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TO HAL HOSS

THE state of Oregon has lost the best secretary of state in its history. That is our own estimate of Hal E. Hoss, who died yesterday morning, and that of thousands of persons who have been privileged to know him and deal with him.

Hoss is a splendid example of the self-made man, so dear to American ideology. He started from scratch, with nothing but an overwhelming capacity for work, a dogged tenacity, and a sense of humor. He came to be the most universally respected and admired of Oregon's public officers.

His death, at the early age of 41, was hastened by years of actual overwork—work devoted to the interest of the people of Oregon.

We wrote last week of his splendid personal attributes and his interest in the University and the school of journalism.

We extend our sincere sympathy to Hal Hoss' family, his subordinates, his fraternal associates, and his legion of friends.

And it is with supreme regret that we lay this last, inadequate tribute on the copy desk. That copy desk, we may add, was the gift to the Emerald of Hal Hoss and a few of his friends.

TO CLARIFY OUR STAND

MANY have called to compliment us on yesterday's stand against compulsory military training in the University. Probably as many are inclined to question our views. And a few have accused us of straddling the issue.

The latter accusation comes more or less as a shock, for although we attempted to encompass in small space what we consider all the major aspects of the case for compulsory training, we thought it was made quite clear that we believed the arguments out outweighed the arguments pro.

For the sake of clarity, then, we offer the following summarization of our views:

1. The present indisputable need for national defense can be adequately served by other means of training much superior to the present loosely organized two-year drill required in the universities.

2. The existence of military units on every campus, with required attendance, is socially undesirable, since it inclines youthful minds to a friendliness toward warfare and perpetuation of the militaristic method of settling international disputes.

3. Students who by reason of religion or conscience abhor warfare, and students who feel that the value of military training is of negligible importance in comparison with the other courses with which they could fill their college hours, should not be compelled to undergo drill, nor should they be subjected to humiliation in requesting exemption from drill; this more particularly since the government avowedly pursues a policy of not requiring compulsory training during peace times.

4. If the desirability of continuing to teach military practices and tactics to those who desire them, is conceded, there still remains no need for making military compulsory. The chances are overwhelming that a sufficient number would continue to take these courses to keep the local military unit alive, even if training were voluntary.

5. As realization of the economic and social wastefulness of warfare spreads, there will be ever increased demands to abolish the compulsory feature of military training. The issue will rise again and again. The question will not be settled by a disallowance of the present petition.

We have no figures to show the country's present state of preparedness, yet whatever the need for army reserve officers, we feel it can be filled fully as well by an expansion of the training camp

system. To quote a University of California professor reported in the newspaper of that school: "Compulsory military training is a matter of preparedness. The only defense of a country is that of disciplined and courageous citizens. Compulsory training as we have it here, in competition with intellectual interests, is too trifling to be a real discipline." This is not true of the advanced military courses, but it is certainly true of the underclass work which is all that the great majority of students take.

SENIOR RELIEF

IT is perfectly logical that college should grow more difficult each year as the student progresses. But there seems to be too great a difference between the activity required of freshmen and that of upperclassmen.

Somewhere in the latter part of a college career, sometimes early in the junior year, sometimes in the early part of the senior year, the student finds himself running into a sharp incline in work.

Curricular duties naturally grow more difficult, but they are by no means the only part of the burden that multiplies itself.

Campus activities out of the classroom lead steadily to positions of greater responsibility. Most honoraries are restricted to upperclassmen, and large numbers of students enter these with often an election to an office or two; and countless minor appointments are passed out, for which experienced upperclassmen are desired.

Coupled with the more profound scholastic work required of seniors, this gives the student a list of duties many times the size of his early load.

It is deplorable that in his last years a student should be running on such an airtight schedule as to not be able to afford an evening or Sunday to himself with clear conscience.

Only in activities is there a possibility of relief. No organization wants its venture bungled by an inexperienced student, although the great clamor for "Seniors Only" on important positions is largely unwarranted. There are plenty of really good underclassmen who could eliminate this monopoly if they were given a chance.

Contemporary Opinion

Spellbinding for NRA

LISTENING to Frederick Vining Fisher, field representative for NRA, carries one back to the jolly old days of the World War, and Mr. Fisher himself contributes to this impression by likening the fight against depression to the war. Mr. Fisher is of the skilled-exhorter type who made the "pép" talks in the Liberty Loan drives and in the army camps during the war. There can be no denying that a certain amount of this "evangelistic" activity is necessary to winning any kind of war, but it is not presuming, we hope, to say in candor that Mr. Fisher's appearances here have left "some things to be desired."

Mr. Fisher's complaint that the people of the Pacific Coast—particularly in Oregon and California—are not giving the Blue Eagle the enthusiastic support it should have betrays some misunderstanding of the real attitude here. True, we are a long way from Washington and from the East which has been the center of industrial troubles, but people on the Coast have been almost unanimous in their pledges to NRA, and if it is not "clicking" here, it may be because the Coast presents some special problems which have not been clearly answered.

With a few notable exceptions, the Coast is a region of small businesses and agriculture. In the main, there has been quick and willing effort to comply with NRA provisions, but business men have been hampered by the inadequate provision for financing expanded operations, the public has been bewildered by the absence of any very effective and equitable program for enforcing regulations, and unquestionably there has been a great deal of the "chiseling" and "bargain hunting" which Mr. Fisher so vigorously deplores.

As we view the situation, the Coast is ready to give NRA just as much cooperation as any other part of the country, but it must be accomplished by friendly guidance with actual problems rather than by exhortations. The intricate problems of industrial readjustment are to be settled not by excitations but by patient effort and clear heads.

Mr. Fisher's talks will be useful in re-creating the emotional atmosphere for NRA, but they have not answered some of the factual questions which are bothering many people as to just how we go and where we go, under the Blue Eagle, from here. —Eugene Register-Guard.

OVERFLOW

SO he tps and marries the girl, did a friend of ours, ex-'35, S. A. E., last week. Having figured out that one plus one equals one, he took his lady up to the minister's house to have it done. He and two pals parked their seggars on the front porch and went in.

Everything was going along pretty well, what with no rehearsal and all. Finally the minister said: "Now, take the young lady's right hand."

The groom reached over with his left hand and took the lady's right.

"No, no," interrupts the minister, "use your right hand."

"But," complained the groom, "I'm left-handed."

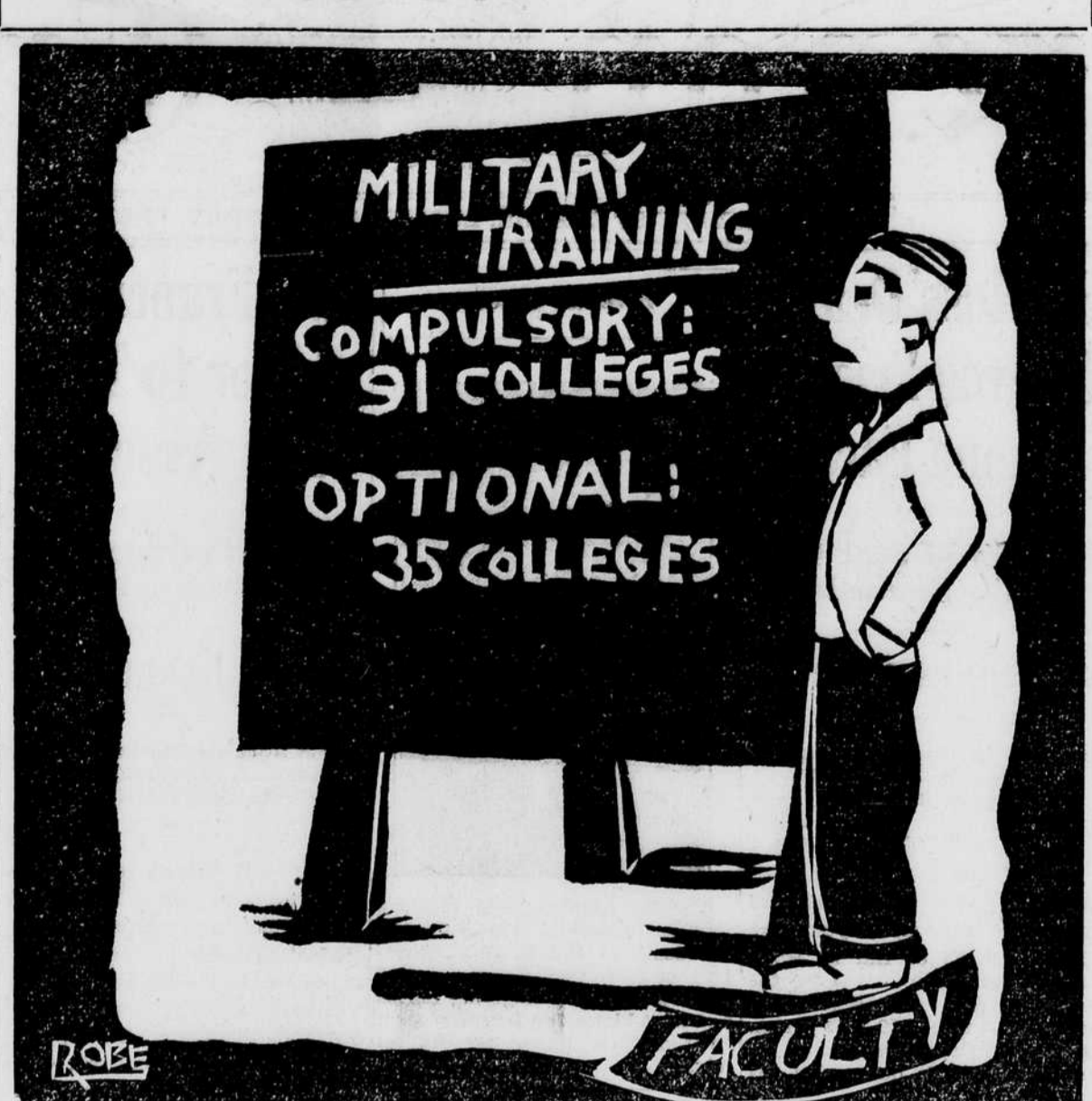
Esthetic note: five large college boys were observed the other night gazing raptly at some orchids in the window of a florist.

A Washington man hurled himself into the third row of the coed rooting section last night. It was the first really commendable leap since the halcyon days of Billy "Peanut" Keenan two years ago.

On a good night, Keenan could dash for the sidelines after the ball, knock it back and go five rows landing keel up.

Gib Olinger, when he was a sophomore, used to get off some pretty good jumps into the feminine lap. But advancing years and the captaincy have sobered him. Maybe he's just getting a little blase.

Where Do We Come In? - By STANLEY ROBE



Hal E. Hoss

HAL E. HOSS received his first newspaper experience at the age of 17 years, when he obtained employment on the Salem Inquirer, a small weekly newspaper. "I recall Mr. Hoss telling me how he spent his spare time then by studying law," said Arne G. Rae, field manager of the Oregon State Editorial association and friend of the secretary of state for the past 18 years.

When Raé first met Hoss in 1916, Hoss was operating a taffy stand of the carnival type at the Tillamook county fair and the Astoria Regatta. Hoss' place of business was a tent which he moved along with a carnival's side-shows. Hoss was then famed for his ability to pull taffy for a length of 15 feet.

He spent many summers operating his taffy stand on the coast, and at the same time covered a string of Tillamook beaches as correspondent for the Morning Oregonian. As a result of his efforts, many new beach communities were organized. During the winter months, Hoss clerked in a Portland hotel.

Reading and Writing PEGGY CHESSMAN, Editor

WHAT has America been reading during the past week? The New York Herald-Tribune conducted a survey for the past week, asking booksellers throughout the country to report the sale of books and rental of others.

When all statistics had been tabulated, figures showed that new fiction fared a great deal better than new non-fiction, although there was a definite influx of reading in the latter class.

Hervey Allen's "Anthony Adverse" topped the list of all sales and reading, followed closely by Walter B. Pitkin's 1933 best-seller, "Life Begins at Forty."

Classified under fiction books outstanding in the people's choice were "Men Against the Sea," Nordhoff and Hall; "Within This Present," Margaret A. Barnes; "Thin Man," Dashiell Hammett; "Sea Level," Anne Parrish; "The Mother," Pearl S. Buck; "Oil for the Lamps of China," A. T. Ho-bart; "Skin and Bones," Thorne Smith; "Rabble in Arms," Kenneth Roberts; "Bird of Dawning," John Masefield; "Cross of Peace," Philip Gibbs; "Nest of Simple Folk," Sean O'Faolain; "One More River," John Galsworthy; "Miss Bishop," Bess S. Aldrich; "After Such Pleasures," Dorothy Parker; "Bredon and Sons," Neil Bell; "Three Cities," Sholom Asch; and "L'Affaïre Jones," Hillel Bernstein.

The non-fiction group for the last seven days included "Crowded Hours," Alice R. Longworth; "Brazilian Adventure," Peter Fleming; "Man of the Renaissance," Ralph Roeder; "More Power to You," Walter B. Pitkin; "Testament of Youth," Vera Brittain; "Marie Antoinette," Stefan Zweig; "Edwardian Era," Andre Maurois; "10,000-000 Guinea Pigs," Kallett and Schlink; "Timber Line," Gene Fowler; "American Procession," edited by Rogers and Allen; "At 33," Eva Le Gallienne; "First

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Innocent Bystander By BARNEY CLARK

INNOCENT BYSTANDER has been thinking, and he has come to the conclusion that he is a greater man than either Professor Fisher or Doctor Einstein. According to the papers, only 19 men understand Fisher's theory of money, and only 12 understand Einstein's theory of relativity. I. B. has only six readers that understand HIM. Anyway, that's our story, and we're stuck with it.

We reviewed one of the skits for the Coed Capers yesterday, and are still weak from the ordeal. The high point of the act was reached when Cynthia Liljeqvist and Virginia Wappenstein did a sort of involved adagio dance, in which they resembled most closely a mother kangaroo carrying her brood. Such grace!

The placard (ask the man that owns one) on the wall of College Side for the registration of entrants in the beard growing contest has provided much fun for the local wags. Here are some of the entries:

Chancy Kerr.
Newt Smith (College Side).
"Doc" Moll.
Gyp College Side (the dog).
Mahatma Ghandi.
Smith Bros. (Trade and Mark).
Susan Campbell (S.P.T.)

Green says we can't go to the game until we finish this column. Ha!

OGDEN GNASHES
"Betas are tough
Betas are bad;
But never doubt,
They can be had!"

"Honest, I didn't mean it that way!"

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