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### BACK UP THE OREGONA.

The yearbook is to be published this year, according to the re-decision of the Student Council. The editor has been chosen and is working on her plans to make a good book but she cannot do it all alone. Every Oregon student who desires to see a book worthy of the University must back up the staff who puts it out not only by suggestions but by collecting material, especially pictures. If you have any clever or interesting snap shots that concern the campus or campus people, bring them to the editor or some member of the staff.

The feature editor can make use of any snaps that are of interest and views of the Millrace or river or unusual campus pictures will be welcomed by the editor.

The editor is necessarily getting a late start and any help that the students can render will be a patriotic deed on their parts.

The Oregon belongs to all the students so if you have an idea for it, show your interest by seeing the editor.

### ORATORY CONTEST JAN. 29

Local Tryouts for Varsity Positions Expected to be Lively.

A local contest to choose Oregon's representative at the state oratorical contest to be held at the University in the spring, is dated for January 29 at 4 o'clock. All students interested in competing for this place of honor are advised to meet with Robert W. Prescott, professor of public speaking, at his class room in Johnson hall, in order to begin work on their respective speeches.

All students are eligible to turn out for the contest, the only requirements being that the speech be written by the contestant, that its length does not exceed 10,000 words and that it be delivered in competition. The subject of the speech is left to the discrimination of the individual.

It is expected that much interest will be taken in this local contest on account of the place which the winner will take in representing the University in a state-wide contest. Abe Rosenberg, a sophomore in the University, made first place in the contest at Salem last year.

### BIRDS IN NEED OF FOOD

Opportunity Offered to Apply Slogan "Help the Helpless."

Helping the helpless is one of our present day slogans, and helping the helpless should be another. The birds are our friends and helpers and in this season when the ground is covered with

frost and it is almost impossible for them to get enough food to subsist on, something should be done to relieve them. They ought to be fed, and no one is doing this, according to Dr. J. F. Board, head of the zoology department, unless it be with the exception of a few townspeople.

The students of the University could do a great deal to relieve this condition and so save the lives of many of our little friends by starting a general feeding table which could be located somewhere on the campus. Here crumbs could be brought for the birds, peanuts and other suitable foods could be provided for the squirrels.

This plan of a feeding table has been adopted in many of the eastern universities and has proved an interesting and a successful experiment. The birds and squirrels become quite tame and the sight of them feeding so trustfully near man is reward enough for the trouble of preparing the table.

## OREGON MAN WRITES OF LIFE IN FRANCE

### Fred B. Dunbar Expects to Return Soon; Just Misses Getting Commission.

Fred B. Dunbar, who attended the University from 1912 to 1915 and who is at present in the gas division of the fifth division in France, according to a letter received by Karl Onthank, secretary to President Campbell, expects to return to the University to complete his course shortly after his return to this country. He writes in part:

"I was in Paris during the big celebration of the signing of the armistice, and if there was one place to be that night, and the next and the next and so on for the rest of the week, it was Paris. The way that crowd manhandled those German cannon of all calibres about the streets, and the way the French 'mamselles' greeted the American soldiers, and the joy that was spread about that old city that night was well worth travelling far to see. It was wonderful, and such a sight and experience one will certainly never forget.

#### Luxemburg is Recommended

"Came back in time to join my division near Dun-sur-Meuse, on the Argonne front, and came on with it, here to Longuyon. Yesterday and the day before I had the opportunity of visiting Luxemburg, and if you ever take a honeymoon to Europe, do not fail to visit this little city. Like a jewel set in the heart of Europe it certainly is. The people speak German, French and English and use all those different moneys as well as Belgium and their own, but to all appearances they have not known that there has been a war going on. The prices of things show that up, however. It is a real little city though—the people are glad to see the Americans and will go a long way to do you a favor. From there, also, as part of this division is already in Germany, I will have a chance to get over and look some of it over—at least as far as Coblenz—that is, providing we don't have to go Berlin yet to really settle this affair.

"My branch of the service will probably be among the first groups to leave for home, but I guess I am stuck with the division until after some of the bunch gets home, anyway, until after the peace treaty is signed, and maybe longer. If I thought there was an opportunity of getting home in time to enter for the second semester I would sure like to make it, as I am planning on finishing up and taking some more work before going east, on which I am now planning. On the other hand, as long as I am able to visit such places as Luxemburg I do not mind staying so much. Besides, unless the Dutchers line up in good style, it looks to me just now as if a trip into Germany proper is not such a great distance away.

"I made the trip to Tours to take an examination in my branch of the service for a commission. I was informed afterwards that I passed successfully, but as I took it on the day the armistice was signed and all promotions in that line have been stopped, I fear I am out of luck, but I guess it makes little difference now, or it won't soon anyway."

#### STUDENT SENDS GIFT BOOK

A. Glenn Stanton, ex-'18, has presented to the School of Architecture library an illustrated volume entitled "Vanished Halls and Cathedrals of France," by George Wharton Edwards. Stanton enlisted during the spring vacation of last year. He was serving the government as an official photographer at Edgewood plant, Maryland. He will return soon to the University to finish his course in architecture.

DELTA GAMMA announces the pledging of Claire Yoran, of Eugene.

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## ARVO SIMOLA DOES FIELD PHOTOGRAPHY

### Former Student Tells of Trips in Ordnance Work Overseas.

Corporal Arvo Simola, of the ordnance department, has written from France to Karl W. Onthank, secretary to the President, describing his trips while engaged in field topography. Simola was a student at the University during 1916-1917 and part of the following year, and took the fourth ordnance course here. He is a member of the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.

His letter, which follows, is dated at Tours, France, December 16, 1918:

"I just received an 'Oregon Overseas' paper, and of course was very delighted. It sure made me want to be there again, you know where—at the University. I must say that the paper was certainly full of information, more than one would ever hope to get through letters.

"I landed in France August the 12th, at Brest, the famous old seaport, and it was there that I really began to think there was a war going on over here. Might add that we did have a little excitement coming across, as one whole morning we did nothing but drop depth bombs for those unseen enemies, but of course, that is all I know of the details. At any rate it was quite new to me. We did not stay in Brest long before we went to Melun and there I had to be taken sick with the flu and lay in the hospital for some two weeks. I am none the worse off for it, in fact I am glad that I had it, as I realize I must take care of myself.

#### Sent to Tours

"From Melun I was sent up to Tours as a photographer. I was assigned to the engineering department of the ordnance division. First I did nothing but laboratory work and finally got into work I've been crazy about, namely, field photography. This work consists of going constantly on field trips to picture ordnance material, not American but boche. One trip particularly was most interesting, when with several officers we motored some 500 miles along the front picturing Boche guns which they had left behind in the mad rush to get out of the way of the advancing doughboys, and by the way they deserve untold credit. I have been through Verdun and that most beautiful city was nothing but a mass of ruins.

"Also went up as far as the town of Longwy, which is not far from Luxemburg. All this was done after the armistice was signed, but not very long after, and as a result one could see things very much as the Germans had left them. Beyond Verdun I could see how the Boche had built regular dug-out cities on the hillsides, and let me add that these same places were certainly full of shell holes. I can see why they had to leave. At any rate, my pictures turned out very successful, and of course I was happy.

#### Trips Often Uncomfortable

"I certainly have seen a lot of this country in the work I am in. At times the trips have been a little uncomfortable, but I wouldn't have missed them for the world.

"I figure very strongly on a lot of students coming back to school next September if not before. Many of the boys are leaving for home and I hope to be one of them before long, as my work is nearing a close, or at least I think it is. In this army life one can certainly see the need for a good college education."

Simola's address is Ordnance Headquarters, S. O. S., U. S. P. O. 717, A. E. F.

### BARRON TO GIVE RECITAL

Professor of Violin Appears at Eugene Theatre February 2.

Robert Louis Barron, teacher of violin in the school of music, is planning to give a recital at the Eugene theater on Sunday, February 2. Mr. Barron's program is as follows:

- I. Concerto in "G" Minor, Vivaldi-Nachez  
Allegro.  
Adagio.  
Allegro.

- II. Concerto in "D" Major, opus 42..... A. Bazzini  
Allegro maestoso.  
Andante con moto.  
Allegro vivace.

- III. a. Elegie..... Nandor Zsolt  
b. Gavotte..... Marie Pierik  
c. Serenade..... Gabriel Pierne  
d. Mignonne..... Rudolf Friml  
e. Mazurka..... Arnold Volpe

- IV. Ballade et Polonaise..... Vieuxtemps  
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## LYMAN PICKETT'S DIVISION AWARDED

### Chosen by Y to Distribute Smokes, Under Fire, to Men in Trenches.

Lyman A. Pickett, former University student, now in France, in a letter to Karl W. Onthank, secretary to President Campbell, tells of having had a number of narrow escapes while under shell fire. Mr. Pickett is now a sergeant first class with the 316th sanitary train, A. E. F., A. P. O. 776. The letter follows in part.

"Was very glad to hear of the splendid progress the University is making. I will certainly be glad to receive the paper the girls are putting out. Have wished many times that I could get the Emerald to read. I have passed your message around to the boys and they returned their best wishes. We have many old Oregon men in our division.

"You have no doubt heard of Lieutenant Leslie Tooze being killed during our first engagement in France. I understand there were a number of other University of Oregon boys killed also. I had a number of very narrow escapes, being under shell fire for ten days and in several air raids. During the time our division was in the trenches on the French front I went up several times during my spare moments and assisted the Y. M. C. A. secretaries, passing out smokes to the men on the firing line. I was chosen to make a distribution of free sweets and smokes for the Y. M. C. A. to the entire division the day before the division came out of the trenches, which I had to make under fire and to each organization according to their strength. To see men killed all around me without a bit of warning or chance of escape was certainly sickening.

#### Billeting With Belgians

"We have been billeting with some Belgian people who are very good to us. As they were forced to speak German for four years, I have been using my University German to good advantage, being the interpreter for the rest. I was invited to take dinner with them and they differ from a French family I dined with while in France, in that the Belgians put everything on the table at once, while the French only put one food on, which meant that the Belgians were in a hurry to finish the meal, while the French took two hours. I was out the first morning I arrived in France, using my tooth-brush, much to the amusement of the French people. Finding out that our neighbors did not have one, I gave a girl an extra one that I carried and much to the amusement of the boys, we saw the whole family use the same tooth-brush in turn every morning."

"After coming out of the Argonne front our division was awarded so many men to go to a famous winter resort in Switzerland with all expenses paid. Our sanitary train was allowed 50 and I was selected from the camp infirmaries, of which I have charge, to go. Just at the time of our departure our division was ordered to Belgium and we had to give it up.

#### Eager to Return

"As the war is over and our work seems done, we are all looking to returning home.

"With kindest regards to President Campbell, the faculty and students."

#### DR. CASWELL RECOVERING

Dr. A. E. Caswell, professor of physics, who has been quite ill with the influenza, is reported as doing nicely. He was taken ill a week ago, and though now on the road to recovery is not expected to resume his classes until next week.



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