

It's This Way

By Marge Petsch

It seems a long time since Susan B. Anthony found a convenient log stump and set the air to ringing with her cries for the right of women's suffrage in the United States. It has even been a comparatively long time since Mrs. Pankhurst succeeded in impressing the importance of the same thing on hardy old veterans in the House of Commons in England.

Yet the women of France are just now beginning to make progress toward women's suffrage in what Jose Shercliff chooses to call "Never Never Land," in his article on French women in a recent edition of "Independent Women."

Led by intelligent Madame Louise Weiss, non-militant Duchesse de la Rochefoucauld, president of the National Union of Women, and Maria Verone, president of the French League for Women's Rights, the women of France are becoming more interested in acquiring the rights which women of equally progressive nations are now enjoying.

The Paris police have finally learned that the women are "dead in earnest." At the last general election Madame Weiss set herself up as an unofficial candidate, and when police tried to do away with her polling station they were greeted with a smoke screen of face powder. Some five hundred boxes of the stuff were used during the day, worrying both married and unmarried members of the police force considerably.

There are several reasons, listed by Mr. Shercliff, why French women have not succeeded in their attempts before the present. It must be remembered that they as yet have no civil, political, or legal rights, may not sign checks, may not even secure a passport without the written consent of the "head of the family." The main reason given is based upon the desires of the women themselves. Up to now, women have been content to stay at home, raise families, and exist as the powers behind the throne.

Moreover, the chamber of deputies has feared women's suffrage in France because of their belief that women tend to favor a fascist doctrine. They also fear the devout Catholic tendencies of the women folk, and anti-Catholics balk immediately.

Nevertheless, in a land where there are 15,000 women doctors, and 150 women lawyers in Paris alone, much may be expected during the next few years. What effect the present war condition may have on the question is hard to predict. But there is an expression on Madame Weiss' face which seems to say, "It won't be long now."

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The lines don't rhyme, but the point is that between Condon and Commerce today has been installed a booth where campus coeds can buy a membership card from the YWCA.

Why have a membership in the Y you ask?

Mrs. Alice E. Macduff, assistant dean of women said yesterday: "Membership in the YWCA means an opportunity to form the close and lasting friendship, resulting from contact with people with a common interest, working for a common purpose."

Elaine Sorensen, president of the YWCA, says: "Probably the thing I value most that the YWCA has given me has been friendships—both with the girls on this campus and interesting students and leaders from other places. Besides, I have found that my work in the Y has proved a broadening influence and a great help in learning how to meet and work with people."

And a sophomore's viewpoint by Gretchen Smith, Kwama, claims—"The YWCA is a dandy place for every girl on the campus to find an interest and activity which is most suited to her."

An upperclassman, Ruth Weber, says—"The woman student who comes to the campus from out-of-town finds in the Y bungalow a friendship that helps to dispel the feeling of strangeness which is common to all new students. The YWCA offers innumerable opportunities for student service and cooperation."

Patsy Neal, chairman of the membership drive, feels that the groups offered this year are unusually interesting, more so than in the past and the questions to be discussed are up-to-date and modern.

Doris Mabie, prominent sophomore, said that the Y offers a place for the college coed to spend her time in discussion that is outside of the academic line of thought.

Members of the purpose and contact group have been working in the living organizations this week campaigning for new members for the active campus organization.

Labbe-Dennis Services Read Last Saturday

At a simple service read in the presence of members of the immediate families, Miss Louise Labbe became the bride of Walter James Dennis Jr. Saturday at high noon in the chapel of Trinity Episcopal church in Portland. The Rev. Francis H. Ball read the service.

The bride, dressed in a suit of stone blue wool with blue fox collar and navy accessories, was attended by Miss Anne Morrow, who wore a suit of rust wool with brown accessories. Dr. W. Harold Frazier was best man, and Wal-

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Elaine Sorensen, new president of the YWCA, who urges cooperation in membership drive starting today.

Mrs. Hunter Honored by Faculty Club

A large tea honoring Mrs. Frederick M. Hunter was given yesterday afternoon in Alumni hall of Gerlinger building from 3:30 to 5:30 o'clock by the Women's Faculty club.

Mrs. Hunter, Mrs. E. E. DeCou, president of the club, Mrs. C. V. Boyer, honorary president of the club, Mrs. George Rebec, Mrs. A. H. Kunz, and Mrs. E. R. Knollin, other officers of the club, received in line.

Receiving guests were Mrs. O. F. Stafford, Mrs. Fred N. Miller, Mrs. Howard Taylor, and Mrs. R. H. Back.

Mrs. James H. Gilbert, Mrs. M. H. Douglass, Mrs. C. L. Schwing, and Mrs. M. P. Barbour presided at the tea tables.

Assisting about the room were Mrs. W. A. Dahlberg, Mrs. John Ganoe, Mrs. J. E. Carrell, Mrs. George Turnbull, Mrs. F. L. Stetson, Mrs. L. O. Wright, Mrs. A. B. Stillman, Mrs. D. R. French, Mrs. George Godfrey, Mrs. H. R. Crossland, Mrs. A. Moursund, and Mrs. O. V. Burrell.

General chairman for the tea was Mrs. Victor P. Morris, assisted by Mrs. Paul Washke and Mrs. Lester Beck.

lace Frazier and C. F. Adams Jr. acted as ushers. Following the ceremony a wedding breakfast for members of the wedding party was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Antone Labbe, after which the young couple left for a short wedding trip.

Mrs. Dennis is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Labbe, and Mr. Dennis is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Dennis Sr., both families of Portland.

Mrs. Dennis attended the University of Oregon where she was an affiliate of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

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Phi Theta Has Independents For Tea Sunday

Phi Theta Upsilon, upperclass women's service honorary, entertained for independent women Sunday evening with a supper which was held in Gerlinger hall. Dorothy Hagge, president of the honorary, was in charge of the affair. Hazel Prutzman Schwing, dean of women; Mrs. Frederick Hunter, wife of the new chancellor; and Mrs. Alice E. Macduff, assistant dean of women, were guests of honor.

Skits were presented by the five hobby groups of Philometele under the supervision of the presidents: travel, Gretchen Smith; charm, Hannah Crossley; outdoor, Molly White; prose and poetry, Jean Rasmussen; and music, Lucia Davis.

Houses Have Guest Nights; Plan Dances

Members of Kappa Alpha Theta were hostesses to Karl W. Ont-thank, dean of personnel administration; Burt Brown Barker, vice-president of the University; and Dr. Jiro Harada, Japanese professor at dinner Saturday evening.

Frederic S. Dunn and Mrs. Dunn were guests at the Chi Omega house Saturday, October 5, at the annual Eleusynian banquet. Dr. Dunn, professor in the Latin department, gave an informal talk on Greek mythology following dinner.

Pledges of Phi Delta Theta were entertained by the pledges of Alpha Omicron Pi Monday evening from 6:30 to 7:30. Dancing was the order of the hour.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Kennedy and Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Krebs, both of Portland, were guests of their daughters, Marian and Helen, respectively, Sunday at the Alpha Chi Omega house.

Members of Alpha hall will entertain their personal guests at a dinner dance from 6:00 to 7:30 Thursday evening. This is the first affair of the season. William Close is in charge of arrangements. Piano music will be furnished by Robert Bruns.

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Lenore Lavanture Tells Secrets of Fencing; Is Authority on Technique

By THELMA PERRY Do you think fencing is vaulting the backyard fence, something that is enjoyed only by stage-struck folk or an uninteresting combat belonging to the days when knighthood was in flower? Lenore Lavanture will tell you that it is none of these.

Miss Lenore Lavanture comes this fall from St. Helen's Hall junior college in Portland and is an expert and champion fencer. She is of direct French descent, quick of movement, full of vitality and has a pleasing personality.

Lenore learned the art from William Howard Knapp, who is a noted authority and teacher of fencing. She won a cup for fencing her first year at St. Helen's, the second year was awarded a medal and was assistant fencing teacher under Mr. Knapp. She also won the open foil championship for the state at Reed college last year. Lenore is an active member of the Amateur Fencing League of America, a league formed to inspire and keep alive the sport.

Fencing combatants wear tailored, padded jackets, or plastrons, decorated with a little red heart. Masks cover their faces, and they are armed with long, thin-bladed foils. The aim is to touch, (touche) the opponent so that if he were not padded the thrust would draw blood. The blunt end of the foil is supposed to land directly in, a thrust that

slides does not count as a touch. The combatant scoring five touches wins the bout. All of this Miss Lavanture explains with the air of an authority.

Lenore says that "fencing is just friendly swordplay, well—usually, and is anything but dull. It endows grace, speed, accuracy and nimbleness," she explains. "It provides an outlet for the belligerent spirit, it is stimulating and you

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Lenore is enrolled in this University as a junior, is majoring in English and plans later to major in physical education.

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