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### Let's Be Fair

OBVIOUSLY it would be grossly and shamefully unfair to Mr. Tugman, managing editor of the Eugene Register-Guard, to make any comprehensive comparison between that gentleman and Oregon's Mr. Neuberger.

But in the matter of compulsory student body fees now before the house of representatives both Mr. Tugman and Mr. Neuberger have some misunderstandings in common. For Mr. Neuberger this situation is not surprising, but in the case of the usually astute Mr. Tugman, who has long been a champion and loyal supporter of the University and its activities, we are genuinely surprised.

Mr. Tugman's editorial discussion of the student body fee problem appears elsewhere on this page.

Mr. Tugman's editorial smacks throughout as a tempered version of a Neubergerian tirade. However he saves himself from controversy by any other basis than mere opinion by carefully omitting any facts and figures to back his arguments.

Whether Mr. Tugman is acquainted with the true situation regarding student body activities or whether his opposition to the compulsory fee is based merely on prejudices formed from certain isolated cases and experiences, we can not say.

Although he draws a conclusion apparently based on a lack of understanding of the situation as we see it, he must at least be given credit for admitting that the matter is of real importance and deserving of much thought and study.

However, for Mr. Tugman, long a champion in the fight to divorce politics from education, to advocate a lengthy hearing before the state legislature on a bill which merely "enables" the state board to collect the fee, we detect a serious inconsistency.

Would it not be better, Mr. Tugman, to let the state board of higher education, charged as it is with the responsibility of administering higher education, to decide the merits of this admittedly controversial subject?

That would be placing the matter where it belongs. That would be keeping matters of educational theory and administration out of politics. And that would at least give

## One Man's Opinion

By Stivers Vernon

IN the old days it was a nigger in the woodpile. Now it seems to be an Ethiopian in the cordwood. And the cordwood is all neatly piled in Signor Mussolini's backyard.

It is positively amazing how heroic the big niggers become when they engage in a squabble with a smaller country. When it comes to a diplomatic mess between themselves, they approach the matter with fear and trembling and avoid conflict if they can. But when some little fellow gets hard about something, the situation quickly resolves itself into a question of just how much of the obstreperous one's territory shall be taken to make amends.

The present unpleasantness between Italy and Ethiopia is a graphic object lesson. If Duce would no more think of picking a row with the black men than he would with America, if he did not have the assurance of the other European powers that they would keep hands off the matter. Since they have indicated their disinterest—at least as far as taking sides—Mussolini will probably go around shooting up Africa to his heart's content.

It is not impossible that Musso-

the state board and the students some choice in the matter—an opportunity they do not now have without the authority as contained in the Wheeler bill.

## An Intelligent Move

WE are occasionally gratified to learn that some action which we have encouraged and nourished editorially has become a reality. With pleasure we read yesterday's Emerald carrying the announcement that the dining room has been opened as smoking quarters for girls living in the University dormitories.

Whether or not our recommendation for such action had any direct bearing on the change is a subsidiary point. The issue is that smoking rooms have been established and some of the stringent rules previously imposed upon coeds who wish to smoke have been relaxed. Women living in dormitories should enjoy the same privileges they have in their own homes; a privilege already extended to girls living in sororities.

In the future, before next year perhaps, we hope to see smoking rooms provided in various buildings on the campus.

## The Passing Show

### STUDENT FEES A REAL ISSUE.

SPEEDED through the senate by those devices known to politicians, the Wheeler bill, giving the state board of higher education power to restore the compulsory clause in fees for "student activities," goes to the house for further discussion. It is to be hoped the discussion will be ample, for the issue is one of real importance, despite the efforts to make it appear another manifestation of "Public Nuisance No. 1," the ubiquitous Richard Neuberger.

The issue is NOT the "annoying Neuberger." It is the ability of many hundreds of young people in Oregon to dig up \$5 a term, \$15 a year for the support of athletics and a wide range of other activities which have, at best, only doubtful educational value. It is true that these student enterprises cover musical organizations, concerts, lectures, debates, publications and many endeavors which have a certain cultural value, but the central feature is athletics with a rather rich embroidery of events which ought to be self-supporting.

When times were flush, there was little protest against the student fees because over a year's time the \$15 extra did not much matter even to the poorest students. One could get the \$15, and one could get at least partial return for the money. Since the depression, things have been different. There are scores of students to whom every penny matters. There are many students to whom the \$5 a term may mean enough to eat or not enough to eat, whole shoes or broken shoes, a little necessary leisure or an endless grind of dishwashing, stacking wood, odd chores to keep body and soul together.

We have the greatest respect for Senator Wheeler who has sponsored this measure, by request, but he is wrong when he pictures the opposition as "all Neuberger." There is too much Neuberger in it. That may be true. It may be difficult to get other students to face the unpleasantness which goes with "standing with Neuberger," for organized campus sentiment is not charitable. But, one cannot live in a college town without realizing that this issue is bigger than any individual.

This paper does not share with Neuberger the idea that student activities are mismanaged at the University. They have been well managed under Hugh Rosson, and conditions in the Oregon schools are probably what they are in nearly all colleges. We maintain merely that the time has come to make conditions easier for the student who cannot afford the luxuries which have been attached to college education, at least to give him some say in the matter.

Perhaps those activities which can qualify as education should be segregated from those which are non-educational. Certainly the impoverished student should not be taxed without his consent for blessings which he cannot share. The voluntary fee system does not destroy normal activities. It tends merely to restore a proportioning which is reasonable and fair. Because of Neuberger's connection with the voluntary fee movement there is much concern among the "right people" on the camp, but we do not believe the "right people" are right in this matter.—Eugene Register-Guard.

sions in North Africa. The Spanish never did quell the wild tribesmen though they persevered for years. It finally reached the pint where the Spanish retired behind their walled towns and resorted to their dignity to save the national face. Even this was to no avail and the nomadic swarms continued to do pretty much as they pleased.

Italy, under the regime of the fascisti, is by no means comparable to the Spain of that period and of the present. Italy is not tormented by internal bickering as was Spain. She can, and no doubt will be forced to use a great many of the resources of a united nation to exact tribute from the Abyssin-

## Answers

- (1) 1906 won 5 tied 1. 1916 won 7 tied 1.
- (2) King Pharaoh decreed all baby boys were to be killed.
- (3) 1%.
- (4) 1921-23.
- (5) 1925-26.
- (6) 1930-31, total 186.
- (7) 155.
- (8) Moses married an Ethiopian.
- (9) California.
- (10) Won 9 lost 5 and tied 1.

## The Day's Parade

By Parkes Hitchcock

### Does a Compromise Loom on the Bonus?

IT appears as if Mr. Roosevelt, long the stalwart and outspoken opponent of immediate payment of the soldiers' bonus might be forced into a hole by congressional opposition. He has taken under consideration a plan which would pay the men who fought overseas at the rate of \$400,000,000 a year.

### Selfish Senators

If the president assents to such a compromise it will be easy to see from what direction the pressure came. It has long been apparent that congressmen considered their own chances of re-election over what ever convictions they had as to the justness and desirability of any ideas of any piece of legislation. As a touching bit of evidence to this noble modesty, the recent World court protocol stands adequately.

### Fingers in the Pie

Now the thinking people in this country (among whose ranks we cannot but number the better part of the administrative heads) are confronted with another tribute to the admirable sanity and laudable instinct of self-preservation that our legislators show in the face of a dangerous and crippling piece of legislation. They adeptly dodge the responsibility of raising money for the soldiers' bonus, and yet, watching open-eyed the sums of money that the president spends on thoroughly worthy projects, they have conceived the admirable plan of diverting some of this money to a large and powerful contingent of their voters; the rapacious American Legion.

### The World Is Safe

The bill that provided for the gratuitous payments to the soldiers was framed and enacted in an hysterical moment when the hatter part of congress felt that we had saved the world for democracy and that the world was ours for the having. They little anticipated that our noble doughboys had saved the world for nothing more than fascism, nationalism, discord, and yet another war.

A bill that was conceived in good intention and enacted with the sincerity only capable in those who know that they would not have to pay for the honor they were bestowing, has since become a political football in which so many people have become violently interested that it threatens to upset the equilibrium of the saner and less self-interested moiety of our country. If Mr. Roosevelt is placed upon the political block and forced to assent to the Legion's demand it will be but another striking bit of Americana, bits which prove consummately and adequately our essential pettiness and stupidity.

nians. Even so, the cost will be enormous. And after it is all over, Duce will find it even more urgent than ever to promote the increase in birthrate of male babies. Many an Italian signora will wring her hands for the boy who lies somewhere on the sanguinary battlefield of Ethiopia.

## The Curious Cub

"Nice People in a Nice Way." Cubby announced yesterday to his three devoted readers that he had found a nice slogan to put at the head of the column, telling all the people what it was about. "Nice People in a Nice Way" it is and for fear it won't find itself at the head of the page it's included here.

The Curious One was in a vindictive mood yesterday, so he chased Vivian Maloney into her practice room and—climbed on her piano stool.

She's a very nice person, just the right height, brunette with blue eyes and a winning smile. Vivian is a graduate student who majored in journalism her first year and spent the rest of the time taking public school music. She is an accomplished violinist and at the present time is teaching. Vivian refuses to take talent into consideration and unreservedly gives all the credit for her ability to Rex Underwood.

She likes bicycling, dancing, swimming, tennis and canoeing and conversational dates because she doesn't like to talk and wants to be amused. Types mean nothing, but personality counts heavily. The University? "I think it's swell and it revolves around Underwood." Professor Moll gets the blame

## Rhapsody In Ink

By the Octopus

### Millstones

Back and forth from plate of stew to mouth moved the giant ladle propelled by the pale firm hand of demure Theta, Peggy "Love and Marriage" Chessman. She indeed was collected, calm, did not spill much, for she was making a hit with the guest of honor, Will Durant, on her right.

To every remark made by the sparkling Finn, answered thinker Durant.  
"Very good, very good. Yes, very good!"  
For the fourth consecutive Valentine's Day, Jane Bishop was, upon coming down to breakfast in her sorority (Gamma Phi Beta), greeted with a gift of a dozen freshly cut American Beauty roses. Sender, as in previous years, unknown.

Grant Thummel, Delta Upsilon adonis, is in line for congratulations.  
Yesterday he appeared, blushing and giggling, with a Delta Gamma pin upon the vest of his neat sack suit.  
Little is known of the lucky woman, except that she is a Delta Gamma.

### Sports

It was cold one night last week on the Alpha Omicron Pi sleeping porch. So thought Bette Beckley, frost nipped freshly, as she trundled bathroomward, bed covers under arm. Once ensconced in the marble chamber, she, daintily, laid the scented foundation of her dreamland, sank snoozing in the bathtub . . .

Commented Miss Beckley, next morning, after a desperate swim to shore.  
"When I woke up the bathtub was gone."

The Octopus, whom we all know and love by this time, is usually averse to puns in any form. Last night, however, he was caught off his guard when a charming youngster ran up to him in the street, saying, "Mister, here is something you octopus in your column." That worthy was so nonplussed for the nonce that he allowed a letter to be forced into his inert hand.

Walking to the glow of a nearby street light, the old gentleman opened and perused the following unsigned note:  
**Dear Oct:**  
It has come to our attention that last Saturday night a four-some composed partially of Alpha Chi Omegas was PARKEING and HUGING somewhere in the vicinity of the millrace.  
Time scurries off!

for teaching her to like Wordsworth and the "Portuguese Sonnets" by Elizabeth Barrett Browning. She's a Phi Beta (music honorary) and a Pi Lambda Theta (educational honorary) and Cubby, in company with many others, thinks she's a grand person.

## Lombardo Band Arrives on Coast

By Dick Watkins  
Emerald Feature Editor

An inquiry has come in regarding Guy Lombardo and his Royal Canadians, who opened this week at the Coconut Grove, so here's a little dope on him . . . He, of the wailing saxophones, began playing the violin at a tender age and while yet a schoolboy, organized a band in his home town, London, Ontario . . . Guy's other three brothers, Carmen, Liebert and Victor, being musically inclined also, joined his band, and launched their professional career a short time later by getting a job at a dance pavilion . . . then came a vaudeville tour and many night club jobs, as well as the Royal Canadian Yacht Club for a spell, where they acquired the name they have kept ever since. Lombardo went on the air for the first time from Chicago and his unique style quickly attracted wide attention, and soon found himself deluged with more offers than he could use . . .

By this time they have played at nearly every big hotel and amusement spot of importance in the U. S., and are still going strong . . . their records have always been consistently good sellers, and for years have been able to demand and get just about any price they desired, for playing jobs . . . in fact last year, the best part of a million rolled into their pockets . . . Carmen does most of the heavy chores, for he handles the arrangements, the vocals, and some composing, on the side, while Guy leads the band with his far-famed violin

## Plowed Under



bow, which as yet, he has never been seen to use . . . Some of the Royal Canadians' newest records for Decca include, "With Every Breath I Take," "June in January," "Winter Wonderland," and "Water Under the Bridge" . . . His "Merry Widow" and "Cat and the Fiddle" selections are gems, and two of the best he has ever waxed . . .

More house brawls are being thrown tonight, than you can shake a stick at, plus several good ones over yonder in Corvallis for those plutocrats trekking to the Beaver game . . . Sherwood Burr & Co. Ltd. appear to have a corner on the local music biz this eve, for he and his henchmen scatter to all parts of tong row playing at all gigs, excepting the A. T. O. air-castle, where Jimmy Whippo & his Whippovvills will hang out . . . The complete list includes: the Theta Chi winter dance; Alpha Delta Phi informal; Phi Gamma Delta winter formal; Delta Delta Delta winter formal; Chi Omega winter formal; and the Alpha Tau Omega formal . . . take your pick . . . seeyanextweek . . .

## Sunday Concert To Be Broadcast

By George Bikman  
Emerald Radio Editor

The second in the series of Emerald of the Air broadcasts of outstanding University musical presentations will be released over the Eugene station KORE tomorrow at 3:00, when the University band is heard in concert. A band is not a symphony orchestra, but we're doing everything in our power to insure as faithful reproduction as is humanly possible.

A new kind of "This Is News!" program will be heard on the daily broadcast at 4:45 today. A society reported and Bob Cathery will join Stan Bromberg in presenting an intelligent condensation of trends in campus news and thought during the past week.

Sir Frederick Whyte, British news commentator, is scheduled to

analyze British events for the American radio audience over CBS at 2:30 today; it's the first international exchange of news commentaries between the United States and Great Britain. Another CBS international broadcast from the Duchy of Luxembourg will bring an atmospheric program from the Grand Duchess Charlette's country; that's Sunday at 9:45.

Try to hear the Philharmonic-Symphony society of New York, under the direction of Arturo Toscanini, at noon today over CBS; the first in a cycle of Brahms programs will be presented. The Sunday Evening Hour at 7:00 will feature Ilya Schkolnik, violinist, as guest artist.

## E.V.L. Hits Play Of Bruno Trial

It is seldom that the Emerald can be justly criticized on matters of policy in the news columns. It has shown in the main an intelligent regard for decorum in news stories and has usually been free from offensive copy.

However, I can find no valid excuse for the playing up of the Hauptmann conviction story February 14. Is the Emerald playing up the yellow side of news a la Winchell Tabloid? When a murder trial such as this which is remote from the University the length of the continent, must the Emerald give the story three or four times the attention given to Will Durant, who really is good copy for a university paper? Won't the Emerald readers hear enough of the horrible details through the local city dailies and the radio?

I don't even like the caption "The Hot Seats Looms for Him" over a picture of the ill-fated Hauptmann being led to his cell. One might, almost infer that the Emerald lusts for his blood.

Perhaps it may add prestige to a university daily to carry such a story. If so, maybe that is justification enough. But what price

prestige? I'm not a fanatical reformer, just a meek "viewer with alarm."

E. V. L.

Note: In the Friday editorial columns may be found the reason why the Emerald as well as papers the nation over found cause to give space to the developments of the Hauptmann trial.

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