**BOOKS**

**Russians Behave Like Russians—**

*Why They Behave Like Russians* by John Fischer, ’32ba. Harper and Brothers, $2.75.

This book, from the first page to the last, is as exciting and absorbing as a mystery novel. It is an interesting, well-written account of—well, "why they behave like Russians." John "Jack" Fischer is one of the best informed men in America today on Soviet affairs. He met many Russians, big and small, while traveling with a UNRRA group throughout that country. Their activities provide 262 pages of entertainment and enlightenment and give the reader a better understanding of the USSR system as it affects the Russian people.

Mr. Fischer discusses intelligently the fear that pervades Russia, from the highest officials to the most lowly peasants—the fear of being attacked. Surprisingly enough the author concludes that, in his opinion, Russia could not possibly be large enough for another large-scale war in this generation. He presents a clear picture of present and potential Russian power, as he saw it, despite the secrecy with which Russian activities are guarded.

This book is written in informal, narrative style. It is an unbiased report, neither a defense nor an indictment of the Soviet system. Mr. Fischer has his own ideas on how to get along with the Russians; they appear sound and well thought-out.

*Why They Behave Like Russians* was a Book-of-the-Month selection. Some of the material was originally published as a series of articles in Harper’s. It is a book that can be read, understood and enjoyed by anyone.—Thelma Gill,"47ba.

**Texans Honor Author J. L. Rader**

J. L. Rader, ’08ba, ’13ma, librarian at the University since 1905 and the builder of the largest book and manuscript collections used by thousands of students and faculty members, was roundly honored by Texans on June 28, when his new book, *South of Forty*, from the Mississippi to the Rio Grande: A Bibliography, was launched by Dallas booksellers.

Throughout the day he autographed copies of his book, at McMurray’s Book Shop, which presided over by Elizabeth Ann (McMurray) Ellegood, ’35ba, one of the most active of Texas booksellers. At noon he was entertained at a luncheon given by the Dallas Morning News, and in the evening he was the guest of honor at a reception given by Mr. and Mrs. Evrett L. DeGolyer at their suburban home. The reception was held in the DeGolyer’s library, which houses one of the largest private collections of western America. Guests included literary editors, Texas friends of the author, and persons interested in Southwestern literature and history.

Mr. DeGolyer is one of the University’s best known graduates. He received his BA degree in 1911. Mrs. DeGolyer is the former Nell Virginia Goodrich, ’06bm, ’07ba. During part of Mr. DeGolyer’s undergraduate years Mr. Rader was the assistant librarian of the University, a post he assumed in 1904.

The University was represented by President George L. Cross and Tom R. Benefield, ’28law, recently elected member of the Board of Regents, both of whom flew down to Dallas for the occasion; Will Ransom, art editor of the University of Oklahoma undergraduate paper, publisher of Mr. Rader’s book, and Mrs. Ransom; and Savoie Lottinville, director of the University Press, ’29ba, and Mrs. Lottinville, ’28ba.

Interviews with the author and extensive reviews of his book were carried by both the Dallas Morning News and the Dallas Times Herald on Sunday following the events honoring Mr. Rader. The author spent more than 25 years assembling the information contained in his book, which is a bibliographical listing of nearly 4,000 printed works relating to the Southwest, from the earliest period of discovery to 1939. It was published June 25 by the University Press in quarto format.

**‘Books Abroad’ Is Praised**

*Books Abroad*, a quarterly journal containing reviews of foreign literature and edited by Roy T. House, professor of modern languages at the University of Oklahoma, was praised recently in an article which appeared in the Hungarian weekly magazine, *Uj Magyarorszag* (New Hungary).

The article, written by Joseph Remenyi, appeared in the May 10 issue. It is translated as follows:

"One cannot judge the United States of America fairly without taking into consideration the cultural characteristics of that country. It may be said that the highly developed technical status of the American republic at times affects adversely the soundness of public opinion there, but Americans do very generally strive for objectivity. This is not written to flatter the United States, but we should not be fair to that country if we failed to mention certain meritorious activities carried on there. It is common to sneer at the cleanliness and comfort of Americans, but the silliest Americans are in Hollywood, because it would be just as wrong to judge the United States by Hollywood as it would be to judge Hungary by its coffeehouse life or the barefooted misery of certain of our slums. "America has blessed regions and blessed institutions. One of these admirable institutions is the painstaking quarterly journal *Books Abroad*. This review appears in the same state which American writers of farces and operettas choose as the scene of their activities, much as the libretto writers of Budapest used to locate their extravaganzas in the Balkans before World War One. It is rather characteristic that even so serious a writer as Franz Kafka refers to Oklahoma in one of his fantastic novels as a region where silliness and oddity are the comic relief which is all that lends color to a complete spiritual darkness. On the contrary, Oklahoma has every reason to be proud of her cultural life. It is a frank and free state whose contributions to literature and art are numerous and important. "One of the most highly respected of these activities is *Books Abroad*. Its editor, Roy Temple (Continued on page 17)"
“How does it feel to be Layne’s lackey boy?” yelled a third.

Wall yields a walk, Joe Blake triples home the first Sooner run, then Wall walks three more in a row.

“What’s the matter? Is that plate jumpin’ on you?” Jimmy Mitchell taunts him.

It’s another night and the college ball players can detect a pitching collapse. Blake rolls a big part—Choctaw Sooner third-sacker, had said one inning previously as he came to the bench after popping out:

“He’s getting so tired he’s just about ripe.”

Blake’s right. Soon the Texas lead goes to 7-4. Falk pulls Wall, sends in Layne. The Sooner abuse a pitching collapse. Bill Sims, Soonersub catcher.

Coach do?

“Gonna tiethis up and win it.” The Soonercoach.

“Hit theheck out of thatone, didn’t he?” Baer says.

Baer finds Falk, the Texas coach, in the center. He isa brilliant translator, and a poet. The journal has been subsidized by substantial founda-

ions, the Rockefeller Foundation, the American Educa-

tional Foundation, the American Council of Learned Societies, the Carl Schurz Me-

morial Foundation, the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. Among the contributors are to be found the names of many distinguished scholars.

The longer articles in the magazine deal with a variety of subjects, and each issue brings a large number of short book reviews.

“Hungarians will be interested in learning that this is the only publication in America which reviews Hungarian books. It has carried longer or shorter articles on Michael Babits, Julius Juhász, Sigmund Moricz Ignocs, and other Hungarian writers and poets. Books Abroad, as a matter of fact, is interested in the most varied currents in the literary and intellectual life of all countries. Its columns give voice to the literature of China and the Argentine, France and Russia, Finland and Scandinavia. Books Abroad is a vigorous publica-

tion of incontestable vitality. The editor plays no favorites among the "small" and "great" literatures.

He is just as ready to give generous space to the "minor" literatures as to the "major" ones. He judges books not by the place of their origin but by their intrinsic merit. He has not laid out a hierarchy of Hungarian, Finnish, Estonian, Croatian, Bulgarian literatures; he is interested only in what a book has to offer. His magazine is amaz-

ingly universal.”

The fighting Sooner rally, Pugsley triples to right. Although the Texas fielder plainly touched and deflected the ball against the fence, Umpire

refused to call it foul. Police

and the tying run, now only moves Pugsley to second. Blake

fuseto lethim passto his dressingroom.

Police

bo the umpire, surrounds him, jostles him, re-

fusing to let him pass to his dressing room. Police have to rescue him.

Baer restrains the angry Soone rs. They shake

hands with the Texas players, then slouch to their automobiles and climb in. It’s tough to overcome a seven-run lead and then see the umpires take it away from you.

Baer finds Falk, the Texas coach, in the center of the field and congratulates him.

Jack, I don’t like to win a game that way.”

Falk says.

Baer musters a grin and throws his hat at the cornet instructionalfilmsin the production of “Shy Guy,” a film designed to stimulate think-

ing of boys and girls on the causes of self-consciousness.

Charles A. Ward, ’48, Heber Springs, Arkansas, editor of the Oklahoma Daily for spring of ’46, signed his name to "Eddie" in keeping with the School of Journalism’s tradition. Looking on from left to right are other editors of the Daily, Quentin Peter, ’49, Homay, who will be the editor for fall of ’47; Joe Fleming, ’48, Langley, summer ’47 editor; Peg Marchant, ’47 Bob, Oklahoma City, fall ’46 editor, and Bill Epperlein, ’48, Tulsa, summer editor ’46.

Capt. Herman Jones in Japan

Eighth Army Headquarters recently announced that Capt. Herman A. Jones, Jr., 36tharm, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman A. Jones of Coolgate, is now serving with medical section, Eighth Army head-

quarters.

Captain Jones was commissioned a second lieu-

tenant in the field artillery reserve at University in 1936. He was not called to active duty until March 12, 1942 when he entered the Medical Ad-

ministrative Corps at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

Prior to his overseas assignment, Captain Jones served with various hospitals within the United States. Sailing overseas on December 13, 1946 he was assigned to the 172nd Station Hospital upon arrival in Japan, and was later transferred to Eighth Army headquarters where he now performs the duties of chief of the administrative branch, medi-

cal section.

Prior to entering the service, Captain Jones was co-owner of Bayless Drug Company, Ada.

His wife, Mrs. Mary Jones, resides at Ada.

Alumnus Does Okay on Guam

Lt. Col. Victor L. Clines, ’17, a veteran of World War I and World War II, directs a big business in Guam.

As director of the central exchange of Marbo, Colonel Clines operates a $8,000,000 business. He deals in everything from pins to automobiles. In fact he has 28 machines of all makes on the way to Guam.

The Colonel was one of the first of 42 officers flown into China as a part of the mission of General Marshall.

He is a member of Kappa Sigma Fraternity. His family has joined him on the island of Guam.

Dr. Alice Sowers, family life institute director at the University of Oklahoma, collaborated with the Cornet instructional films in the production of “Shy Guys,” a film designed to stimulate think-

ing of boys and girls on the causes of self-consciousness.

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