

The story of the Red Flag

We get our name from the first Oklahoma state flag which flew from 1911-1924 (there was no official state flag from 1907-1911).

The flag was changed during the post-WWI paranoia era because of the flag's association with Socialism. We think this is a crying shame because Oklahoma's agrarian-socialist history is not shameful but rather one of our state's finest hours.

WARNING!

Displaying the Red Flag is a felony under an unconstitutional Oklahoma state statute. . .

Oklahoma Statute 21 § 374

Any person in this state, who shall carry or cause to be carried, or publicly display any red flag or other emblem or banner, indicating disloyalty to the Government of the United States or a belief in anarchy or other political doctrines or beliefs, whose objects are either the disruption or destruction of organized government, or the defiance of the laws of the United States or of the State of Oklahoma, shall be deemed guilty of a felony, and upon conviction shall be punished by imprisonment in the Penitentiary of the State of Oklahoma for a term not exceeding ten (10) years, or by a fine not exceeding One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) or by both such imprisonment and fine.

**Don't say we didn't warn you . . .
But holler if we can help.**

Products for sale by Red Flag Press. . .

The infamously illegal "Okies Don't Quit" Red Flag T-Shirt - \$15

We are taking pre-orders for our next print run (which will be printed locally on American-made shirts)

Red Flag Stickers—\$1.50

We carry these both with and without the Oklahoma Statute that makes it a felony to display the flag.

"OKIES DON'T QUIT" stickers—\$1.50

Our slogan, our mission, our hope.

"Make politicians pay for their own mistakes—Boycott the Oklahoma lottery" - stickers—\$2

For those who notice that rich folks don't buy lottery tickets, and lottery sales are highest in rural areas.

"Good Ol' Boy Values aren't Okie Values" stickers—\$1.50

Someone's got to say it.

For shipping, add 25 cents per sticker and \$3 per shirt.

Coming Soon! Special Centennial Edition T-shirts, honoring Oklahoma's Revolutionaries



¡VIVA LA OKLAHOMA!



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In a national cultural climate where the dominate voices represent urban and/or coastal perspectives and priorities, Red Flag Press is an Okie-owned publisher committed to giving a platform to rural voices and values.

For several generations, rural Oklahomans have bore the stereotype of ignorance, and watched as their agrarian traditions have suffered from misunderstanding and outside accusations of cultural irrelevance. As a result, the beauty and wisdom of rural experience recede and disappear from Oklahoma's cultural landscape.

Red Flag Press commits itself to the resurrection of rural pride, community and autonomy. We do this because we believe in the health, integrity and tenacity of our own fierce roots—the honorable, progressive, decent and down home values of those whose plow has gone before us. We work in their name to give audience to those who are with us now at the table of the harvest.

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You may have died alone, but you live on with us. May no one doubt the value of your legacy.

Kate Barnard (May 23, 1875 - February 23, 1930) was the first woman to be elected to statewide office in United States. She served as Oklahoma's first Commissioner of Charities and Correction for two terms.

Kate fought tirelessly for the poor and the oppressed of Oklahoma: children being forced to work in factories, coal miners with unsafe working conditions, prisoners being treated in the most inhuman of conditions, workers who were being "blacklisted" for the sin of being a union member, and American Indian orphans who were being cheated from their land by the rich and powerful.

Kate was persecuted and her work disabled by the good old boy network of her day, but her legacy lives on in the hearts of those who know her story and like her refuse to back down in standing up for the downtrodden and brokenhearted.

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We agree folks like Stalin and Mao have given socialism a bad name, but Oklahoma's Agrarian Socialists of the early 1900's were a different shade of red. In the context of their farming communities, they naturally believed in sharing and taking care of one another as a means of survival. No one was left out of the effort to ease the burden of neighbors. Poor whites, blacks, and Indians all saw each other as comrades in a common struggle against poverty and oppression. Their belief in local grassroots democracy set them apart from other socialists who supported larger centralized power.

Even in the context of community, they maintained a notion distinct from other socialists that folks were not free unless they owned their own land. And so they fought with and for each other in order to maintain this freedom.

And unlike most socialists in the U.S. and abroad at the time, Oklahoma socialists made a deep connection between their political and economic ideas and the gospel teaching of Jesus Christ. This perhaps more than anything set them apart from the pack.

Yet, in the post WWI backlash against all things red, the ideals that set them apart were disregarded and forgotten. They were persecuted, imprisoned and destroyed right along with the rest of them. What better way to revive them than to publish and disseminate. That's what a free press is for, right?

Our immediate goal is put together a quality independent publication dedicated to the promotion of rural authors, ideas and values—a Little Red Book. We can't do that without money, and we don't have much. All the proceeds from our merchandise are directed toward this effort. Nobody's getting rich here. We also accept donations from supportive souls willing to help us. Please visit our website for more information, or contact us at our P.O. Box.

Normally we wouldn't encourage you to submit...

but Red Flag Press is accepting submissions for its future publishing endeavors. We are looking for work from Okie authors with rural hearts.

You can send your work to us by email, USPS or the Pony Express, but please keep a photocopy of everything you send us. We are not responsible for any lost manuscripts.

Check out our website. . .

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