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DARE TO BE YOURSELF.

When you first came to college did you think you had to imitate the upper-classmen in everything? You found lots of new conditions to which you had to adapt yourself. And many were different from anything else you ever experienced before.

As you stay longer you will discover many other new experiences. Each one will present unlooked-for opportunities but also will involve many problems and decisions which cause you to change some of your ideas.

Don't be too narrow to change your ideas. One important test of success in a new environment is adaptability, which means nothing more or less than teachableness. It is necessary to adjust yourself to other peoples' ideas if you want to grow or even live peacefully. Lack of teachableness is merely self conceit.

On the other hand, it by no means holds that one should be entirely swayed by his surroundings. It is a catastrophe when a student allows the influence of a crowd to lead him blindly away from his personal standards.

It is necessary to discriminate, to choose the best and stick to it. If you are honestly opposed to the decisions of popular opinion, do a little swaying yourself instead of being swayed. A crowd always needs a leader and will respect anyone who is consistent in standing up for what he believes. Compare carefully before you judge, judge before you imitate and dare to be yourself.

H. B.

College students may not be very strong Santa Clauses but how are we going to do that shopping early?

Probably the S. A. T. C. men can give their clothes to the Belgians before winter is too far along.

HEADS OF SPORTS NAMED

Selections Made for Meeting of Athletic Association

Heads of the different sports of the Athletic Association were elected Tuesday afternoon at a meeting held in the Y. W. C. A. Bungalow. The following were elected: Teresa Cox, hockey; Grace Rugg, basketball; Mary Irving, golf; Alice Thurston, baseball; Madeline Slotboom, tennis; Helen Brenton, archery; Hazel Young, walking; Adelaide Lake, reporter.

CAGEBALL COMING

A call for men to report for cageball will be issued the last of this week. Cageball is a new sport among the University men, but Dean Walker expects it to be adopted very quickly. Company teams will be formed at first and matches between these teams will be played. There will not be any outside games but the sport will be confined to the University. A large turnout is expected as many of the men are already interested in the sport.

Fight With Sub Mistaken For Drill

Edward Bentley, Oregon Man, Was on Board Transport — Shots Thought To Be Doors Slamming

An attack on a United States transport by five German submarines which was mistaken by most of the men on board the vessel for the usual abandonment drill is described in a letter received here today from Corporal Edward Bentley, of the Forty-third Engineers, now in France. Corporal Bentley, who was a sophomore in the University of Oregon last year, wrote the letter to Professor E. E. DeCon, head of the department of mathematics. The vessel, Bentley writes, was not even scratched during the attack, which occurred just before she landed at a French port. Two of the Hun submarines, he says, were sunk. Meanwhile the men between decks, after a heated debate, decided that the noises they heard were doors slamming in other parts of the ship.

Since his arrival overseas Bentley has been working in southwestern France getting out pine lumber for army use. He is stationed near Dax, a city about twenty miles from the coast and about forty miles from the Pyrenees mountains, which separate France from Spain. "The work we are doing at present isn't very exciting," Bentley writes, but his letter, aside from describing the submarine attack, tells many interesting details of his trip across and of his experiences since he has been in France.

"I'm burdened with an overwhelming supply of spare time with nothing to do, as I'm convalescing in a hospital here at Dax, so I thought I would let you know how the war has treated me up to this stage," Bentley said.

Weather Bad In Camp

"Upon leaving the University I was sent directly to Washington, D. C., after a short stay at Vancouver Barracks, where we were delayed for outfitting and examinations and such incidentals to enlisting. Washington itself proved very interesting, but the camp left very much to be desired. We were in tents without heat of any kind, and the weather was about as bad as any we ever experienced in Oregon. We had lots of snow, rain, mud, slush and cold to contend with, which wasn't the pleasantest thing in the world, especially after the nice weather we had been having when I left Oregon. However, the bad weather didn't last long, and we were working hard enough to keep our minds off the most of our troubles. We spent practically all of our time drilling for the trip overseas.

"We didn't have very long to wait, either, before we started. We had been in Washington only about six weeks when we received our orders to leave. The journey to our port of embarkation was without incident. We started on the ocean trip almost immediately after reaching the boat, and we surely were glad we did, too, for we were kept within the ship while we were in port without even being allowed on deck.

Life Preservers Warm Garments

"The first part of our trip across the ocean was very pleasant in nearly every respect. The sea was calm and no one was seasick. The one complaint we could make was on account of the crowded condition of the boat and the restrictions about moving about the ship.

"We had our abandonment drills regularly every day and also wore our life preservers at all times—many even taking the precaution of sleeping in them. That wasn't as bad as one would imagine, for the preservers were made like a jacket of some soft material so they proved quite comfortable during the cold nights.

"Our only thrill of the whole trip wasn't at all exciting for the soldiers between decks. Just as we were in sight of our harbor we were attacked by five submarines. The call to quarters was sounded as it usually did for abandonment drill, and as it happened to be about the usual time for the drill most everyone was under the impression that this was all that was up.

Two Hun Subs Sunk

"The newspapers carried quite an extensive account of the encounter, and according to them two submarines were sunk by the combined gun fire of our ship and the convoy. But during all the excitement outside we were very busy heatedly arguing whether the dull thuds we heard were gun shots or just doors slamming. So we spent the time of greatest danger in a senseless argument without any thought as to the probable danger we might be in. The ship got by without a scratch, though the subs were not so lucky. The theory that all we heard was doors slamming won out in the debate, by the way.

"After we landed in France we were taken to a rest camp a few miles inland. This camp didn't have much to recommend it, in our estimation. What put the finishing touch on its poor reputation was one night when someone among the 'powers' over us conceived the brilliant idea of calling the company out after midnight and marching us al-

most a half mile, attired only in rain coats and shoes, and giving us a cold shower bath. The nights were bitterly cold, anyway, and the cold shower at midnight isn't exactly the most pleasant thing in the world, especially if you are awakened from a fairly warm bed to go to take it. Even after four months the fellows howl about that yet, for the memories linger.

Colonel Leader's Words Mild

"You undoubtedly recall Col. Leader's descriptions of the '40 hommes, eight chevrons, side-door Pullmans' used over here to transport troops in. Col. Leader's description was all right as far as it went, but I'll bet he never rode in one for any length of time. His choice of adjectives when describing them wasn't quite vivid and comprehensive enough for one who had had the pleasure of about a two days' and nights' trip with about thirty-six other poor devils in them.

"With all of our packs along to help take up space a person was lucky if he could find room to sit down even, and when night came and sleep was attempted—that was when the real fun commenced. Just about the time you would think you had found a place for a nap some other person in search of a few inches of vacant space would make a heroic effort to alter your facial features by placing his army issue, no, tin hob-nail shoes on your ear or nose, which ever came handiest, and exert a downward pressure that never failed to call forth the best vocal efforts of the man below. After two days and nights in one of those cars you're sufficiently 'hard-boiled' for any sort of rough house or melee which may come up.

Life Not Exciting

"We have been located in the southern part of France in the pine forests, where we have been engaged in lumbering ever since we came across. We are in the Service of Supplies, cutting lumber for the innumerable uses the A. E. F. has for it.

"So far, though I can not say that it has been wildly exciting, we have been getting on fine. Although this isn't what we had been led to expect when we first enlisted, as our battalion is supposed to be a road and bridge outfit, we try to make the best of it.

"I haven't been fortunate enough to run across any of the other former University of Oregon men who are over on this side as yet. Our camps are small and we don't do very much traveling around except to the nearby villages, so the opportunities for meeting the other soldiers outside of our own companies are very limited.

Language Difficulty Serious

"The people are, as a general rule, very nice to us, though the language is a rather serious difficulty. Most of us have acquired a limited vocabulary of the simpler words so that we can get along after fashion, although we don't attempt any very extensive conversations.

"What I have seen in France I like quite well, but all of us will be ready and anxious to change back to the United States when this war is finally ended the right way. I don't think any of us would want to return until it is ended the right way. All of us hope it will be soon and I for one would like to be back at the University again this fall. If luck is with me and all goes well, I surely shall be a year from now."

ALUMNI NOTES

Cloyd O. Dawson, '16, who is now in business at Tillamook, arrived in Eugene Tuesday for a few days' visit with old friends on the campus. Dawson was prominent in University activity during his stay as a student and was the second candidate in a three-cornered race for the presidency of the student body at the time of the election of Lamar Tooe.

Miss Ida Dinsdale, who took special work on the campus for a while last year and later taught in the Springfield school, is teaching mathematics in the La Grande high school this year. She is a sister of Miss Tirza Dinsdale, the local Y. W. C. A. secretary.

Eileen Tompkins has a position as bookkeeper in Wyeth, near Cascade Locks.

Dorothy Durbar, '18, is teaching English in the La Grande high school. Other University graduates who are teaching there are Miss Naomi Williamson, Miss Mildred Riddle, and Miss May Neill. Miss Jeanette Wheatley is teaching the sixth grade.

NEW ART COURSE OFFERED

Clayton Baldwin, instructor in the School of Architecture, is giving a course in pen and pencil. This course is a preliminary course, leading up to military sketching. Hours are arranged to suit the individual schedules.

NEXT CAMP TO BEGIN WORK NOVEMBER 23

Eugene Armory may be Used; Sixty Applications in Hand Already.

A fourth Officers' Training Camp will be opened November 23 at the University, Colonel John Leader, commandant of the camps, announced this morning. The demand for another camp has been so strong that it was considered necessary to organize the fourth camp, in which between 250 and 300 men will be enrolled.

Arrangements are being made for the use of the Eugene armory and other buildings as protection from the weather. The staff for this camp will be substantially the same as that of the other three.

Sixty applications and many requests have been received for admission to another camp, although no announcement has been made giving assurance of its establishment.

Other camps may be established after the fourth camp, it was announced this morning, if the demand is sufficient to warrant them. The camp will close December 21. Applications should be filed with Colonel John Leader at the University at the earliest possible date.

There will be more courses in machine gun and more practice on the rifle range in the next camp. Appropriate indoor work will be developed. Three hundred men will be the maximum of the camps.

SOCIETY NOTES

With the epidemic scare still on the campus, college activities have been entirely suspended. Private dinners and gatherings of a very informal nature, however, are given despite the general condition of unrest.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Parsons and Gladys Bowen were Wednesday evening dinner guests of Alpha Phi.

Leola Green, Beatrice Wetherbee and Charlie Fenton '16, and Ruth Koch, '17, are in the various campus infirmaries as nurse's aids.

Margaret Gray left the campus yesterday for a short visit at her home in Portland.

Helen Case is spending the week-end at her home in Tillamook.

Nell Warwick and Zelma Ross left Wednesday for a short visit at their homes in Marshfield.

Hazel Shattuck is at her home in Vancouver for the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Roberts, of Klamath Falls, were Tuesday dinner guests at Pi Beta Phi.

Peggy Gross '17, who is now teaching at Castle Rock, Wash., will return to the campus Saturday. She will spend the week-end at the Gamma Phi house.

Vivian Hopson and Bernice Craig left yesterday for their homes in Salem, where they will spend the remainder of the week.

Marjorie Kay returned to the campus Sunday, after a week's visit in Salem with her parents.

Helen Nelson left Tuesday for her home in Pendleton. She will return Sunday.

Grace Hammerstrom left Wednesday for a brief visit with her parents in Astoria.

Dick Ransom, of Portland, prominent in Multnomah Club athletics, is on the campus taking the preliminary examinations for West Point.

Jack Montague, '18 will be in Eugene Saturday for a brief stay.

Margaret Conklin, Frances Stiles, Louise Sheahan, Margaret Kubli, Helen Buckley, Geraldine Pilkington and Helen Houghton are at their homes in Portland for the week-end.

GAUZE MASKS FOR NURSES

Dr. John Bovard Makes Distribution Among Infirmaries

University women made five dozen masks yesterday for the use of attendants on the sick in infirmaries and houses on the campus. The masks were distributed by Dr. John F. Bovard, chairman of the campus health committee. The masks are similar to those which are being used in the East by nurses of influenza patients. They consist of a double bandage of gauze which covers the mouth and chin and ties over the head. They serve to keep germs from the patient from entering the respiratory tract of the attendants. The masks were made at the home of Mrs. Eric W. Allen.

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STUDENTS' WORK TO BE LIGHTENED

Professors Asked to Restrict Outside Study During Epidemic.

Students in the infirmaries are not to be worried by having to make up great quantities of work when they get back to their classes. This was a point taken up at the faculty meeting held in Johnson Hall, Tuesday afternoon.

President P. L. Campbell asked that the professors restrict outside work by the students for the time being and give lectures, in order to give the students who are sick a chance to make up the work more easily. Dr. John F. Bovard, chairman of the faculty committee on student health, urged that the students be not overloaded with work when they return to the University, as many of them will be in a very weakened condition.

The question of closing the institution was brought up and discussed.

It was decided that it would be better not to close. The students would be encouraged to leave the campus and perhaps come in contact with worse conditions than are found here. Excluding all ill from the classes and taking the health reports from the students and faculty, is considered the most careful and wisest method.

It is of very great importance that every student and every member of the faculty make a report of his health, daily. Dr. Bovard said that the faculty were far more negligent in reporting this matter than the students.

The regular assembly Wednesday was postponed for a time.

Dr. John H. Boyd, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Portland, who was to have been the assembly speaker Wednesday, was notified of the calling off of the assembly. He will come at a later date.

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