

## RARE OLD BOOKS ARE SEEN ABROAD

Bodleian Collection at Oxford  
Viewed by Mrs. McClain

### OLD COPIES ARE CHAINED

Campus Librarian Also Visits  
Bibliotheque in France

Library books were chained heavily to the tables in the Bodleian library in Oxford in former days, according to Mrs. M. E. McClain, circulation librarian, who has just returned from a trip abroad where she visited several European libraries.

"Some of the most valuable books there, are still chained," said Mrs. McClain. "A lifetime or two was put into the making of some of the old books. They were written by hand by monks and the process was very slow. Among the most valuable books and manuscripts is a copy of a fourth century writing. It is only two by three inches in size and is on vellum. The little copy is kept in a glass case."

**Library Founded in 1400**  
"The Bodleian library was founded in 1400 and now has two million books and manuscripts. None of the books are circulated and it is a very grave offense to 'borrow' books there, although 20 or 40 a year are lost sometimes. Among other rare copies is a Latin gospel written by Macgreal, a bishop who died in 820."

While in Paris Mrs. McClain visited the Bibliotheque Nationale, the largest library in France and one of the largest in the world. There are more than five million volumes and manuscripts there, many which are extremely valuable. A copy of one of Charlemagne's manuscripts and a bible that belonged to Charles the Bald among these.

"One reason why the Bibliotheque has acquired such an unusual collection of books is that the early kings of France took an interest in collections of literature," explained Mrs. McClain. "Also about the 16th century a law was passed that a copy of every book printed in France be presented to the library. This law still exists."

**Original was Hotel**  
"The Bibliotheque was started in the middle of the 17th century by a man named Mazarin. The original library building was a hotel and the present library is in the same place and has been built on from year to year until the library has become unique in the size and value of its collection."

Because of the great fear that fire would destroy these cherished books and manuscripts, there are no electric lights of any kind in the whole building. The library closed at 4:00 o'clock in the afternoon. No one is allowed in the stacks and most of the books are not circulated at all. The libraries in France do not use the Dewey decimal system but have a method of classification all their own. They have a peculiar alphabetical system of combined letters. In most of the libraries there is an American section with works of most of the old standard American authors.

#### Old Bibles Seen

Mrs. McClain saw an amusing thing while visiting the Vatican library in Rome, one of the most beautiful libraries in the world on account of its famous frescos and exquisite carvings of interior decorations. A collection of very rare old bibles is kept in one room. Many of these bibles are bound in vellum and inlaid with precious jewels. Right in the midst of this beautiful collection, garbed in limp leather, was an American book entitled "Sitting Bull." This tale of the Indian chief had evidently been sent to the Pope from some admiring American as a gift.

While in Italy, Mrs. McClain visited the remains of the home of Christopher Columbus in Genoa.

#### "RESOURCES OF OREGON" LOMAX LECTURE TOPIC

Third of Series of Radio Talks Sent  
From Oregonian Station; Course  
Open for Enrollment

A. L. Lomax, professor of Foreign Trade of the school of Business Administration, gave his third radio lecture last night from the Oregonian station—KGW. This lecture, "Diversity vs. Adversity," is the third of a series given every Friday night until including December 21.

The first lecture was an explanation of the field covered by all the following talks: "The Resources of Oregon." The second was on the horticultural advantages of Oregon and the talk last night covered the importance of small fruits and vegetables to the state. It took up the crop diversification as an asset to Oregon and emphasized that advantage should be taken of this fact.

He entered into a discussion on truck gardening and said that this phase of agriculture was relatively undeveloped, though the climate and soil of the Willamette valley are highly adapted to gardening. Lomax ended his lecture with a summary of the advantages of the Oregon canneries.

The Extension Division has put out

a folder explaining the purpose of this course of lectures. It reads:  
"This is the first consecutive series of University lectures to be broadcast from this station. The course is not for credit, but regular auditors will be recognized by the issuance of a certificate of enrollment which in addition to its value as a souvenir of participation in this pioneer educational effort through radio telephony will entitle the holder to full answers by correspondence to any questions he may address to the University or to the Oregonian concerning the resources of Oregon. To obtain this certificate of enrollment, simply notify the University of Oregon, Portland office, 651 Courthouse, Main 3735 or the Oregonian, Main 7070—ask for the radio department—of your intention to listen to the lectures."

### W. A. A. HIKE TO START AT 10 O'CLOCK SUNDAY

Trampers to Leave From Villard Hall  
and Follow River Trail East;  
Every Mile Counts

The first W. A. A. hike of the year will be made Sunday, October 21, when all the girls who are interested in this phase of athletics will assemble in front of Villard hall at 10 o'clock, lunch boxes in hand. The hike will lead along the river toward Springfield.

"This first trip is going to be almost entirely a trail hike," said Janet Wood, head of hiking. "It will always give one more of the spirit of hiking to keep off the main highways and to

follow paths leading through the woods along the river banks."  
Every mile of hiking counts for those who are trying to make points towards winning a letter sweater. Individual points also count in do-not competition for the Mazama hiking cup, which was awarded this year to Tau Nu.

### LANGUAGE TEACHERS ENJOY SUMMER ABROAD

Henriette Guoy and Carmen Espinosa  
Tell of Visits to Famous Spots  
in France and Spain

The Alhambra by moonlight, where ghosts of old Arab kings still keep lonely vigil in the deserted Court of the Lions, and where spirits of beautiful gypsy maidens pick small blue flowers along the pool's edge in the Court of the Myrtles—this is only one of the spots of mystery and romance visited by Miss Carmen Espinosa, University Spanish teacher, during three months spent abroad this summer.

A visit to the Alhambra at night is an unusual privilege to be accorded an American tourist, and is only allowed if the visitor is accompanied by some honored private citizen.

At the college of the Pyrenees in Barcelona, Miss Espinosa with a group of other American students, took courses in the history of Spain and Spanish literature. She also visited in France and Italy. A trip to Monte Carlo, famous for its gambling and cosmopolitan populace, was also included in Miss Espinosa's summer itinerary. "I bathed in beauty all summer," Miss Henriette Guoy of the Romance

language department, said. She also spent her summer vacation in Europe, sailing on the steamship Paris on June 18 last.  
She spent the greater part of the summer at her home in Marseilles. In that city, Miss Guoy says there are many operas given during the summer in a Greek theater on the shore of the ocean, and during her vacation this year she was able to attend a number of these affairs.

Of the scenery in the Pyrenees, Miss Guoy says, "I have never seen anything more beautiful. I had not expected them to be as lovely as the Canadian Rockies, but they were."

"I am glad to get back, but I am in an awful situation, for I do not like to leave my friends here nor do I like to leave my friends and family in France."

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### MAH JONGG WILL NOT DUST POOL SAYS HEAD

Fear of Fantastic Costume  
Given as Reason

Contrary to certain statements said to have been expounded by the well-dressed individuals that appeared on the library steps Thursday morning, W. R. Wallace announced today that Mah Jongg will not take the place of pool and billiards in his practical courses for college men. "After a period of research on several generations of college men, I have found that there can be no substitute for these games of the green-felt table," he said today when interviewed by the Krier's nosy reporter. "Furthermore," he adds, "while we have always been very liberal in dress restrictions at our institution, we deem it necessary at this time to take all precaution against the athrobe danger."

The courses in pool and billiards have been unusually popular this fall, due perhaps, to the work of the "Greater Obak Committee" that has been doing taste wide work during the summer.

#### HISTORIC ART COLLECTION WILL BE UNVEILED TODAY

The formal opening of the famous Obak art gallery will be held in the main auditorium of Obak Kollege Saturday afternoon and evening. While these pictures have been on display during the entire year this is the first time that there has been an official unveiling. Freshmen who are interested in the ancient history course in Oregon athletics are requested to be present.

### Senior Men Seek Aid When Anxious Women Ask for Extra Dates

As is always the custom during senior leap-week, Obak's has been the refuge of both the over-popular and the unpopular oldtimers during the last few days. The information department of this paper has been over-run with queries of just what to do and why, when a blushing maid asks you for a date.

In cases like this, as in most all affairs of the heart, it has been found that one of Obak's pipes offers the surest and most satisfactory consolation. Many senior men have adopted the slogan: "Get a good pipe, boys, it'll always be your friend."

There have also been drastic cases of men who were almost starving to death because of having so many phone calls during the meal hour. These found joyful relief at Obak's snow-white luncheonette.

After all, the week has been a big success, and many senior men have discovered that after all there is no satisfaction like the companionship of the Obak gang.

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