Belles lettres and bell ringers

Sooner leaders


It is pleasing to note that of the twenty-one younger leaders of Oklahoma City Mr Harlow (ex '15) has chosen three Sooners: Leo Sanders, '19 eng., Lee Bennett Thompson, '25 arts-ge., '27 law, and Raymond Tolbert, '12 arts-sc., '13 law.

We have often heard it said that Oklahoma is the young man's state. This is not so true in these later days but nevertheless the building of a great state in a few years along progressive channels is in a great measure the work of young men. Consequently, there is value in recording the achievements of some of these younger leaders as an incentive to others to continue our progress. This Mr Harlow has done.

Mr Sanders is one of the principal engineers of the southwest, with an especially notable record in the field of construction. Mr Thompson is one of the younger leaders of the junior chamber of commerce as well as one of the state's leading younger attorneys. Mr Tolbert, regent of the university, is not only one of the Southwest's best known attorneys but he has an extraordinary record of achievement connected with his principal hobby—the University of Oklahoma. The inclusion of all three in Mr Harlow's interesting book is well merited.

Christopher Morley has some fine things to say about the university in the Saturday Review of Literature for September 26. Writing in his "The Bowling Green" column, he remarks:

"I should not like the University of Oklahoma to think that the Bowling Green has not noticed the fine work it is doing. The purpose of this turf, if any, is to keep a little space open for things not too easily noticeable. Usually being slow and lethargic, it takes us quite a while to get a focus on what really matters."

Two years ago we were thrilled by a reprint of The Spirit of Learning in a Motor Age, a fine address given by President W. B. Bizzell at the opening of the university's autumn session, September 17, 1929. (I wish a lot of other college presidents would read it and pass it on to their students.) Now I find in the University of Oklahoma's valuable quarterly Books Abroad, edited by Roy Temple House, an interesting little article on Rainer Maria Rilke.

"I am not under any misapprehension about Rilke. "The Journal of My Other Self," published a year ago by W. W. Norton, is "full of many special things that are meant for oneself alone and may not be spoken." But for a few readers it is of deep importance. Perhaps the University of Oklahoma is doing more than New York literary critics to keep alive this extraordinary book.

New bulletins

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"Annual Report of the President of the University to the Board of Regents," free on application to the secretary of the university.

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The Publications of the University of Oklahoma Biological Survey Volume III, Number 4, price twenty-five cents, has two papers: "Notes on a Small Collection of Crane-flies from Oklahoma, with Descriptions of New Species—Tipulidae-Diptera" by J. Speed Rogers of the University of Florida and "A Collection of Thysanoptera from Western Oklahoma" by J. R. Watson of the University of Florida. Order from the University of Oklahoma Press.

Into pictures

A Hollywood motion picture company has written Dr Edward Everett Dale, '11 arts-sc., head of the history department, regarding possible production of Frontier Days (Houghton Mifflin), which Doctor Dale edited. The book consists of the memoirs of Frank M. Canton, noted federal officer.

"Sonnets around Ulysses" by Dr Gustav Mueller, assistant professor of philosophy, was published last summer by the Frankie Press of Berne, Switzerland.

This publication deals with the equipment and methods used in completing oil wells and with the equipment and methods used in producing or lifting oil to the surface. It includes a description of ordinary well equipment and production practice, and discusses the means of detecting various production troubles, their causes and effects, and methods of prevention and remedy. Mechanical difficulties encountered in producing oil and the troubles resulting from conditions within the sand and the formations penetrated in drilling also are discussed. This book represents work done under a co-operative agreement between the United States Bureau of Mines and the State of Oklahoma.

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