

## Edison Marshall Is Firm Believer In Romanticism

### Popular Novelist Former Oregon Student

#### Realism Is Photography, Not Art, He Says

As a dreamer and a romanticist, Edison Marshall loves, reads and writes romance.

Edison Marshall is a novelist who is widely read, and a former Oregon student. One of his best known books is "The Land of Forgotten Men."

"I write about anything that stirs my imagination and sets it to working," he said. "A writer has to turn himself loose, forget everything else and throw heart and soul into his work."

Mr. Marshall is not interested in so-called realism, because he says that there is no such thing as realism. "Realism is only what the writer thinks is the real thing, and it can never be any more than that. Romanticism is a realistic attempt to make the unreal seem real. And realism is nothing more than a romantic attempt to be real."

"A realistic writer is just as much a bally-ho artist as is a romanticist," the writer said. "He writes to please the public just as much as a romantic writer does—he writes to be read."

Realism, he thinks, appeals to those who don't have it, people who are sheltered from the world of stark reality—to the young wife, but not the widow who has faced hardship.

"Realism cannot be art," he adds, "because absolute realism is only photography."

"My novels which tell of the north—Alaska, snow, and cold, appeal especially to the Nordic people, but are not at all popular with the southern Latin people," he said.

Mr. Marshall has never lived in the north, but has taken trips there a number of times. He believes that close contact with one's subject, for instance a life lived in the north, disillusions a person so that he cannot write a romance about it. And a disillusioned realist is as far off the truth as a romanticist, he declares. People write best about that which they know very little. A sensitive person can write thrilling stories about red-blooded men because he views them from afar.

"I wager," he said, "that Michael Arlen is woman shy, just as I am a tender-foot in the northland."

Mr. Marshall has been living in Medford, Oregon, but he stopped on the campus, yesterday on his way to South Carolina to live, where he expects to get some ideas for a new story.

Mr. Marshall was in Professor W. F. G. Thacher's first class in short story writing in 1914 and it was while he was a member of this class that he sold his first story, which was a blood-thirsty pirate romance.

### W. Hale Has Article In December Issue Of Oregon Bar Journal

"The Rule Making Power—Clarifying the Issue," written by W. G. Hale, dean of the law school, is one of three editorials appearing in the December issue of the "Oregon Law Review," the journal of the Oregon Bar Association.

C. E. Carpenter, professor in the law school, is editor of the magazine, this issue of which has just lately come off the press. The contents are devoted mainly to a discussion of whether the Supreme Court of Oregon should or should not have the power of making court proceedings, which power is now vested in the state legislature.

According to Mr. Carpenter, the discussion comes at an apt time, as the question is soon to be brought before the legislature.

### President to Speak At Y. M. C. A. Banquet

The Cosmopolitan club is sponsoring a banquet honoring the foreign students on the campus next Wednesday evening, January 12, at the Y. M. C. A. Hut at 7:15 p. m. A number of the faculty and townspeople are each inviting one student as his or her guest for the evening. It is hoped that in this way a more personal acquaintanceship may be formed than is possible in any other way.

The speakers for the evening will include President Hall and representatives of several foreign races. Music will be furnished by the Filipino stringed orchestra.

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## Society

By HELEN SHANK

Once again the campus is a blaze of bright color and life, after the close of an enjoyable holiday season filled to the brim with many interesting affairs. Especially in Portland did the college crowd sport themselves at various teas, dances and other festivities. Outstanding among the events of the holidays was the annual Christmas College Ball, sponsored by the Women's League, which was held in the ball room of the Multnomah hotel on December 27. A large number of the college set attended.

Another affair of interest was the charming the dancant given at the new Congress hotel in Portland on New Year's day between the hours of two and five. It was sponsored by Mrs. George T. Gerlinger of the Board of Regents for the benefit of the new Fine Arts building fund, and Frances Morgan was in charge of arrangements. A group of college girls assisted during the afternoon.

President and Mrs. Arnold Bennett Hall were at home last evening as the first of a series of at homes which they have planned to set aside during the winter that their campus and town friends may call. On January thirty-first they will again be at home, and also some time in February. Mrs. Hall will continue to be at home on Thursday afternoon of each week, having received last Thursday for the first time this year.

A number of affairs have been planned for the pleasure of the new president and his wife. On Friday night Dean and Mrs. John F. Bovard honored them at a dinner party at their home, at which the other guests were the heads of the departments in the school of physical education. Covers were laid for Dr. and Mrs. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Scott, Miss Florence Alden, Dr. and Mrs. Fred Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Earl, Captain and Mrs. John J. McEwan and the hosts.

On Friday morning Mrs. Hall was honor guest at a large breakfast party at Hendricks hall, which had as its hostesses Mrs. Virginia Judy Esterly, Mrs. Henry W. Davis, Miss Conuelo McMillan, Miss Fanny McCamant and Mrs. Ada Patterson. The breakfast table was colorful and attractive in red and green, the centerpiece being pepper plants and huckleberry foliage.

Guests for the affair included twenty-eight of the campus and faculty women. Covers were laid for Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Ella Stearns, Mrs. Bruce J. Giffen, Mrs. Elizabeth Prescott, Mrs. Josephine Stewart, Mrs. Elizabeth Wilson, Miss Edna Porter, Mrs. George Reed, Mrs. Anna C. Hart, Mrs. J. W. Kayes, Mrs. Frank W. Benson, Miss Sue Badollet, Mrs. Lucy Perkins, Mrs. E. Bel Chandler, Mrs. Addie Marsh, Mrs. Lucy Abrams, Mrs. Henry Augustine, Mrs. Charles Grey, Mrs. L. E. Woodring, Mrs. Katherine Yerex, Mrs. Grace Russell, Mrs. J. J. Lange, Mrs. Lettie Mowrey and the hostesses.

To welcome the new term with proper enthusiasm, students in the journalism department made merry on Friday night at their annual Jamboree, which was a gay and sparkling costume party. All the guests came in masks and unusual dress. Prizes for the most original and clever costumes were given to Sol Abramson and Etha Clark. The Co-ed orchestra furnished music for dancing, and a surprise came in the middle of the evening in the form of a humorous "scandal sheet," written especially for the occasion. As the feature Milton George and LaVida Jones gave an Apache dance. Cider and doughnuts were served during the evening.

The committee making arrangements for the Jamboree consisted of Harold Hunnicutt, chairman, Minnie Fisher, Grace Fisher, Alice Krafft, Geneva Drum, Genevieve Morgan, Bertram Jessup, Henry Alderman, Jack Hempstead, Glen Radabaugh, Leonard Hagstrum and Herbert Leunard.

At a delightful luncheon given at the Eugene hotel last Saturday Miss Frances Vermiere announced her en-

gagement to David S. Adolph. The table was dainty and colorful, with a great basket of ferns and salmon pink rosebuds with a huge tulle bow for a centerpiece. Tulle streamers leading from the center of the table to each place bore tiny wrist corsages in which were hidden little cards bearing the news.

Covers were laid for the Misses Claudia Sersanous, Eunice Robertson, Dorothea Prael, Louise Buchanan, Mae Tobin, Elizabeth Waara, Janet Pearce, Gladys Baylis, Alice Krafft, Irene Greenbaum, Audrey Lundy and the hostess. Between courses Miss Janet Pearce sang "I Love You Truly" and "At Dawn-ning."

Miss Vermiere is a sophomore in the University, and Mr. Adolph expects to complete his course this year. He is a member of the Kappa Sigma. Announcement of the engagement was also made at the Kappa Sigma house at dinner Saturday evening. The wedding will probably be an event of this year.

News has just been received of the wedding of Miss Bernice Yeo, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Yeo of Ashland, and Dr. George Stannard of Los Angeles in Portland on December twenty-fourth. The bride was a former student here, where she was a member of Mu Phi Epsilon and of Alpha Delta Pi. Since her graduation she has taught music in the public schools of Santa Ana, California. Dr. Stannard is a graduate of the University of California and is now practicing dentistry in Alhambra, a suburb of Los Angeles, where the couple expected to make their home after an extended wedding trip through the north.

As a surprise to the campus came the news of the marriage of Miss Jane Dudley to Malcolm Epley in Albany last Friday. Both are students in the journalism department and have returned to continue their studies. Mrs. Epley is a member of Alpha Omicron Pi.

On Thursday following the assembly members of Pot and Quill and Tabard Inn, women's and men's honorary literary societies, were hosts at a luncheon at the Anchorage in honor of Mr. Anthony Euwer, the chief speaker of the day. About thirty students and faculty members attended.

On New Year's eve Dean and Mrs. F. G. Young were dinner hosts. Covers were laid for Dr. and Mrs. F. G. G. Schmidt, J. D. Barnett, John Mueller, Miss Frances Young of Portland, and the hosts. After the dinner Professor Mueller entertained with several delightful piano selections.

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## Best Novel and Book of History For 1926 Cited

### Report Class Conducts Questionnaire Among Faculty and Students

#### Six Professors Offer Authoritative Opinions

Students in Professor Ralph D. Casey's reporting class have recently completed a research problem which they have been conducting on the campus to uncover popular opinions as to the best novel and the best book of history which has been published during 1926. A number of faculty members and students have been questioned, and some of the opinions follow.

Dr. C. V. Boyer, head of the English department, considers "Time of Man," the first novel by Elizabeth Madox Roberts, the best novel of the year. The story, he says, "is realistic, but lacking in the sordidness of the ordinary realism." The characters, thinks Dr. Boyer, are real persons, and the book as a whole as artistic.

S. Stephenson Smith, assistant professor in the same department, believes Ellen Glasgow's "Romantic Comedians" should have first place, because it represents a departure in the American novel. Another work which should be noted as outstanding is Elinor Wylie's "Orphan Angel," thinks Professor Smith.

Alfons Korn, senior in English and recently awarded Rhodes scholarship at Oxford, thinks Theodore Dreiser's "The American Tragedy" is the best novel of the year. Although the book has been criticized as being verbose and too long, Mr. Korn defends it because "it is so powerful."

Although he refuses to answer the question concerning which was the best novel, Prof. W. F. G. Thacher, of the school of English and journalism, believes Carl Van Vechten's "Nigger Heaven" takes the capital prize for being the poorest. Not only does the professor feel that this writer failed to give the admittedly valuable facts of his book an imaginative cast, but that he was unsuccessful even in getting over the psychology of the negro.

History professors agree that "The United States and Mexico" by James F. Rippey, assistant professor at the University of Chicago, is the best historical work published in America during the past year. Dr. Dan E. Clark and Dr. Donald Barnes, both instructors in the University of Oregon department of history, express almost identical views to support this contention. Dr. Barnes lists as second choice, James Truslow Adams' "New England in the Republic." Dr. R. C. Clark, head of the department, reverses the order of the two works.

The three agree that there were very few outstanding works of history during the year.

hour Thursday night. After registration, the delegates will be conducted to the organization where they will be lodged during the conference. Final letters of instruction are now being sent out, telling, among other things, the organization where each delegate will stay. A news bulletin of the conference is also being sent, with a complete program of the meetings and social events.

An innovation of this year's conference will be the A. S. U. O. assembly Friday morning at 9 o'clock, which will serve as a joint meeting of University students and high school delegates, and will also be a general meeting of all four divisions of the convention. University classes which regularly come at that hour will be held Thursday morning, at 11 o'clock.

## Banquet

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of the organizations have been honored as nearly as possible, the committees feel that the houses should entertain the delegates with a spirit to surpass that shown in former years. It is essential to the success of future conferences and to the reputation of hospitality already held by the University, that high school delegates receive a good impression from their contact with University students.

In accordance with new arrangements, when the delegates begin arriving Thursday afternoon, they will be conveyed immediately to the registration booth in the Administration building by motor busses chartered from the Eugene Street Railway system. Every train will be met by these busses until a late

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