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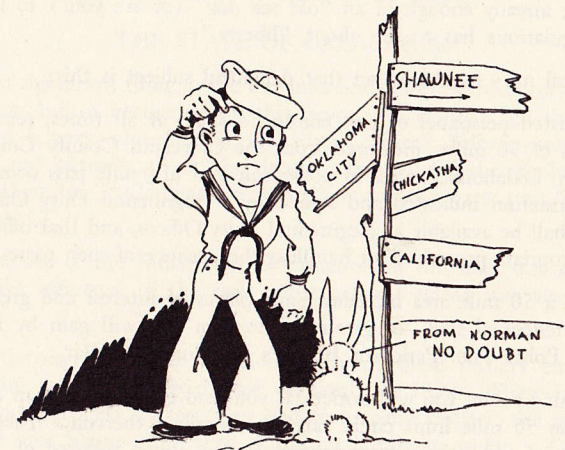


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RIPLEY WILL AGREE WITH US

Sure, we know that Oklahoma is not as nice a spot as is your home state—no place is! That's true whether you were born and "raised" near the rock bound coast of Maine, close by a liltng water fall in New Mexico, or even if you came from the lush golden state of California. Now with that momentous question solved to your satisfaction, let's proceed. There are many spots of interest and enjoyment located within the borders of the State. All you need to know is where those good spots are—hence the purpose of this little booklet. Read on Mates—

This booklet eliminates the obvious. The answers to such questions as, "Hi bud, where's a good snooker joint?", or "Say sailor, where can I get a hamburger?" or "Pardon me sir, but could you direct me to a good tattooing artist?" will not be found on the following pages. But as long as you have some spare time on your hands, take a moment to read and see what this State does have to offer. Plan yourself a trip or two for pleasure and profit.

DON'T GET FOULED UP

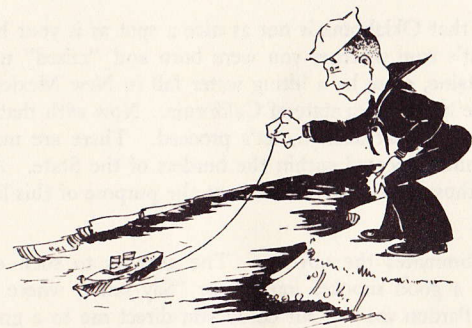
You are already enough of an "old sea dog" (or are you?) to know what Navy Regulations has to say about "liberty."

The local navy regulation on that delightful subject is this:

"Enlisted personnel of this command shall, at all times, remain within a radius of 50 miles, measured from the Cleveland County Courthouse at Norman, Oklahoma, unless in possession of a fifty-mile pass complete as to all information indicated and signed by a Regimental Duty Officer. Pass forms shall be available at Regimental Duty Offices, and that office shall set up appropriate procedure for handling the issuance of such passes."

Such a 50 mile area includes many places of interest and great value to your intellectual soul—of greater value than you will gain by frequenting Perry's Polite Pool Parlor or Bertha's Bubbling Beer Bar.

In this booklet you will notice (if you read carefully) a map of this area with the 50 mile limit circle carefully inscribed thereon. Take care that your social obligations are confined to the inner recesses of that circle. Oh yes, you may receive permission to go beyond the 50 mile limit. The only question the Shore Patrol will ask you is, "Do you have a pass which is good beyond the 50 mile limit?" A quiet conversation with your Regimental Duty Officer before you go ashore is all that you will need to receive this pass for such a lengthy venture into the hinterland of this State.



JUST BY WAY OF INTRODUCTION

(Reading time—45 seconds—by Bulova)

THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

The most significant thing in the romantic and colorful history of Oklahoma is the former Indian occupation of this region. A century ago the pressure of the land hungry whites drove the Five Civilized Tribes westward into Oklahoma and virtually all of the present state except the Panhandle was granted to them for "As long as the grass grows and the water runs." (drought years excepted.)

The influence of the Indian in the formation of the state was significant. However, the influence of the early white pioneer settler was also of great importance.

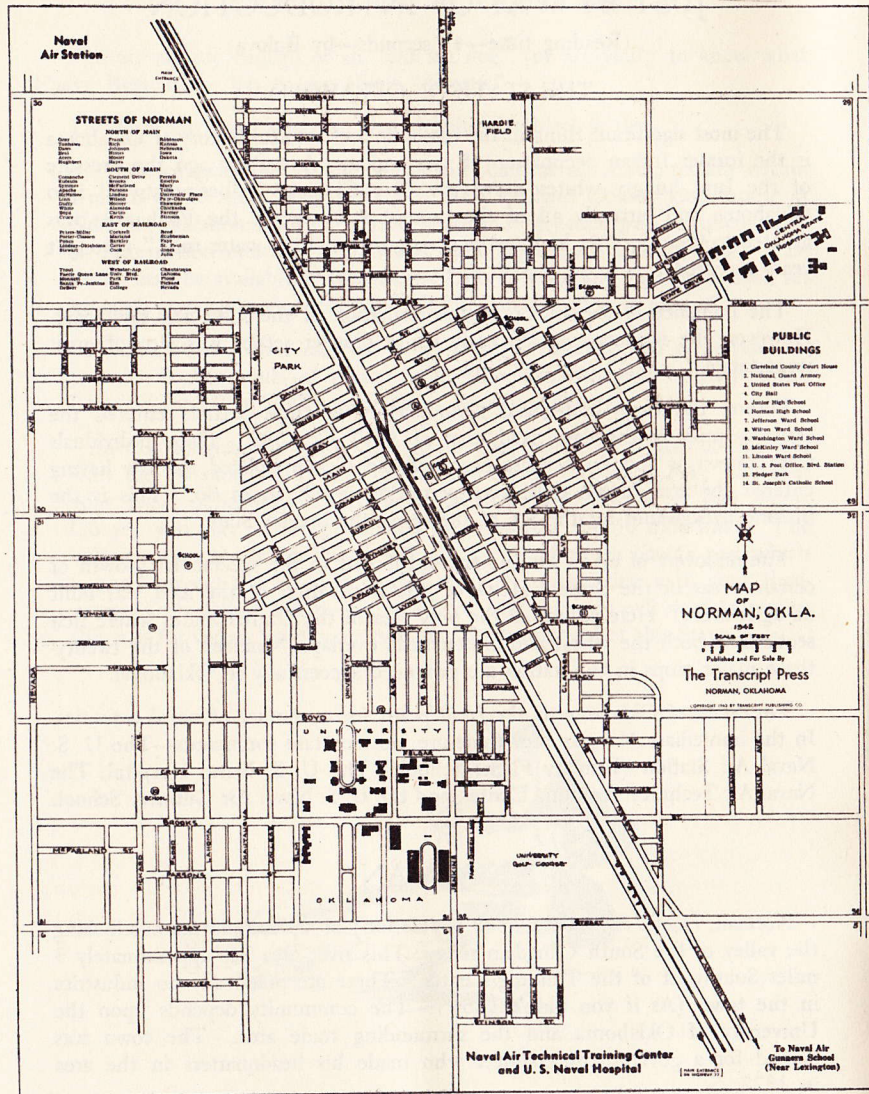
During the early homestead period many of these settlers entered the territory prior to the date fixed, that of April 22, 1889. These individuals were known as Sooners because they had technically violated the law having entered the area before they were permitted legally so to do. This is the historic background for the use of the term, the Sooner State.

The discovery of oil in Oklahoma contributed to the spectacular growth of certain areas in the State. However, the foundation of the area was built on agriculture. Here is located the only area in the United States where rich sections of both the wheat and cotton belts overlap. Nineteen of the twenty-three major crops in the nation are produced successfully in Oklahoma.

The State of Oklahoma is the focal point for a number of naval activities. In the immediate Norman area there are four separate commands—The U. S. Naval Air Station (Primary Flight School), The U. S. Naval Hospital, The Naval Air Technical Training Center, and the U. S. Naval Air Gunnery School.

NORMAN

Norman, (1,600 Altitude, 14,000 population) occupies a plateau overlooking the valley of the South Canadian river. This river area lies approximately 3 miles Southwest of the Training Center. There are practically no industries in the town (As if you didn't know). The community depends upon the University of Oklahoma and the surrounding trade area. The town was named for a government engineer who made his headquarters in the area in 1872.



The campus of the University of Oklahoma adjoins the boundary of the Training Center on the North. On this campus there are 41 buildings. The Gothic type of architecture predominates and the campus is one of the show places of the state.

In the Museum of Paleontology, housed in the School of Geology, is an amazing collection which attracts the attention of students and tourists from all over the world. There are 100,000 invertebrate fossils, collected from all over the world but coming very largely from the various rock strata of Oklahoma. The collection of vertebrate fossils is very valuable also. This museum is open to the public daily from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. and on Sundays from 2 to 5 p.m.

OKLAHOMA CITY

Oklahoma City—1,194 ft. altitude, 250,000 population BMC (Before the military came), is the capital and largest city in the State. It is located approximately one gasoline ration coupon (20 miles) north of the Training Center on Highway 77.

The Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce lists seven musts (and you can believe them) which every salty sea-going sailor should see ere he leaves the State. Here they are.

LINCOLN PARK—This is the largest of Oklahoma City's 71 parks. It is one of 4 large parks located on each of the 4 corners of the City. At Lincoln Park you will find such sights as Northeast Lake and bathing beach, a giant outdoor amphitheatre, the Municipal Zoo, two complete 18 hole golf courses (did you bring your clubs?) bridle paths (do you have a horse?), abundant picnic grounds equipped with ovens, tables and running water (bring your own catsup). One of the features held annually in the amphitheatre is the Pre-Dawn Easter Pageant on Easter morning.

MUNICIPAL ZOO—Have you ever known a sailor who didn't like to go to the zoo? You did, well let's not argue about it. However, there is a good one at Lincoln Park. If you count carefully you will find at least 349 animals, birds, and reptiles of almost as many species. At this zoo nearly all the animals are exhibited in separate field pens or pits. These are so constructed as to resemble the natural habitat of the animals to be found therein. An original "overlook" area is provided for spectators at each enclosure. Interesting features include monkey island, the elephant grotto, the alligator swamp and the enormous fly cage for birds.

CIVIC CENTER—Oklahoma prides itself on its \$10,000,000 Civic Center which extends for 6 blocks through the heart of the City. Here within easy walking distance of the downtown business establishments are to be found the Municipal Auditorium which seats 7,000 people in its main hall, the City Hall, County Building and Police Headquarters. This project which has just been completed is ranked as one of the most outstanding civic developments undertaken by any city in recent years.

OIL FIELDS—In the Oklahoma City area are to be found oil fields which for the past several years have been the largest producing field in the State. This area contains over 16,000 wells some of which when first brought in had a potential production of over 140,000 barrels a day. The field, discovered in 1928, has produced over 400,000,000 barrels of oil.

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HI HO, THE USO

Two units of the USO are located in the City of Norman. Full weekly schedules of activities are available for your comfort and pleasure. The USO Club is at 111 East Main Street. The major USO quarters are housed in the old Armory Building directly opposite the Santa Fe Depot. Here you will find reading rooms, game rooms, basketball courts, a nice dance floor and other activities for your welfare.

So you want us to be more specific! All right, here is specificity—

FACILITIES AND SERVICES

| | |
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| Lounges | Writing facilities |
| Library | Cooking privileges |
| Rest rooms | Conference rooms |
| Checking privileges | Room Information |
| Long Distance Telephone service | |

PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES

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| Bridge | Private parties |
| Table games | Square dancing |
| Ping pong-pool | Informal dancing |
| Horseshoes | Voice recordings |
| Co-ed parties | Weaving and crafts |
| Floor shows | Wives' Club |
| Quiz programs | Graduation parties |
| Community singing | Sketching Classes |
| Free movies | WNAD Broadcast |
| Radio Club | Clay Modeling |
| Symphonic & dance records | Camera Club |

Oklahoma City offers you three clubs. They are:

16½ West Main
208 North Broadway
320 Northwest First

The USO organization was planned for one purpose, to give you men a place of comfort and relaxation with an added incentive on many occasions of good old coffee and sinkers.

A SNORT FROM THE IRON HORSE— AND DIVERS MEANS OF LOCOMOTION

During your stay here you may rate leave (a fellow can dream can't he?). The chair car rates are surprisingly low to almost any part of this fair land. Round trip rates from Norman to a few choice spots are as follows:

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|-------------|---------|
| Los Angeles | \$38.95 |
| Seattle | 52.00 |
| Chicago | 20.50 |
| New York | 40.35 |
| New Orleans | 18.50 |

Taxi Mister?—Taxi rates in Oklahoma are posted in each cab. If you get overcharged (perish the thought) the O.P.A., phone 7-1551, would welcome a report.

In Norman—rates are—

| | |
|----------------------------------|-----|
| Main Street to North Gate | 40c |
| To East Gate | 60c |
| One to two passengers (1½ miles) | 25c |

Busses— There is bus service from the station to both Norman and Oklahoma City. Regular schedules are maintained. Hours of arrival and departure are posted in each barracks.

And Then— At this writing the interurban (street car to you) leaves Norman for Oklahoma City 10 minutes and 40 minutes after the hour—there is the Interurban— hour—from Oklahoma City to Norman—15 minutes before the hour and 15 minutes after the hour. These are daylight hours for Tuesday through Saturday—After dark, and for Sunday and Monday times better check with the man at the ticket window.

THE CINEMA

If you have really had your fill of Shakesperean drama, if you revolt at the tragedy of Macbeth, if the works of Saroyan bore you, if you are not in the mood for revivals of famous melodramas, then you should be in the mood for what the local celluloid galleries have to offer. The population here "goes" for anything from "The Great Train Robbery" and "The Perils of Pauline" up to and including the latest war extravaganzas produced in true Hollywood fashion.

If for any reason you tire of the pictures shown in the Ship's Service Buildings on this station and you wish to see what the local shows have to offer then here are your choices: The prices listed are for service men.

NORMAN—

Boomer Theater
784 Asp
Admission 25c

Oklahoma Theater
209 E. Main
Admission 25c

Varsity Theater
108 E. Main
Admission 25c

Sooner Theater
101 E. Main
Admission 25c

University Theater
225 E. Main
Admission 20c

OKLAHOMA CITY—

There are more motion picture theaters in Oklahoma City than there are cocktail bars, in fact considerably more. Three of the most representative ones in the downtown area are the following:

Criterion Theater
118 East Main
Admission 25c

Midwest Theater
Midwest Building
Admission 25c

State Theater
20 North Robinson
Admission 30c

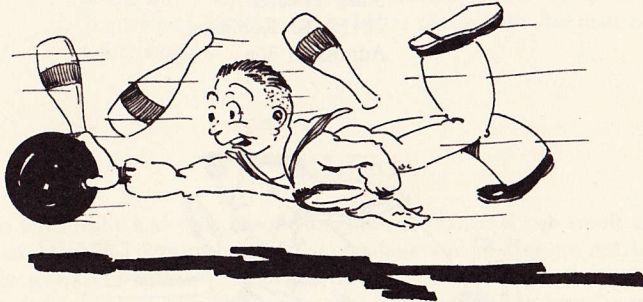


YE OLD EATERIES

What with rationing, near inflation, and farmers leaving their cattle to shift for themselves, the question of getting a good square meal at a reasonable price is a long hoped for but seldom realized experience. If you are surfeited with the good food which the Navy provides, and if you wish to see how the other third lives, then you may wish to hie yourself away to one of the local beaneries. There are several in the town which you can find without a great deal of difficulty.

In Ye fair city of Oklahoma City, three of the most popular restaurants are Bishop's located at 113 North Broadway, The Skirvin Coffee Shop, Skirvin

Hotel, and the Biltmore Hotel Coffee Shop, Biltmore Hotel. Believe it or not there is an excellent fresh fish food emporium located here. If you like shrimp creole, Sand dabs or brook trout then you have a treat in store for you. By all means walk, do not run, to Herman's Sea Food Restaurant, 500 North Hudson.



SET 'EM UP IN THE NEXT ALLEY

If you suffer from that "Five o'clock Shadow"; if even your best friend won't tell you and if you are horrified because you suffer from pink toothbrush, why not forget it all and engage in the dangerous sport of bowling? You can test your skill as a minus 300 bowler by going to Tol's Bowling Lane at 587 Buchanan (that's in the Village just north of the University Campus). In general prices per line are 18c before 1300, 23c after 1300.

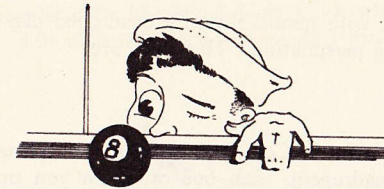
Oklahoma City's four alleys are waiting to welcome you. They are as follows:

Brantley's Bowling Alley
219 Northwest 6th.

Capitol Hill Bowling Palace
2604 South Harvey

Jenks Bowling Palace
415½ Northwest 3rd

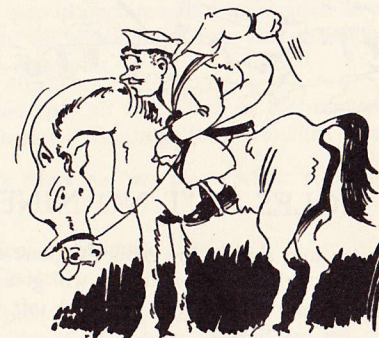
Play-Mor Recreation Parlor
413½ North Broadway



THE EIGHT BALL IN THE SIDE POCKET

Even though the Norman Telephone Directory would lead you to believe that there are no Billiard Emporiums (Pool Halls to you) in this fair City, don't let that fact fool you. There are quite a few of them in and about the town. They can be found without great difficulty.

In Oklahoma City, pool halls are not to be found, but we do find listed several billiard parlors. The classified section of the Oklahoma City Directory lists an even quarter hundred of them running alphabetically from the Arcade Pool Hall at 330 East Grand to the Yankee Smoke House, 1406 North Eastern.



HI HO SILVER AND OTHER FORMS OF GIDDYAP

So you never saw a sailor on horseback; well we have and it looked like fun, too. Norman has one and Oklahoma City has two places where those

who like to commune with nature aboard a quadruped may find relaxation as well as palpitation and perspiration. Here they are:

NORMAN—

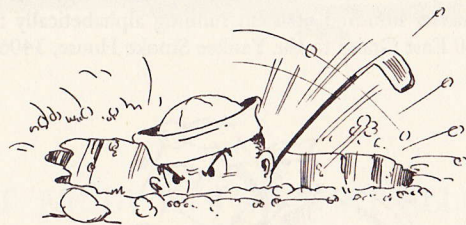
Just outside the North Gate you will find a riding academy which stables several quadrupeds, each one of which you may recognize as a fugitive from a cavalry unit.

OKLAHOMA CITY—

Boots and Saddle Riding Academy
Northwest 29th and Grand Blvd.

Nichols Hills Riding Academy
Northwest Wilshire and May

Rates in all instances are \$1.00 per hour week days and \$1.25 per hour on Sunday.



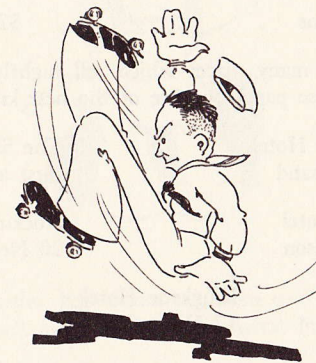
EIGHTEEN HOLES—BUT NO NINETEENTH

If you would like to try your skill in the good old game of golf, then these prairie areas will be of some help. The winds too will give your drives added distance, that is unless you are driving into the cool soft breezes which are common in this area. (or are they?)

Norman has one golf course which may be found without great difficulty just north of the station boundary and on the east side of Jenkins Avenue. The charges are reasonable, 25c per person at this writing. Golf clubs are also available.

Oklahoma City has four or five regulation golf courses, probably the best

one being the Lincoln Park Municipal Golf Club which has 36 holes of bent grass greens. The club is located in Lincoln Park.



ARE YOU A GOOD SKATE?

If your friends gaze in open-mouthed admiration at your prowess in cutting figure 8's then you will be happy to know that roller skating rinks are available for this tried and true sport.

Norman has one open air rink which at the moment is located just North of the Sooner Theater. We hope its there when this book is published.

Oklahoma City offers you two places where you may engage in this zestful sport:

Municipal Auditorium
Civic Center

The Uptown Skating Club
1011½ North Broadway

IF YOU GET ONE YOU ARE LUCKY

If on one of your week-end jaunts to the municipality of Oklahoma City you find yourself caught between the passage of the last bus to Norman and

the oncoming Shore Patrol then you should run, not walk, to the nearest hotel. If you are lucky, you may get a room. Rates vary (naturally) but prices range somewhat as follows—

Single Rooms \$1.75 to \$2.50
 Double Rooms \$2.75 to \$3.50

Oklahoma City has many places which sell nightly slumber. We can't list all of them on these pages but five of the best known hotels are—

The Biltmore Hotel
 228 West Grand

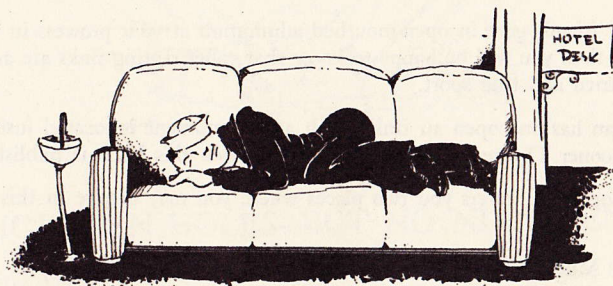
The Skirvin Hotel
 First and Broadway

The Black Hotel
 5 North Hudson

Huckins Hotel
 20 North Broadway

Kingkade Hotel
 17 West Grand

If you don't like our selections here, then a check of the Yellow Pages of the telephone directory will let you guess on 40 or 50 others.



AT THE Y

The YMCA offers you rest, relaxation and other forms of exercise. You will find the quarters at 125 Northwest Second. Dancing is for free on Saturday nights.



If you are of the gentler, less sterner sex, then you should know about the YWCA. Two clubs are available, 320 Northwest First and 430 Northeast Second.

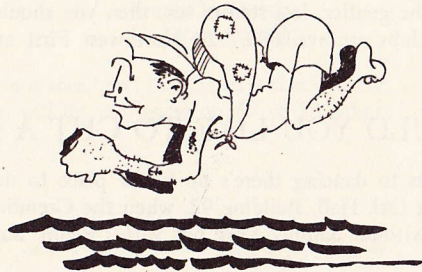
WOULD YOU LIKE TO CUT A RUG?

When it comes to dancing there's no better place to do that little thing than in the Great Oak Hall, Building 92, when the Gremlins hold forth with swing and sway without Sammy Kaye but with "Benny Kaye."



Oklahoma City offers you four spots, three are free to service men, (in addition to the USO Clubs.) The YWCA, the YMCA and the Knights of Pythias at Fourth and Broadway. The fourth spot—the Municipal Auditorium has a fee of 75c if tickets are purchased from Veazey's Drug Store. At the door the tariff is \$1.12 per couple. Days for dancing are subject to change but it would be very unusual if each of these three places did not hold forth with a session Saturday night.

The Norman USO Armory Club gives a dance every Saturday night furnishing good looking dance partners (they guarantee them) and good dance bands including the NATTC Gremlins.



WITH OR WITHOUT WATER WINGS

No sailor should leave the Oklahoma Navy without learning the last word in the breast stroke and the Australian crawl. You will receive expert instruction on this station in the gentle art of learning to keep the body afloat in "aqua fria."

You may, however, wish to do a little extra practicing. Oklahoma City offers you your choice of two swimming pools, one at the YMCA, 123 Northwest First and the other at the YWCA (for the gentler sex) at 320 Northwest First. Swimming hours may change somewhat but usually they are from 0930 to 2200.

BE GOOD TO YOURSELF

Oklahoma is one of the most "church goingest" places you will find anywhere. The services on the station are excellent but close by in Ye Little Village of Norman you will find your particular favorite type of religion, regardless of what it may be. Also Oklahoma City has over 100 churches each holding regular Sunday Services.

The Chaplains Office will be glad to give you specific information as you seek the services of your particular faith.



"MUST SEE" LIST

The dinosaur quarries near Kenton in Cimarron County.

The Custer battlefield at Cheyenne and the Civil war battlefield at Honey Springs, near Checotah.

The bat caves—millions of bats—near Jester, northwest of Mangum; near Reed, west of Mangum; and the Cast ranch northwest of Fairview.

The state's biggest tree, a cypress, east of Broken Bow.

Devil's canyon, near Hinton, Cat's canyon north of Watonga; Salt creek canyon northwest of Hitchcock; the canyons north of Mooreland; and the canyons north of Taloga.

The float trip on the Illinois river from Park Hill, near Tahlequah, down to Gore; and the float trip on the Mountain Fork and Little rivers, from Huffman's camp east of Broken Bow to the Arkansas line.

Lake of Cherokees (Grand lake) at Bernice or Grove.

Alabaster cavern, near Freedom; 150 feet underground.

Skyline drives, atop the Kiamichi mountain ridges, near Talihina, Heavener, Clayton and Smithville. Filling station attendants will direct you to observation towers on the peaks.

Devil's den, on the Pennington river, three miles north of Tishomingo; giant granite boulders in queer formations.

Petrified stump on campus of East Central College in Ada.

The Cookson hills, along the Indian road from Marble City northwest to Tahlequah. This region particularly beautiful in April during dogwood blossom time. A natural bridge and an underground cave on this trail.

Wichita mountains and lakes, west of Lawton. Drive to top of Mt. Scott on a paved road. Visit 30 new lakes in the forest and game preserve.

Craterville park, just north of Cache. Natural swimming hole in the rock hills, recreation of all kinds—a dude ranch.

Beaver Bend state park on the Mountain Fork river in McCurtain county; modern cottages; fine boating and fishing.

Spavinaw lake, near Pryor; Clayton lake, near Clayton; Cedar lake, near Heavener; Roebuck lake, near Hugo.

The Arbuckle mountains from Sulphur, including Platt national park, west to Woodford, including Mountain lake, Turner falls, Price's falls and the modern, beautiful Y.M.C.A. camp.

The old schools—Wheelock, near Millerton; Goodland, near Hugo; Dwight Mission, near Sallisaw—all a century old.

Sequoyah's old home, a state park, northeast of Sallisaw.

Woolaroc ranch and museum, southwest of Bartlesville.

The Clubb \$1,000,000 art exhibit at Kaw City.

The Pioneer Woman statue at Ponca City.

The Will Rogers Memorial at Claremore.

The shifting sand dunes south of Waynoka.

The geological and archaeological exhibits at the University of Oklahoma, Norman.

Old Fort Gibson, a few miles east of Muskogee.

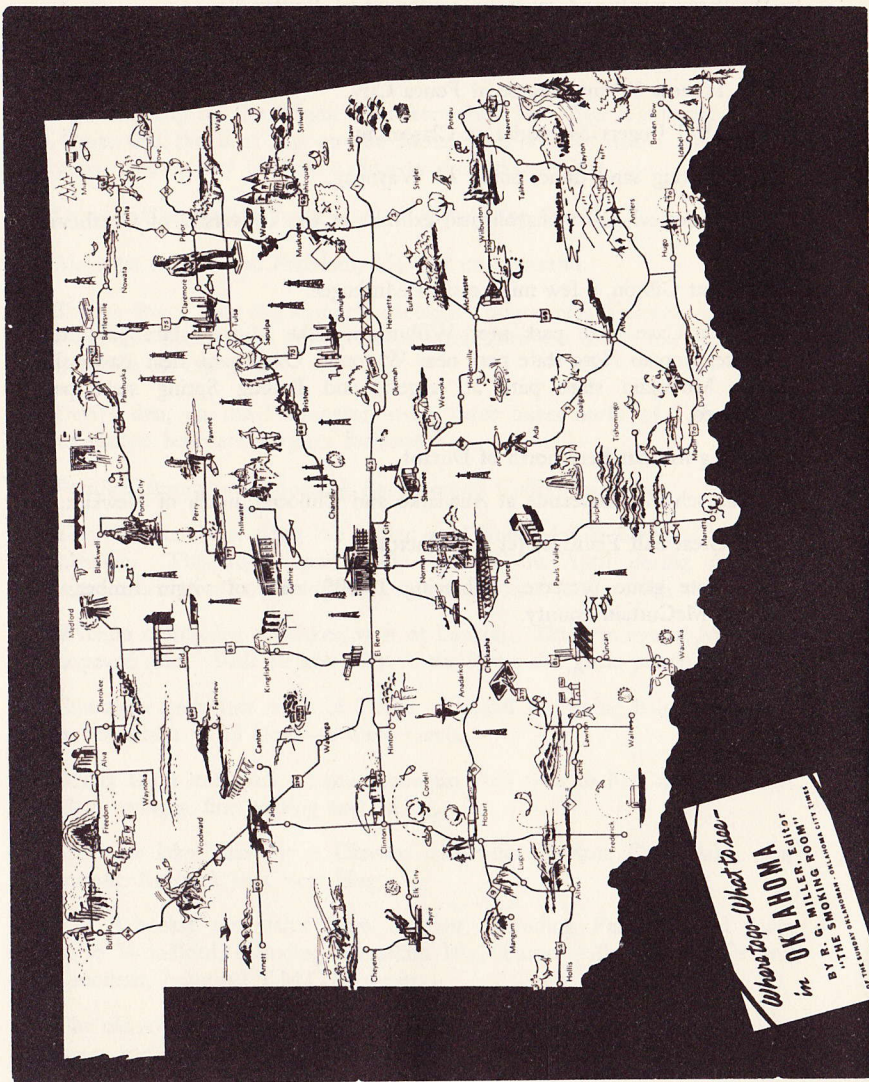
Robbers Cave state park near Wilburton; Lake Murray state park near Ardmore; Roman Nose state park near Watonga; Osage park near Pawhuska; Quartz Mountain state park at Lugert; and Boiling Spring state park Woodward.

The big fish hatchery north of Durant.

Indian schools—Riverside at Anadarko and Chilocco, north of Newkirk.

The Great Salt Plains at Jet and Cherokee.

The state game preserve, embracing 10,000 acres of virgin timber, in northern McCurtain county.



WHOA!

The following pages will give you some facts and perhaps a little "fancy" on some of the interesting cities which lie north, east, south and west of this station. If they are written in too glowing terms for you to masticate properly just realize that the respective Chamber's of Commerce may have had something to do with it. Seriously, however, we have edited the material carefully and we believe it is on the beam.

GUTHRIE

Established with the construction of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad from Newton, Kansas to Purcell, Indian Territory in 1887, Guthrie was merely a name on the railroad map until the opening of Oklahoma Territory to settlement in April, 1889. Within a year a Territorial Government was set up and Guthrie designated as the seat of the government until the people chose a permanent location. This it remained until 1910 when by a forced election, after many years of bitter rivalry, Oklahoma City won the capitol. The City Hall at Guthrie, where the State Constitution was written in 1907, is an interesting point. Also of interest is the two and one-half million dollar Scottish Rite Cathedral, the largest structure in the world devoted exclusively to Masonic purposes.

ANADARKO

Anadarko is the county seat of Caddo County. In 1858 it was selected as the site of a reservation for several small bands of Indians—Caddoes, Anadarkoes, Keechies, Wacoos, Tonkawas, Towakonys, Shawnees and Delawares, known as the Reserve Indians, who had been living on the Brazos River in Texas. During the Civil War the agency was destroyed. In 1871 the town was rebuilt and, when in 1901 the Kiowa-Comanche-Wichita Reservations were opened to settlement, the town grew rapidly.

West of St. Patrick's Mission, where the highway turns southwest is the site of the Tonkawa massacre in which almost half the small tribe were killed in 1862.

Fort Cobb lies seven miles west on State Highway 9 from its junction with US 62. One mile east of the little town is the site of Fort Cobb established in 1859 for protection of the Reserve Indians. A mission school was established on this site by the Quakers.

CHICKASHA

Situated on a choice spot of fertile prairie sloping eastward and ending on the banks of the Washita is Chickasha, the natural and undisputed "Queen of the Washita" and ever since the Rock Island Railroad selected this pioneer station as its division point between Caldwell, Kansas, and the Texas line, Chickasha has enjoyed a substantial, and at times, a phenomenal growth.

Near here in 1829, Albert Pike with a party of hunters and trappers from Santa Fe found a large party of Osages under Clermont ("Clairmore" as Pike called him) who entertained the travelers with a hospitality which made a deep impression on Pike. Later, due to the fact that the Washita River could be forded easily at this point, Chickasha was a favorable camping place in the Chisholm Cattle Trail.

Grady County was known for many years as having one of the largest producing gas fields in the United States. Chickasha territory not only produces a vast supply of cotton but it markets it to all parts of the world—one of the world's largest cotton oil mills is located here.

More than 1,100 girls were enrolled 1939-1940 in the Oklahoma College for Women, a liberal arts state supported college for women founded in Chickasha in 1908. Every county in Oklahoma, eight other states and two foreign countries were represented in the student enrollment. It is fully accredited and confers the regular Bachelor of Arts and Sciences and Bachelor of Music degrees.

EL RENO

El Reno, county seat of Canadian County, is located in the center of a part of Oklahoma which, since the coming of the white man, has been a trading post and Indian agency, camping ground for emigrants enroute to gold fields, crossing point on cattle trails, and is now the intersection of two heavily-traveled United States highways. In 1907, El Reno had a population of 7,000 but in August of that year, the last opening in Oklahoma at which land was given away—the opening of the Kiowa-Comanche Reservation—was held here by lottery and more than 50,000 people from all states moved in overnight. Just west of El Reno, the United States Southwestern Reformatory, institution for first offenders of Federal laws, or those with short terms, was erected in 1933-34.

SHAWNEE

Shawnee is the county seat of Pottawatomie county. It originally was a station on the old Choctaw, Oklahoma and Gulf Railroad. Shawnee became the business center of its district with the discovery of oil in its vicinity. Oklahoma Baptist University in the northwest section of the city was established in 1911. Two miles southeast is Shawnee Indian Mission, a restored church and school which was established in 1885 by the Society of Friends.

Near McLoud, 13 miles from Shawnee, is a settlement of the Kickapoo Indians. These Indians still hold their War Dances and Green Corn Festivals.

Many Bohemians live in and near Harrah seven miles northwest.

BLACK MESA*

One of the most spectacular parts of the State of Oklahoma, is to be found in the Black Mesa country in the northwest corner of Cimarron Country. This is a part of "No Man's Land" and as such, plays a very important role in the early history of Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico and Colorado. Some of the land titles dates back to the days of the Spanish grandees. Great herds of bison passed through Cimarron County in their north and south migrations. It was a land of wild Indians and sometimes wilder cowpunchers. There are many Indian cave or shelter dwellings in that region, some of which are well-worth visiting. It would be advisable to get directions at Kenton, in order to reach these ancient shelters. Some of them are as old or older than the cliff dwellings of New Mexico. The old Santa Fe Trail crosses this section of the state and it may be traversed completely across the country by those having the hardihood to do a little roughing. Two miles west and two miles north of Wheelless there is an old camp, Camp Nichols by name, established by Kit Carson for the protection of the Santa Fe Trail traffic.

SULPHUR*

Sulphur is the county seat of Murray County, on the southern limits of which is located Platt National Park. The many springs, first called Sulphur Springs Reservation in 1902, and in 1906, Platt National Park, were believed

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to have been used for their curative purposes by the Indians long before the coming of the white man. Today, many people throughout the state and elsewhere flock to Sulphur to enjoy the benefits of these healing waters. Trails and drives, free camp grounds and picnic areas, are maintained and many thousands visit the Park annually.

Nearby is Turner Falls, an old Indian Camping Ground. The water of Turner Falls contains a rare mineral, travertine, which causes the rock over which the water flows to grow, instead of wearing. Many tourists visit this spot annually. To the west of Davis, seven miles, is Old Fort Arbuckle. It was founded by Captain R. B. Marcy in 1851 to protect the Chickasaws from the savage Plains Indians and to furnish assistance to emigrants to California during the Gold Rush. During the Civil War several battles were fought between the North and South for possession. The headquarters, commissary, and officers' quarters are still standing.

BARTLESVILLE*

Bartlesville is the county seat of Washington County. Of interest are: Frank Phillips' Woolaroc Ranch and Museum, 4,000 acres of woods, lakes, and rocks with the natural beauty undisturbed; Osage Hills State Park, 740 acres; U. S. Bureau of Mines Experiment Station, one of the largest and best equipped stations in the U. S. devoted exclusively to the study of the problems and difficulties confronting the petroleum and natural gas industry; the Civic Center and an elaborate experimental laboratory of one of the oil companies.

PONCA CITY*

Ponca City was settled at the opening of the Cherokee Strip September 16, 1893. Of particular interest is the statue of the Pioneer Woman which stands at the eastern edge of Ponca City on the Highway. Designed by Bryant Baker, and selected by popular vote from twelve models submitted, it was presented to the State by E. W. Marland, Ponca City oil man and former governor. It stands on a plot taken from the Marland estate.

Other points unique to Ponca City are: the Wentz Educational Camp and Swimming Pool, built at a cost of \$350,000 and donated by L. H. Wentz;

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the American Legion Home School, an institution for dependent children of disabled and deceased World War veterans; two large refineries and an oil tank farm which has a capacity for storing 421,641,948 gallons.

CLAREMORE*

Claremore achieved international recognition because Will Rogers always took pride in calling it his home. It also claims distinction as "Oklahoma's Greatest Health Resort" because of its "Radium Water Baths." This water was discovered in 1903 and is highly recommended in the treatment of many ills. It is said three million people from all over the world have taken these baths. The Will Rogers Memorial Museum, erected by the people of the State of Oklahoma on a site where "America's Ambassador of Good Will" had planned to build a home and retire, is Claremore's principal point of interest. In the past year more than a half million people visited this beautiful building overlooking the country Will Rogers loved.

We also find here the U. S. Indian Hospital, which provides medical care for members of the Five Civilized Tribes, the Oklahoma Military Academy, the "West-Point of the Southwest," one of the honor schools of the War Department, Lake Claremore with its nineteen miles of rustic shoreline, the Will Rogers Library, the Will Rogers Airport, and Claremore Canyon Drive.

TULSA*

Tulsa, county seat of Tulsa County, is the second largest city in the state. Two auxiliary lakes in Mohawk Park, Tulsa's 2,400 acre recreation ground, augment the city water system and furnish excellent facilities for boating and fishing. Tulsa is known far and wide as the home of sportsmen. The diversified sports program includes tennis, golf, bowling, softball, horseback riding along several miles of wooded bridle paths, small boat sailing on Recreation Lake in Mohawk Park, ice skating at the Coliseum, skeet and trap shooting at local gun clubs, and archery at several of the parks. It offers a continuous program of wrestling and boxing events and has eight golf courses, four of which are open to the public.

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STILLWATER*

Stillwater is the county seat of Payne County, home of the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College and also the location of the Federal Experiment Station.

The Federal Government has established the Central Oklahoma Land Utilization Project, comprising 22,000 acres of land and containing the 3,360 acre Lake Carl Blackwell, five miles west of Stillwater on Highway 51. This area contains a large number of cabins and recreational facilities and is being rapidly developed as one of Oklahoma's playgrounds.

OKMULGEE*

The County seat of Okmulgee County is Okmulgee (a Creek Indian word meaning "Bubbling Water.")

Okmulgee originally was a trading center, but today is supported by livestock, farming and settled oil production. Okmulgee Lake and Park is a fishing, camping, and picnicking area.

LAWTON*

Four miles north of town is the Fort Sill Military Reservation, one of the most important inland army posts. The United States Army maintains a Field Artillery School here. First known as Camp Wichita when established on Cache Creek in March of 1869 by Major P. H. Sheridan, the name was changed to Fort Sill in July of the same year. It was located nearly in the center of the reservation of the Kiowa, Comanche, and Apache Indians with their agency adjoining for the purpose of protecting the Indians. Among the buildings still to be seen are the old stockade or corral, built in 1870, which was the first stone building; the Chapel built in 1874; and the Geronimo Guardhouse where this Apache chieftain spent his last years and which now houses the Field Artillery Museum.

Also northwest of the city is Lake Lawtonka on the edge of the Wichita Mountains Wild Life Refuge, which has ten smaller lakes, granite capped peaks and timbered valleys within its confines. Scenic drives, camping sites, and recreational facilities are to be found in this area.

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