

22, 1889, when the shot was fired that poured white settlers, by the galloping hundreds and thousands, into that section of unassigned lands, known as "Old Okla-

Save this sheet and if, on some winter evening, you can lure an old Old-Timer into a talking mood, spread it out on the table before him. Then, while the same wind that whistled across the prairies rattles the branches of your own welltrimmed trees, the spirit of the Indian country will breathe it into life. It will cease to be a flat bit of paper.

Before you will lie wind-swept plains, rolling hills, blackjack woodlands and unspanned rivers. Across this land will bawl the long-horned herds, driven northward to be sold for gold. Westward through it will rattle stagecoaches and creak covered wagon wheels. (Gold in California, in '49.)

Red men will gallop over buffalo grounds in the annual hunt for winter food. On the hills ceremonial dances will honor ancient gods. Along the trails will come trappers and traders. Outlaws will seek hidden caves. And into the wilderness to the northeast will struggle earnest churchmen bearing the white man's creed.

Headed toward the western outposts will canter troopers of the U.S. Cavalry, and into the open spaces will pour tribe after tribe of stranger Indians, driven from their own home lands to the north, east, south and west. Some will come by horse, some by rivers. But most will walk, leading sagging ponies, weighed down under their tribes remaining "all." The shoulders of children will bend under loads designed for their fathers, while the backs of their elders will carry the very old, the very young and the very sick.

And as you listen to the thunder of hoofs, the rattle of stages, the crack of gunfire, the shout of the hunt, or the creak of wagon wheels-penetrating all will be a long, low wail . . . Walking barefoot from the south and eastward, on bleeding, aching feet, will struggle the remnants of a cultured people—on the last lap of the Trail of Tears.

The map can tell a throbbing story of a west that was sometimes crimson, but never drab. Lackey, however, accompanies it with a brief, matter-of-fact statement, which reads:

"Prior to the Act of 1830, which made this area a part of the Indian Territory, it had been occupied by the Tawakonis, tribes ultimately were settled as shown.

"It was included in Arkansas territory in 1817, and part of it remained therein until 1828 . . . After the Kansas and Nebraska Act of 1854, it was the only remaining 'Indian Territory.'

"'Old Oklahoma' opened (for the purpose of white settlement) April 22, 1889: Pottawatomie and Absentee Shawnee reservation, Sept. 22, 1891; Cheyenne-Arapaho, April 19, 1892; Cherokee outlet, Sept. 16, 1893; Kickapoo, May 23, 1895; 'Greer County' autumn of 1896; Wichita and Kiowa-Comanche, autumn, 1901 . . . 'No Man's Land' was opened by the 'organic act' of 1890; Iowa and Sac and Fox lands, Sept. 22, 1891.

'The Dawes Commission, appointed in 1893, obtained agreements from each of the Civilized Tribes to accept individual allotments. The Choctaws, Chickasaws and Seminoles agreed in 1897, and the Cherokees and Creeks in 1900.'

Today, when the state of Oklahoma numbers among its citizens nearly onethird of all the Indians in this country, few can picture these things: The strength of the "red man's world" found by Columbus-a two-continent Indian Territory. reaching from the Arctic to Cape Horn . . The powerful tribes, roving free on vast prairies, of which Coronado wrote, "They are a kind people. They are faithful friends." . . . The chiefs of numerous small tribes, being treated by General Washington as though each were a mighty king, while the first president established the

custom of dealing, always, by treaty. Yet, none of the many threads that finger into the past, tax the credulity of the present day Oklahoman, like the tragic tale of how these lands, named the "Indian Territory" in 1830, became the last refuge of some three-score homeless tribes

Uncle Sam: Debtor

Allthough they have long-since been dispossessed of their original lands, the Indians still make an issue of it. Claims running into the billions are now on file with congress in behalf of numerous tribes. For some interesting details about this, see Page 5-D.

cil and paintbrush. He has just completed one series of 58 historical Indian paintings for the Thomas Gilcrease Foundation at Tulsa, and is beginning work on a new series. In this pictorial document-printed in honor of American Indian day which this year falls on September 27—Lackey has set forth several decades of authentic Oklahoma history, covering (in particular) that period from the formation of "The Indian Territory" (in 1830) to the opening of its several red men's nations and reservations for the purpose of white settlement. The Panhandle is not shown on the map because it did not figure to any extent in the state's history.

little more than a century ago. (Historian Grant Foreman names 60 tribes whose blood is still represented in Oklahoma, while less than half a dozen of these are native to this land.)

Okla-humma is Choctaw for "red people," or freely translated, "home of the red man." And such this ground was to become when tribes from the east and south were pushed back across the Mississippi to seek a home on lands, which (it was thought) no white man would ever want. Tribes from the north, west and southwest were made homeless by seekers for land and gold.

To list these tribes and tell their stories would be to fill a five-foot shelf with books you wouldn't believe anyway. No more pathetic chapter would be there than the story of the Quapaw Indians, once owners of vast lands south of the Arkansas (which included much of present Oklahoma). These lands (30 million acres) they sold to the government by treaty for \$1 per thousand acres-onetenth of one cent per acre.

Later, by another treaty, they were divested of remaining lands and removed to Red River lowlands. There they planted three times the first year. The first two plantings were flooded out, the third died in drouth. Their only remaining food being a meager supply of fish, 60 of the tribe actually starved to death. Young women were found in the agonies of death, one with a live baby tugging at her breast—a dead child by her side.

The whole sad story of the thousands of immigrant Indians, converging from a score of states, is best illustrated by that part of the Southern exodus, called the Trail of Tears. This saga of the spectacuguish of the exiled Arcadians pales. Prior to 1830, the Five Civilized Tribes

lar moving of some 60,000 human beings from the lands of their ancestors is a tale of human suffering beside which the an-

(Choctaw, Creek, Chickasaw, Cherokee and Seminole) prospered and grew in culture in Georgia, Alabama, Florida and neighboring states. Gold was discovered in 1829 in the Old Cherokee Nation in Georgia. The state promptly claimed the land, and all gold and silver therein. That same year. Andrew Jackson assured assembled tribal leaders that the land of "the Indian Country," to be given them out west, should remain theirs "as long as the grass grows and water flows."

Jackson had an axe to grind. He'd been elected to the presidency in 1828, partly upon a plank in his platform promising the Indian removal. In due course, treaties were signed by various means that would have given Washington's peruke a permanent wave. A letter written by Jackson, still on file in the library of congress, says plainly: "We were compelled to promise to John Doe (and others) the sum of \$1,000 (each) to stop (their) mouths."

No one need write the rest of the story. Just open the record anywhere, and read what was jotted down by men who walked the Indian, trail, 116 years ago.

William S. Colquhon, special agent in charge of part of the Choctaw immigra-tion, wrote, Dec. 10, 1831: "The weather is colder now here than ever known before and the rains have been incessant. The (boat) which I intended for Little Rock put the Indians out at the Post . This error has thrown together . . . about 2,300. I understand they have no other means of transportation than 40 wagons and the roads are impassable... party (just arrived) ... are a wretched set of beings nearly naked and have marched the last 24 hours through sleet and snow barefooted. If I could have done it I would have given them shoes.'

About a thousand of the Choctaw emigrants tried to make their way through the swamps to Louisiana, and became lost in a wilderness of ice and snow. One of the

Capt. John Page, in charge of 630 Creeks, Dec., 1834, wrote: "We were up every morning by 4 o'clock let the weather be what it would . . . and worked hard and suffered much from day light until sun down to get six and sometimes ten miles. It rained, snowed and hailed almost every day and freezing at the same time.

"We were compelled to thaw the tents and blankets before we could roll them up to put them in the wagons in the morning. The children and sick Indians had to go in the wagons on top of their baggage and to prevent them from freezing we were compelled to have fires along the road and take them out and warm them, dry their blankets . . . and replace them again in the wagons.

"Strick attention had to be paid to this or some must inevitably have perished and there was continued crying from morning to night with the children. I used to encourage them by saying the weather would moderate . . . and it would be warm, but it never happened."

Capt. J. T. Sprague, in charge of another party of Creeks, of whom 29 died on the way, jotted down that "with nothing more than a common cotton garment thrown over them, their bare feet exposed to ice, to sleet and frozen ground" they made futile pleas to him to clothe their nakedness-while he "could do nothing."

The diary of an officer with a group of Chickasaws tells of terrible days in the swamps, when their wagons bogged down and broke apart under the awful strain; and 70 or 80 ponies, exhausted by their struggles through the muck were left dead -stuck in the mud. In their extremity, those who finally reached Little Rock were induced to continue by steamboat and, thereby, found a variation of misery. Smallpox broke out on the Itaska, and when the boat reached its destination 500 of the Indians had died.

Apparently, but one man on the Chickasaw trek had any good out of the journey. Capt. Gouvernour Morris (grandfather of the author) found a sure cure for the headache. He learned to catch a garter snake and coil it inside his hat—a practice continued throughout his lifetime.

Many of the wealthy Cherokees moved of their own accord on their own widebottomed flatboats, taking their treasures and slaves, when the state set up a lottery under which white people were permitted

the homes of these cultured people. But those who refused to believe such a calamity had befallen, those who fled and hid, were ferreted out by soldiers and driven westward by herds.

Journals of many pages detail their story. One churchman, writing at the Moravian mission reported: "We were disturbed by the arrival of a company of soldiers with 200 poor prisoners, Indians, soaked through by the rain, whom they drove through the Chickamauga river like cattle . . . It was pitiful to see the poor folks, many old and sick, many little children, many with heavy packs on their backs, and all utterly exhausted. In the confusion, some had left behind their children ... other children had run away from their parents in terror."

On June 10, the Moravian brother wrote again: "... (another) company of soldiers passed ,with a large party of prisoners, and in spite of the rain they drove them before them like cattle.

This was the "human cattle drive" on which 4,000 Indians perished—the Cherokee "Trail of Tears."

Last to move were the Seminoles, who put up a fight for the swamps and hummocks of Florida which they called "home." So bitterly did they defend their right to the dank and moss-grown land, which held the bones of their fathers, that it cost the government \$20 millions in money and the lives of 1,500 soldiers to dig them out, put them in chains and ship them west. Historians say some killed their young children, lest the feeble cries of starving babies reveal family hiding

With the passing of years more enlightened treatment came from the successive "Great White Fathers" in Washington. By the turn of another century, members of the Five Civilized Tribes had accepted individual allotments of ground. Schools were built, hospitals provided, agencies improved. Lands were cultivated, cattle increased and oil came.

Yet, today, the red man's problems are manifold. In little more than one generation the Indians of Oklahoma have lost 27,000,000 of the 30,000,000 acres of land they once owned. And when the "White Fathers" in Washington heard the cry of economy after World war II, that economy began with the indian services. They

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Truck Drivers To Compete In Fair Road-eo

C. M. Bozeman is 38 years old, and has been driving trucks almost half his life. In 16 years behind the wheel of commercial motor carriers he has logged one and one half million miles. For the past 10 years he has driven

for Lee Way Motor Freight. For them he has pushed a big tractor-trailer 850,000 miles without a serious acci-

Sunday he and a group of other Lee Way drivers will have a contest. The winner will drive in the Associat-ed Motor Carriers of Oklahoma 1947 Truck Road-eo September 24-25 at the State Fair.

Two Lines Compete
Two motor carrier lines in the city are having contests among their drivers for the distinction of competing in the state contest. Others have chosen drivers on their record, or by vote of the drivers themselves.

Whoever the contesants, these things are assured: they have been driving for their company for at least one year; they have driven the equipment in which they compete for at least two-thirds of that time; and they have driven for that year without a charge-

Already 33 drivers have been entered in the contest. Two more will be chosen in the inter-company contests held Sunday at Lee Way and Sooner

Expenses to Los Angeles The winners of the two-day contest at the fair will get an all-expensespaid trip to Los Angeles, where they will compete in the national American Trucking association contest.

The Oklahoma contest will be di-

The Oklahoma contest will be divided into three classes. One, the Oilfield class, is a special contest held
only in this state. It is not recognized at the ATA national Road-eo.
Winners of the oilfield contest will
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the tractors will be parked on a line,
the tractors will be parked on the field. None of the
cash prizes offered for this and the
other Road-eo events, city merchants
have offered about 40 awards of merchandise.

The Road-eo will open Wednesday
and the trailer parked some distance

and the straight truck class are the test. and the straight title class are the nationally recognized divisions. In the Road-eo here next week winners of the tractor-trailer class will get a cash prize of \$150. First prize money for the tractor-trailer class will get a cash prize of \$150. First prize money for the condition of the Road-eo, second ever out the one they wish to drive in the Road-eo. Then they take the field war, the state fair board has prothe straight truck class is \$100. Other cash prizes in the two divisions here are: Tractor-trailer—second prize, \$75; third prize, \$35. Straight truck—

The oil field contest, special Oklahoma attraction at the Road-eo, will tests will be run, and the champion require drivers to demonstrate their driver of Oklahoma named. Cash Prizes Offered

At the national contest, where winners of the two classes in each state holding a Road-eo this year will compete, the first prize is \$50 a month for 12 months. Second prize is \$30 a month for a year; and third prize is \$20 a month for the same period.

The Road-eo consists of three parts. First drivers must pass a physical inspection, in which they are graded on their personal appearance. Second they take three written examination on safe driving rules, the trucking in-

on sate driving rules, the trucking industy, and first aid. Third are the field, or driving, tests.

The field tests will be the big drawing card for spectators at the Road-eo held at the state fair here. In them the driver demonstrates his ver through a narrow space; back up to a dock in a narrow alley; park parallel to the curb; drive down a line of stakes; and put out a fire.



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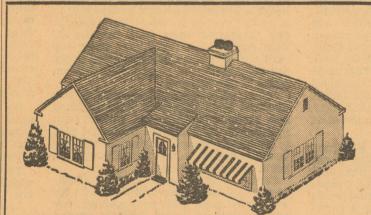
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State Business Is Tabulated

NORMAN, Sept. 20—(Special)—How's business in Oklahoma?

The University of Oklahoma's bu-reau of business research has been answering that question for those who are interested for 19 years. The information supplied by the bureau in its monthly publication, "The Okla-homa Business Bulletin," is based on scientific, unbiased studies made by a staff of faculty members and advanced students in the OU college of business administration.

Sent free to those who ask for it mary of business conditions not only in Oklahoma but also in adjoining states now has a mailing list of 1,200. The circulation jumped from 800 in only five months and still is growing.

how what's happened in various fields

and the factors behind the changes."
Part of the bureau's information, ranging from postal receipts to build-ing permits, is gleaned from reports of federal and state agencies, railroads, banks, department stores, and chamfarm cash income.

Everyone Is Late Except Dr. Stork

ARKANSAS CITY, Kan., Sept. 20—(Special)—The stork beat Mrs. Homer G. Cox, 518 North A street

A son, Jerry Lynn, was born in the car bringing Mrs. Cox to the hospital as it reached the parking lot in the rear of the building.

Mrs. Cox and her mother. Mrs. Haynes, who was driving, had been to Geuda Springs to bring Mrs. Cox's other two small sons home.

The hastily summoned physician also was late. Both mother and baby were re-

Baptist Pastor Takes New Place

One new feature of the publication is the use of summary tables compardent of missions in the Mullins Bapdent of missions in the Muhins Bapting the previous month's business changes and those occurring in the first six months of the year with the same periods a year ago. Charts also are used to outline trends.

Francis R. Cella, director, explains that the bureau attempts only "to interpret general business trends and to the previous months business trends and to the previous months business trends and to the previous months business in the Muhins Baptist association since February, will become associate pastor of Immanuel Baptist church here, Rev. J. C. Dodson, pastor, announced.

A former school teacher in Texas, Rev. Glosup attended Decatur Baptist college, Decatur, Texas, Baylor terroret general business trends and to

Seminary, Fort Worth.

Before coming to Duncan he was pastor of several churches in Texas His first Oklahoma pastorate was in Hastings. From there he went to Chattanooga and later was superinbers of commerce. The U. S. department of agriculture, for example, provides data on prices, marketing and sionary of the Baptist general convention of Oklahoma.

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glary.

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When the car stopped south of Cherokee and the two boys got out, hand to take them to the county where they are being held for Missouri authorities.

Dormitory Elects

NORMAN, Sept. 20-(Special)-Dick Boulton, Rochester, N. Y., has

State Man Writes Of Jap Prison Life ARDMORE, Sept. 20—(Special)—Col. William C. Braly has written a

been elected president of Worcester book about his experiences in a Jap house, men's dormitory at the Uni- prison camp after the fall of Corre-

CHEROKEE, Sept. 20—(Special)—
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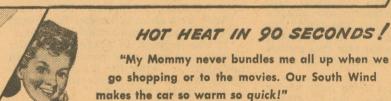
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