

Noth Joins Books Abroad

Books Abroad, literary quarterly published by the University Press, has broadened its international reputation since Ernst Erich Noth was named associate editor this fall.

Noth, who fled Nazi Germany in 1933 and served 19 months in U. S. naval intelligence during World War II, is the author of 11 books. He has lectured in France and the U. S. and, as a writing editor, has two books scheduled for publication this year.

Noth speaks four languages, reads two others and is teaching O.U. classes. He has held posts with the National Broadcasting Company and contributed to the French section of "Voice of America" broadcasts. He hopes for collaboration of more well-known living authors both here and abroad. That shouldn't be difficult for Noth, who became an American citizen in 1948, because he knows personally many contemporary European writers.

Seeds Elected Chairman

Frances Seeds, associate professor of home economics at the University, was elected chairman of the Textiles and Clothing Teachers of the Central Region at a meeting in Chicago.

The group meets annually to improve the quality of teaching on the college level in the field of clothing.

Faculty Briefs . . .

► Carl Coke Rister, research professor of history, will go to Boston, Massachusetts, December 25-January 1 to attend the joint meeting of the American and the Mississippi Valley Historical Associations.

► D. R. Kimrey, '40ba, director of purchasing, went to Orange, Texas, October 19 to inspect surplus property in order to submit a bid.

► James H. Bragg, '36ms, head of photographic division, and Charles N. Hockman, '49ed, photographic service, went to Kansas City, Missouri, October 16-21 to put sound on the Lake Murray film for an Oklahoma Planning and Resources Board film.

► Lawrence Freeman, associate professor of business communications at the University, has been appointed assistant to the dean of the college of business administration.

► Paul MacMinn, dean of students, has been appointed chairman of the publication committee of the American College Personnel Association.

► Robert Gardner, instructor in art, won a \$100 prize for a gouache, "City Holiday," at the Indiana Artist club's annual exhibit in Indianapolis.

► Dr. Ralph W. Clark, dean of the pharmacy school, and Dr. Ralph Bienfang, professor of pharmacognosy, represented the University October 18 in Ponca City where L. R. Northcutt, 23pharm, was awarded the American druggist citation for outstanding community service.

► D. R. Kimrey, '40ba, director of purchasing, went to Fort Worth, Texas, to attend a regional meeting of the National Buyers Association, November 13-15.

► George G. Huffman, associate professor of geology, Carl A. Moore, chairman of the department of geological engineering, and E. A. Fredrickson, associate professor of geology, went to El Paso and Austin, Texas, to attend the annual meeting of Geological Society of American and to examine the Central Mineral Area November 8-15.

► F. G. Tappan, Boyd professor of Electrical Engineering, went to Kansas City, Missouri, to represent the engineering college and school of electrical engineering at the fall meeting of the American Society for Engineering Education October 27-30.

► Harrison Kerr, dean of the college of fine arts, went to Washington, D. C. and New York City October 7 for consultation with foundations and to attend meetings.

► Dr. Harold Hinman, director of the school of public health, and Kirk T. Mosley, professor of epidemiology, went to New York City October 21-29 to attend meetings of the American Public Health Association.

► Dr. R. L. Huntington, '17ba, professor of chemical engineering, went to San Antonio, Texas, to attend the annual meeting of Petroleum Division of American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers, October 4.

Schmitt Gets Indian Name

Dr. Karl Schmitt is an assistant professor of anthropology to University of Oklahoma students, but to Oklahoma's Wichita Indians, he's known as "Good Sport."

Schmitt, whose Indian nickname sounds something like "Ki-di-a," spent 10 weeks last summer living with the Wichitas near Anadarko, tracing their pattern of culture from 1850 to the present. He acquired the name because he participated in ceremonies and lived like an Indian.

Living in a grass arbor constructed by the Wichitas and joining in festivities was no life of ease for the 33-year-old anthropologist, his wife and five-year-old twins. "Sometimes," Schmitt explains, "we were short of sleep from staying up late attending pow-wows and dances." During the day, he talked with older tribesmen, often through interpreters, and assembled his research notes.

Schmitt hopes to reconstruct the Wichita's way of life during the latter half of the 19th century to fill a gap in the history of North American Indians. "Wichitas were very important in aboriginal days," he says, "but they suffered so much from white men's diseases that the tribe has decreased from an estimated 10,000 to 500 in the past 250 years. They are one of the few tribes still occupying a part of their original hunting grounds."

Building Named for Gould

The name of Dr. Charles N. Gould, founder of the University of Oklahoma geology school, will continue to be linked with his profession through the years.

Sooner regents have named OU's new \$400,000 geology building after the "father of Oklahoma geology," who died recently. Materials are being moved in for the project, which will be a three story fireproof structure with steel frame.

Frank Ives Attends Meet

Delegates to a regional personnel meeting in Atlanta, Georgia, November 16 to 18 heard a Sooner authority. Frank A. Ives, director of non-academic personnel and graduate placement at the University of Oklahoma, discussed "Starting a Personnel Program." He also served as consultant for a training institute. The meeting was in conjunction with sessions of the Southern Association of College and University Business Officers and the southern division of the National Association of Educational Buyers.

The Psalms of the Republic

Many years ago the writers and critics of this country began to realize that the United States was too broad, too complex, to be explained in prose. Prose lacked the free use of analogy, symbols and metaphor. Although the job was too monumental for prose, it was the natural workshop of poetry. Some poets began to assume the responsibility of trying to portray the magnitude and restlessness of a new and vigorous nation. Sandburg and Lindsay were two of the pioneers in the field emulating a bearded mystic named Whitman.

But in recent years the poets have slackened their efforts. Only one notable book of poetry has come forth to carry on the task. *For Spacious Skies* by Verdon L. Rogers, '42-'46 is the most recent and most successful attempt to capture that elusive and indefinable spirit, frustration and enthusiasm that is peculiarly American. Rogers, using a terse compact lyric style and with quick decisive strokes of verbal color, explains states with such clarity that no reader can fail to appreciate the poet's grasp and understanding.

In a short volume of some 56 pages the author considers each state in the union. And surprisingly enough, considering the space limitation, evokes the basic atmosphere of life in the particular locale. He captures the mood of the vulgar, thundering cities and the heartbreak, hope and despair of the countryside.

Oklahoma's diversity and culture are handled adroitly by the newest addition to the poets' circle. Oklahoma he says is:

*Native homeland
characteristic symbolism of untamed
heartbreaks
yet overflowing with humble pride;
Stream of incoherent babblings
quelled with intermittent spasms
of gusts from every point of beginning;
Sailing complacently in new and
untried propulsion;
Automatically whisking aside
any diversion to the
towering pinnacle of modern
progress.*

Rogers ability to see into the core of the situation is not accidental. His extensive travel, military duty as an army correspondent and staff member of the *Stars and Stripes* have endowed him with his sagaciousness. He is now owner and publisher of an Eldorado, Oklahoma newspaper.

Honest Abe on the Job

They call it "Lincoln, the Great Emancipator." That's the title Cleo Fitzgerald, '49ba, business manager of athletics and staff give the new "tickometer," an automatic ticket counting machine that has emancipated the office force of the ticket counting headaches.

Each ticket bought by the public has to be counted at least four times and this is where Lincoln comes in. It can count up to 60,000 ducats per hour, requiring only two girls to operate. Now Cleo is looking for a similar machine to answer his phone when fans inquire for 50-yard line seats.

Dean J. R. Rackley, '31ba '35ma, college of education, was in Biloxi, Mississippi, November 20-22 to represent the University of Oklahoma at the annual meeting of the Board of Control for Southern Regional Education.