush Production*, is now professor of history at Northeastern State College. He formerly worked on newspapers in Oklahoma, Texas and Florida, and had experience as an oil news reporter in boom days.

Flush Production is the story of oil in the Gulf Southwest, with particular attention devoted to the biographies of the rich oil pools of this area. Described as "a social history of oil," the book discusses such phases of the industry as geology and exploration, discovery, drilling, production, refining, by-products, transportation, applications of science, conservation, social interpretation, and folkways. Four chapters are devoted to the chronological development of the industry.

Mr. Forbes has done a fine job of bringing into focus the significant facts in the development of the southwestern oil industry.

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