

### Oregon's Poetic Genius Declared To Be of the Soil

#### Walter Kidd Interprets Soul of Land, Says Howard Corning

#### Portland Man's Book of Verse Just Released

"Oregon's greatest poetry must come from the soil-experiences relected through the sensibilities," said Howard McKinley Corning, well-known western poet, just before he left for his home in Portland after a week-end on the campus. "The epic qualities of the Oregon background have already been touched by the Oregon scribes."

The Eugene poets, Margaret Skavlan, Irene Stewart and Walter Kidd, graduates of the University, he commented, are distinguishing the poetry of Oregon. He pointed out that Miss Stewart has a crystalline brilliance and a subtle lyricism in her verse. Miss Skavlan's poems are deftly emotional and colored with her romantic spirit. Mr. Kidd's verse, especially his sonnets of ranch realism, are representative of the local soil.

#### Oregon Poets Promising

"Oregon has a large group of poets doing exceptionally fine work," he continued. "H. L. Davis, of The Dalles, shows large promise and some distinctive accomplishment. In Portland Ethel Romig Fuller is doing most immaculate and graphic work; Ada Hastings Hedges, excellent arid-country sonnets and lyrics. Others worthy of mention are Borghild Lee, Charles Olsen and Quene Lister."

There are many technically proficient versifiers in the field of American poetry, he added critically, but very few with outstanding originality. Edwin Arlington Robinson, Robert Frost, Edna Millay, and Elmer Wylie are favorites of his. He believes that Joseph Auslander, author of many near-great poems, offers the largest promise for early ranking, and that Lizette Reese holds position by one supreme sonnet, "Tears."

#### Poetry Personal

"Any definition of poetry involves a note of personal preference," Mr. Corning said. "My preference lies with poetry that balances the intellectual and emotional contents. The personality behind the poem is the best definition of poetry because no definition of poetry can cover all poetry. The poet's poetry is life created in his own intellectual and emotional image."

"My poetry is a personal growth of expression of the inward awareness of the outward relationships of nature with the senses," he continued. "I am constantly impressed with the unity of chaos and interested in threading out the standards of truth that bind life together. Characterization interests me because each personality is an incomplete reflection of life patterned out."

"The elements of nature must assume intellectual and significant value to be of worth to me in poetic usage," he stated. "Much of the detail of nature and new discoveries lie in my mind a long time before assuming significance."

Mr. Corning's first book of verse, "These People," was recently released by the Harold Vinal Publishing Company, of New York, and two sonnets of his were published in the book section of this week's New York Herald Tribune.

season is the way that Scott Milligan and Gord Ridings from the last year's freshman squad have developed and assimilated the team play.

Milligan has been filling the place left vacant by Jost and has been playing a consistent game. He covers the floor well and works into the passing combinations like a veteran. His close checking on the man to man defense has helped hold the opponents' score down all season.

Gord Ridings, ex-University high school player, has been working with Gunther at forward and has all the appearances of being an all-coast man before many years. He is one of the best defensive players on the Oregon squad. What he lacks in experience he makes up in aggressiveness and fight.

#### No Oregon Rooting Section

The Oregon team will be playing without the support of a rooting section tonight, according to Carl Lodell, graduate manager of O. A. C., who has said that no tickets have been reserved for the Oregon rooting section as the Aggie gym is barely large enough for the Aggie students. A few tickets will be placed on sale, but it is probable that they will be bought up as soon as the ticket office opens, and there is to be no reserve seats sold.

Counting the pre-season games the University of Oregon hoopers have played 21 games and emerged victorious in 20. The Aggie basketballers have played 17 games, winning 12 and losing 5.

A list of the games played by the teams this season follows:

- Oregon 43, Olympic club 29.
- Oregon 32, Ellery Arms 24.
- Oregon 43, Athens club 18.
- Oregon 41, San Jose Golds 25.
- Oregon 50, Napa 16.
- Oregon 33, St'n Amblers 25.
- Oregon 46, Auburn Cubs 21.
- Oregon 39, Grass Valley 19.
- Oregon 52, Maryville 25.
- Oregon 38, Willamette 10.
- Oregon 43, Willamette 13.
- Oregon 65, Gonzaga 17.
- Oregon 39\*, Idaho 24.
- Oregon 31\*, Washington State 14.
- Oregon 35\*, Idaho 36.
- Oregon 36, Gonzaga 17.
- Oregon 37\*, Montana 24.
- Oregon 50\*, Washington 25.
- Oregon 32, Willamette 26.
- Oregon 54\*, Montana 32.
- Oregon 43\*, Washington State 23.
- Total 884 Total 463

\* Conference games.  
Oregon Aggie.

- O. A. C. 30, Checkerboards 15.
- O. A. C. 32, Ashland Normal 33.
- O. A. C. 37, Auburn Cubs 28.
- O. A. C. 31, Amblers 22.
- O. A. C. 29, U. M. I. 30.
- O. A. C. 24, Olympic club 19.
- O. A. C. 27, Pac. C. club 13.
- O. A. C. 22, Hollywood A. C. 20.
- O. A. C. 35, U. of C. So. Br. 32.
- O. A. C. 35, Pasadena A. C. 36.
- O. A. C. 35, Willamette 16.
- O. A. C. 24, Multnomah 18.
- O. A. C. 32, Gonzaga 24.
- O. A. C. 28\*, Idaho 29.
- O. A. C. 29, Sal. Blackcats 28.
- O. A. C. 48\*, Montana 36.
- O. A. C. 30\*, W. S. C. 19.
- Total 518 Total 417

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### Frosh Finmen Meet Rooks at Corvallis Today

#### Babes Appear Deficient In Dives; Eight Men Compose Team

The University of Oregon freshman swimming team will compete with the O. A. C. rook squad this afternoon in the Aggies' pool in Corvallis. The yearling natators will be in the charge of Pete Palmer, frosh swimming mentor.

Johnny Anderson, the yearling's premier crawl stroke artist, will meet some stiff competition when he races against Sheehan, the rooks' water flash. In the 50-yard event Sheehan has a good chance of winning, but in the 100-yard affair Anderson should come through in front, according to Ed Abercrombie, varsity swimming coach.

"Sil" Silverman, swimming the two furlong event for the frosh, is almost a sure point winner. He beat the best that the varsity had to offer the week before last by two full lengths of the Woman's building pool, and from all reports from the Aggie camp the rooks haven't been showing much stuff in the distance events.

The yearlings are weak in the dives, but should give a good account of themselves in the back stroke, according to word received from the coaching staff.

The swimmers to make the trip are Allen, Anderson, Hatton, Mathier, Raley, Sharp, Silverman, and Waldron. The team will be accompanied by Palmer and Burr Abner, manager.

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### Debate

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in the debate on account of the system," said Mr. Horner. He believes the subject for debate, also, will make it of more than usual interest. "The fact that Senator Borah has recently commented in the papers on the importance of prohibition in the presidential campaign of 1928, and the fact that it is already being discussed all over the nation as a possible issue makes the question, although an old one, timely and interesting."

Walter Durgan, junior, Roland Davis, junior, and Mr. Horner will also attend the debate, the two debaters to listen to the debate in preparation for the contest with the University of Arizona, which will be presented before the Eugene Chamber of Commerce. Beryl Ludington, senior, and Joseph McKeown, sophomore, will debate the affirmative of the prohibition question with Southern California later

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on, and may go to Portland also. The freshman men's debate with Whitman College has been scheduled for February 25; the debate with

Ashland Normal School has not yet been scheduled, and the women's debate with Whitman will be early in April.

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Dearest Anne—

Today marks a veritable exodus to Corvallis to witness our flaming quintet do the "Aggies" up brown. The well dressed Oregon co-ed hastily scans her wardrobe for the correct garment to don. A sport suit, of course, serves the purpose. Charming in their modish new color combinations—distinguished in their smart individuality Densmore Leonard suits are worn by those who let satisfaction be their guide.

The added luxury of a novel frosted felt from Letitia Abram's (b.a.l. Densmore-Leonard) can well be indulged in for this occasion if one always craves the carefree confidence that being perfectly outfitted always gives.

And now we have Valentine day when bashful collegiates can anonymously express their innermost feelings to secret sorrows. Raup's corages in dainty Valentine boxes represent a popular mode of so doing. In table and dance decorations Raup's also takes the honors in carrying out the Valentine idea.

In constant touch with all that is sought after and delightful the Alladin Gift Shop this week surprises us with a rare collection of quaint old Dutch silver trinkets made in Holland over one hundred years ago. In form of jeweled brooches, bracelets, buckles, etc., these glimpses of past generations are fast becoming unusually desirable.

Co-eds sense it immediately, that atmosphere of hominess and subdued refinement that they find in the Anchorage and co-eds revel in the delicious dishes served in such a perfectly appointed and attractive manner. The Anchorage has made a name for itself on the Oregon campus in regard to both faculty and student patronage.

Indulge caprice in a new hair dress. The girl who prefers the most becoming and latest in bob cuts invariably ends up at the Co-ed Barber Shop (next to the Co-op). Since its installation some years ago the popularity of the Co-ed has stamped it as the correct place to go.

Sunday nights when food is usually down to left overs, having supper parties in one's room is becoming the endorsed fashion. Underwood and Elliott's with their endless resources are ever the agents to rely upon. Canned and fresh fruits for salad are but one of the many appetizers they offer.

Well, Anne, here I am just about ready to sign off but first there is McKillop's to consider. The glories of Mother Nature have stimulated a bunch of us into the hike idea. For wayside encouragement we are depending upon a supply of Mr. McKillop's candy to keep us to our purpose. So goodbye, sweet thing.

CAROL.

**Basketball**

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Gunther was selected all-coast forward and Roy Okerberg, center, was placed on the second string of the mythical quintet last year.

The veterans have been playing good ball, but the surprise of the

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