

New Books

from Sooners and the O.U. Press

THE LONG SUMMER OF GEORGE ADAMS

By Weldon Hill (David McKay Company)

In a small-town Oklahoma setting that is almost too typical, William R. Scott, '40-'41, (alias Weldon Hill) has attempted to repeat his best selling success with *Onionhead*. His new book is just what its title implies—the story of a long summer in the life on one George Adams. Digging deep into each of his characters, the author gives shape to their most personal thoughts and emotions, exposing them for all the world to see. Sometimes the reader feels he is learning more about the character than he really wants to know. Scott/Hill can be pardoned if his dialogue is occasionally a bit too folksy, for he is effectively giving life to a dying Oklahoma town—one of those places where “nothing ever happens.” This book corrects that misconception; plenty happens in just such a town even in the short time allotted to the *Long Summer*.
—CPR

THE CHICKASAW RANCHER

By Neil R. Johnson (Redlands Press)

Most families have that one colorful ancestor who had a hand in making history, and almost every session of hand-me-down tales ends with the remark that “someone ought to write a book about grandfather.” Neil R. Johnson, '15ba, '17Law, took this suggestion seriously and fortunately for both Johnson and his readers, he had a grandfather worth writing about. Montford T. Johnson, a Chickasaw of pre-statehood Oklahoma, was one of the great cattlemen of the early West, and the story his grandson tells of him contains all the romance and more of the truth than the average western yarn. Neil Johnson has successfully blended the old family tales with carefully researched background information to make his book a historical as well as a human saga.
—CJR

HENRY ADAMS AND BROOKS ADAMS: The

Education of Two American Historians

By Timothy Paul Donovan (University of Oklahoma Press)

This interpretation of the work of the brothers Adams is an adaptation of a doctoral dissertation by one of the brightest young historians to be graduated from O.U. in recent years, Dr. Timothy P. Donovan, '49ba, '50ma, '60ph.d. Pronounced a highly competent work of scholarship, Donovan's book will be of interest primarily to other historians. Now an assistant professor of history at Texas Technological College, Lubbock, Donovan is married to the former Eugenia Trapp, '60ba, Roll Call editor of *Sooner Magazine* from 1957 to 1960.
—CJR

OTHER BOOKS FROM THE O.U. PRESS:

The Annals of Murder, compiled by Thomas M. McDade, is a bibliography of books and pamphlets on American murders from colonial times to 1900 and a must for anyone interested in becoming an expert on such matters.

The Sand Creek Massacre by Stan Hoig investigates the causes and results of the controversial attack on a peaceful Cheyenne-Arapaho village by the troops of Colonel Chivington in the Colorado Territory of 1864.
—CJR

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