

Now, western magazines have started reprinting them as models.

Oddly enough, Harris doesn't have much time to write now. His students follow him home of evenings, and what scribbling he does must be done in the early morning hours. However, he has found time to write a book, "The Basic Formulas of Fiction." Along with Campbell's manuals on writing, it has become another guide for struggling students from 18 to 70.

Like Campbell, Harris can tell his students a thing or two. There's a seasoning of Cherokee Indian blood in him. He knows his Injuns, his cowboys and badmen, for he's seen a few.

He has edited oil journals, worked as a "lease hound" and amateur geologist. He has seen boom towns where Texas Rangers, for lack of a jail, handcuffed their men to convenient trees. There were other towns, too, that "had their man for breakfast." Now it all adds up to experiences he can pass on to students sweating over a plot or action story, or something more sophisticated for the Post or Atlantic Monthly. The field is open for good writers.

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► E. E. Noth, associate editor of *Books Abroad*, attended the SMLA meeting in Little Rock, Arkansas December 26-29.

The men who can solve writing problems and two of their star pupils discuss a recent sale. On the left is Walter S. Campbell, director of courses in professional writing, and on the right is Foster Harris, assistant professor of English. In the center are Bill Gulick, '47, and Bill Scott, '49.

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