Belles Lettres and Bell Ringers

SEVEN new books, ranging in subject matter from southwestern history to biography, are included in the University of Oklahoma Press list for Fall publication.

Guthrie, Oklahoma's First Capital, written by Gerald Forbes, instructor in the College of Business Administration of the University, was scheduled for publication August 22. It is the third volume in the Historic Oklahoma Series, which deals with important historical sites in the state. Mr. Forbes' account gives the first complete story of the origins and early development of Guthrie.

John Walton Caughhey, associate professor of history in the University of California, Los Angeles, is the author of McGillivray of the Creeks, the life and collected letters of the Scotch-Indian leader to the Creek Indians during the late colonial period in America. It will be published October 15.

Carl Coke Rister, professor of history in the University, has written Southern Plainsmen, the story of the Southwestern area and its early settlers, for publication October 15. Mr. Rister's book presents a new picture of life in Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas and adjoining states in the period preceding and following the Civil War. Aside from the major movements of settlement and the formation of territorial and state governments, he gives attention to the daily life of the plainsmen, developing the folk ways of this colorful group.

For publication November 1, the Press has scheduled Richmond Coon Beatty's Lord Macaulay: Victorian Liberal, a biography of the English statesman and author. Mr. Beatty, the author of Bayard Taylor, published by the Press in 1936, has written the first modern biography of Macaulay, whose predictions about the success and failure of American democracy early in the nineteenth century have been the subject of frequent debate in this country. Mary Hays Marable, instructor in library science in the University, and Elaine Boylan, librarian of the Dallas Morning News, are co-authors of A Handbook of Oklahoma Writers, which will be published October 15. This book will offer the first complete list of Oklahoma writers and their works, a town list of state authors, a list of literary awards and distinctions won by Oklahomans, and biographical sketches of the more prominent authors. It will include such names as those of Burton Rascoe, George Milburn, Will Rogers, Stanley Vestal.

A journal of early northwestern exploration, Tabeau's Narrative of Louis' Expedition to the Upper Missouri, by Annie Heloise Abel-Henderson, the well-known western historian, will be published by the Press November 1. Pierre Tabeau, the narrator, wrote his interesting journal in French, and Mrs. Abel-Henderson's presentation of it in English will consequently make it available for the first time to the American public. Although little known, the journal approaches in importance the famous Lewis and Clark journals.

Grant Foreman, of Muskogee, appears on the Press list this Fall with Marcy and the Gold Seekers, the story of the emigrations to California in 1849 through Oklahoma and New Mexico. His book, to be published December 1, complements the book, Adventure on Red River, a journal of Captain Randolph B. Marcy's exploration of the Red River in Oklahoma in 1852. Marcy was also the leader of the emigrant gold seekers in the southwestern area, Mr. Foreman's book will be his ninth on the Press list.

The Press enjoyed its most successful year in the period from July 1, 1937, to June 30, 1938, according to a recent analysis. Its books were distributed more widely than during any previous fiscal year, and its total volume surpassed by a wide margin the figures for any one year since its founding in 1928.

Ross McLaury Taylor, '30, '33ma, who recently completed work for a Ph.D. degree in creative writing and literature at the University of Iowa, has been appointed instructor in composition and literature on the faculty of George Washington University, Washington, D.C. He visited several points in Oklahoma during the summer, collecting material for his second novel, which is planned as a sequel to the recently published Brazos.

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