

**SPEAKERS TO INSTRUCT, ON EDUCATIONAL HIKES**

First Trip, Sponsored by Condon Club, to Take Place Saturday, January 28. Bovard Will Talk

The first of a series of educational hikes to be sponsored by the Condon club is scheduled for Saturday, January 28, according to an announcement made by the committee in charge yesterday. It is planned to have a speaker accompany each party of hikers to explain the various forms of plant and animal life encountered on the trips. Dr. John F. Bovard will be the speaker for the first hike.

All University students are invited to take advantage of the hikes which are promised by the committee to be of unusual educational value. The hikers will leave the campus at 10:30 a. m. on the morning of the 28th, and follow a planned itinerary, the details of which will be posted several days previous.

The committee in charge includes Hubert Schenck, Don Zimmerman, Rachel Husband and Dorothy Dixon. Members of the faculty who will assist in making the series of hikes a success are: Dr. John F. Bovard, Miss Florence Alden, Professors Melvin T. Solve, A. R. Sweetser, E. T. Hodge, Raymond Wheeler and William Lancefield.

**SNAP SHOTS AT SCRIBES**

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Mr. Bennett passed his seventy-fifth birthday sometime ago and in addition to his other accomplishments is an expert at posing for pictures. He took the best picture of anyone in the group photograph.

Fred W. Kennedy, of the department of journalism of the University of Washington, is known as the best physician on the coast for sick papers. Mr. Kennedy can take charge of a paper that is not paying and accurately diagnose the ailment.

George P. Cheney, of the Enterprise Record-Chief, traveled farther than any one in this state to attend the conference. Enterprise is located in the Wallowa valley, Wallowa county and near the Wallowa mountains. It is reached by a branch line from La Grande in the northeastern corner of the state.

Henry C. Ethell, editor of the Springfield News, came over for the conference. Mr. Ethell's greatest difficulty with journalists has been to get them to put the last "t" on when spelling his name.

Colonel E. Hofer, of the Salem Trade Journal and Manufacturer, likes to mix with the students and was yesterday prevailed upon by a co-ed to read some of his poetry. Mr. Hofer states that he thinks he is "somewhat of a czar" in his belief that the government should suppress the publication of sordid details of crime and immorality.

Harold Hunt, of the Oregon Journal, is an old grad of the class of '09 back on the campus as is also Herbert J. Campbell, of the Vancouver Columbian.

**Today's Program**

- SATURDAY MORNING**
- 9:00—Meeting of Conference Combined with Special Meeting of State Editorial Association called by Elbert Bede, president.
  - Standardizing the Newspaper—What I Have Learned in Three Hundred Country Newspaper Offices. Fred W. ("Pa") Kennedy, University of Washington, "doctor for sick newspapers."
  - 9:30—Doubling the Publisher's Efficiency—What a Close State and District Organization Can Accomplish and How. Herbert J. Campbell, vice-president of the Conference, publisher of Vancouver Columbian.
  - 9:45—Report on State of Newspaper Law in Oregon. Legal Code Committee, Dean W. G. Hale, University of Oregon Law School.
  - 10:15—Code of Ethics. Report of Committee Appointed at Meeting of State Editorial Association last summer at Bend. Action on Proposed Code. Elbert Bede, President of Association, in the chair.
  - 11:15—Discussion of Service of American Press Association. Auto-caster Service, etc., Elbert Bede, R. W. Sawyer and others. Plan for Future Conferences. Eric W. Allen, Dean School of Journalism. Election of Officers. Business Meeting.

**SATURDAY AFTERNOON**

    - 12:15—Toastmaster: The Newly Elected President of the Conference. Speakers: Members of the Student Body of the University and School of Journalism. Music by Phi Gamma Delta Quartette.
    - 3:00—Conferences. Dean Allen, Professor Kennedy, Mr. Brown.
    - 4:00—Meeting of Sigma Delta Chi.
    - 8:00—Journalism Jinx. All Newspapermen invited.

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**OPEN FORUM**

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the ability to render his subject a part of the great stream of life I yell for joy. I haven't yelled very many times in the last three years either.

You speak of upholding the army and navy departments and the secretary of state and the president. Since when have the executive branches of our country become Junkerized bureaucracies to be infallibly supported? If we can in some way modify or change the politics of our government have we not the right to do so? Or is this talk of a Republican form of government all bosh and buncombe, as the late lamented Socialists would have us believe? Yours very truly.

E. J. H.

**R. O. T. C. SYSTEM DENOUNCED**

To the Editor: I understand that C. V. Dymont was a Scotchman. Canny, no doubt, but does he not advocate things which a few years ago we would have regarded with horror!

Before 1914 Germany had a system of "preparedness" which made every young man in the country serve a certain number of years in the army. Mr. Dymont probably knows the facts of this system better than I do. At any rate that system was heartily condemned two years' service. It is practically a compulsory system for the young men of today who wish to acquire a college degree. Is it that we have adopted a system like that used by the Germans?

Mr. Dymont asks "what of the hundred million or so across the sea?" He admits the hundred million or so in this country are unitedly for disarmament. The United States called the conference on armament limitations at Washington. It inaugurated most of the steps that were taken. Having done those things, those "hundred million or so across the sea" will naturally look to this country to see if it is really sincere. And are we sincere when we scrap a few ships and meanwhile build up a reserve force of trained (?) young men?

Evidently Mr. Dymont is not familiar with Oregon's record in the late war. Is it anything to be ashamed of? It is a record to be proud of. We had no military training before the war and yet our men took their places, some as leaders and others in the ranks.

Perhaps it was the glamour of adventure which drew some of Oregon's volunteers. With most it was pure patriotism, however. But R. O. T. C. drill is making anything smacking of militarism so obnoxious that it is unlikely that the present R. O. T. C. membership could boast half as high a percentage of volunteers as the University did before the R. O. T. C. came here.

R. F. C.

**THEN AND NOW**

To the Editors:— Now that the loud timbral has been sounded o'er the R. O. T. C. by E. J. H. and Jay Dee, and since the editor of the Emerald has added his thunder to theirs by publishing a premature, gratuitous obituary notice of that splendid organization it would be cowardly and unjust to desert the guns in the middle of the river without even a salvo of counteroffensive preparation. Let it be said with all deference to the beliefs of these men that they have lost the battle in the solipsistic involucre of their imaginative intellects and have failed to interpret the far-reaching significance of the tramp of marching hosts on the parade grounds. They have not read the signs of the times. They are extremely wrong.

To understand the reason for the existence of the R. O. T. C. one must reach far and deep in an effort to grasp the roots of history somewhere in the vicinity of the half-way house on the path back to the age of the troglodyte. Even in those days wars and battles were an international entertainment and had the sanction of all the crowned heads of Europe and Asia. It is not necessary to dwell on those distant periods more than to say that among our forefathers conflict was an uncultured and barbaric pastime. It remained for medieval man to introduce chivalry and grace into the extermination of human beings at so much per exterminate.

What school-boy has not read of the moral and instructive carnivals so charmingly described by Sir Walter Scott? At that time when knighthood was in blossom, promoters collected huge gate-receipts (war-tax not included) from ladies and gentlemen desirous of beholding human gore. (Roman gladiatorial contests have been purposely omitted because of their crudity.) It is certain medieval humorists, in fact, that we owe undying gratitude for their having decked their assassins in multi-colored uniforms, gold braid, and diamond-studded broad-axes. In those days was real romance.

The medieval soldier never shot till he smelt the enemy's breath. Undoubtedly, this custom gave great impetus to the cause of domestic science and lectures on the psychology of digestion. Later, it became fashionable to shoot when the whites of the enemy's eyes became visible. An examination of early-model muskets would clear any doubt concerning the existence of this practice.

The late-lamented war in Europe contained no lessons or examples to primitive barbarism. From the First Marne to the capture of Sedan there is no record of any soldier's having been hilarious over the prospects of

being scattered into the permanent attitude of death by the spontaneous action of a "G. I. can." Thus, those elements of warfare which are so extremely unromantic had best be forgotten.

In our own day it is the Mexican style of conflict which has had the most far-reaching appeal. Despite the condemnation cast upon Mexican athletes by many commentators, the prime requisite of a guerrilla warrior, or an insurrecto, is his ability to keep two jumps ahead of an ordinary steel-nosed bullet as it zips through the atmosphere. As a matter of courtesy between generals, however, long-distance shooting is preferred to close combat. Though this may be an economic waste of powder, it greatly lessens the danger to human life, and has the general approval of the standing army. Further, to add commercialism to sportsmanship, it was Francisco Villa who staged several splendid daylight battles for the benefit of American movie magnates. Let it be said to his credit that the casualties were slight.

This brief review of racial sportsmanship should convince all that human welfare and human happiness depend to a great extent on the fostering of the R. O. T. C. The personnel of the staff should be enlarged to include all the professors of the University. Drill should be compulsory for all students in order to equip them for future tournaments. The women of the institution should be trained to nurse wounded heroes back to normalcy. Furthermore, in case this formidable force should find it necessary to take the field, all cooks and house managers at living organizations should be impressed into service. The details of this plan would be worked out, necessarily, by a general staff composed of the officers.

In case no foreign enemy could be found, the army might ride down on O. A. C., destroy a few night-watchmen, trample over the cabbage beds and cowpastures, and make the hen-roosts look sick. With careful negotiation, open warfare might be waged at exhibition prices, either in medieval style or after the Mexican manner of fighting. Whatever the exact method of conflict may be, the day of the R. O. T. C. is coming. Football, basketball, and all such feminine parlor pastimes will be discarded in the more manly recreation of extermination of the race.

CARNY.

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**CONSTITUTION OF ALLIED ARTS LEAGUE DRAWN UP**

Organization Plans to Assist in Affairs of Architecture and Art Schools; Ray Bethers is President

A meeting of the presidents of the clubs in the school of architecture and allied arts was held last night in the architecture building to draw up a constitution for the Allied Arts league an organization made up of all majors in the school. The purpose of the league is to further cooperation between all the clubs in the school in affairs which pertain to the entire school. Ray Bethers was elected president of the league at a meeting of the students on July day, December 12. Other officers are Cleo Jenkins, vice-president; Beatrice Morrow, secretary, and Jesse Green, treasurer.

Sidney Hayslip, president of the Architecture club; Eunice Zimmerman, president of the Sculpture club; Florence Moorhead, president of the Normal Arts club, and Ray Bethers form the executive council which drew up the constitution at the meeting last night. The council plans to prepare soon for the next July day program, bring outside speakers before the league at meetings and exchange exhibits with other colleges, and it is hoped that all majors in the school will co-operate in making the league a success.

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