

## 'Good Reading' Pamphlets List 50 Most Popular Books; Oregon Students Disagree

Sinclair Lewis and Eugene O'Neill have yet to win their way into the hearts of Oregon's undergrads. Although "Arrowsmith" and "Ann Vickers" by Lewis come in third and ninth respectively and O'Neill's "Mourning Becomes Electra" rates number 14 in a list of 50 books recommended by 1,638 students in 53

colleges. Oregon eds and co-eds have other ideas.

This list of 50 books which rates Pearl Buck's "Good Earth" first, has been published in a pamphlet, "Good Reading" on sale at the Co-op for 20 cents. This pamphlet is aptly described as "a guide for college students and adult readers, briefly describing about a thousand books which are well worth knowing, enjoyable to read, and largely available in inexpensive editions."

According to calls for books at the Co-op rental library, Willa Cather, Edith Wharton, Richard Halliburton, Victor Hugo, Charles Dickens, and Warwick Deeping are frowned upon by students at the University. Some of these authors' works can be obtained at the University library, however.

Somerset Maugham's "Of Human Bondage" is the four year winner at the Co-op, and rates fifth on the 50 book list, while "Anthony Adverse" by Hervey Allen kept rolling during the last two years. Other Oregon student favorites on the lists were: "Magnificent Obsession," "Anna Karenina," "Cellini's Autobiography," "As the Earth Turns," "Marie Antoinette, Microbe Hunters," "Kristin Lavransdatter (a six month favorite)," and "The Decameron."

### Bossing to Return After Long Illness

Dr. Nelson L. Bossing, of the school of education, who has been absent as a result of a major operation, will return Monday, November 18.

Dr. R. U. Moore, principal of University high school, has been taking over Dr. Bossing's duties during his absence.

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## RECENT BOOK REVIEWS

**GREEN LIGHT** by Lloyd Douglas. Houghton Mifflin. New York. 1935. Pp. 356. \$2.50.

Perhaps "Green Light," Lloyd Douglas' latest novel, is so named because the author felt the need of a mental traffic system to keep his many characters in marching file—the only difficulty being that the red light was apparently out of order.

### Characters Die

To be sure Mr. Douglas clears the situation a little by having two of his dramatic personae die in the first two chapters, and he refers to the word dead so often that you feel there is really not much use in reading any further. Everyone has quietly passed into that other world, and the story is over before it has begun. This surmise becomes a certainty when Dr. Newell Paige, the hero, walks out of the door and in morbid tones says to his dog, "No—you can't go, Sylvia. Not where I'm going."

### One Personality

The only character worth any intelligent thought is Dean Harcourt, and even he is distorted by the time the 362th page is reached. His philosophy is a very interesting and stimulating one, but it is evident that the essential reason for his existence is to get all Mr. Douglas' creations acquainted with one another.

Sylvia, the dog, is really quite nice, but about the 19th chapter, a monkey bites her and she is unobscuredly buried under some sand and gravel, and even a lover of dog stories is thwarted.

B. CHURCH.

**THERE'S ALWAYS TOMORROW**, by Marguerite Harrison, Farrar & Rinehart, New York. 664 pp. \$3.50.

Marguerite Harrison was born with a silver spoon in her mouth. She might have been a contented Boston socialite, and lived the hey-day life of the Boston "400." But she didn't. Instead, she became a newspaper reporter, and has "covered" practically the whole world. Her "There's Always Tomorrow," the story of her life as lived thus far, reads more like a novel of the wildest imagination.

### Russian Experience

In Russia she was hounded by the dreaded Cheka, and spent months in hovel prisons; once she was almost shot as a spy. Still, in spite of her chain-gang like experiences in Russia, she acquired no hate for the country, and accepted her "deal" as a necessary part of a changing system of government and society.

In Persia she was a member of the expedition which made the famous motion picture "Grass," and also hob-nobbed with the great sheikhs of the desert.

### Many Revolutions

One of her major talents was her ability to stumble upon revolutions—she managed to get in on the flood of them after the world war. She has interviewed and talked with most of the great of her time, including the elusive Stalin and Trotsky.

Although the book is long, there is not a dull moment spent in reading it. A revolution, an intrigue, or a human tragedy is practically on every page. It is a story of a unique life, and of the stormy history of the world during that life.

H. HORAK.

**HASTA LA VISTA** by Christopher Morley. Doubleday Doran & Co. 262 pages. \$2.00.

Mr. Morley was on a vacation when he wrote this latest of his books, and had it not been for his

avid interest in seeing things, and the need for occasional "scribbling" he might have slept most of the way. At least such is the impression. All through this leisurely narrative of a trip to Peru, one can see the loose-limbed, pawkish-faced author ambling around the deck, asking questions of the crew, drinking Planter's punch, and dozing in the sun.

### Serious Story

Perhaps because he is writing about something he loves, the story is slightly more serious than some earlier, and it falls, thank heaven, far short of the two puns per page average of which Mr. Morley has been accused; but it gains in warmth and charm from the lively interest with which he looks at everything.

### Engaging Characters

His (and our) shipmates are an engaging lot, from the elderly lady who thought the ship was sinking when she stepped out of her bunk into six inches of water (she had forgotten to turn off her bath), to the stowaway who kept alive by stealing from the Frenchmen's German Schnauzer, and incidentally, almost starved the dog. They are the spice which keeps the chatty, informal discussion from lagging.

"Every ship is as full of stories as a volume of O Henry," and the author, who can see romance in a ferry boat or a mud puddle, tells us a few of them, along with sparkling descriptions of nature and humorous sketches of man. It is nothing deep and makes excellent spare time reading.

J. STANGIER.

**HERE COMES SOMEBODY**, by Ben Hur Lampman, Metropolitan Press, Portland, Oregon. 1935. 275 pages. \$2.50.

Never since "Alice in Wonderland" has such a fantastic, extreme adventure been written as "Here Comes Somebody."

## Radical!



Playing his first important role since the sensational convict in "Small Miracle" last season, Lester Miller will be seen as Laker, the revolutionist in "The Queen's Husband," when Robert Sherwood's play opens its run at the University theatre Friday, November 15.

is the little country girl who excitedly calls "Here Comes Somebody!" whenever a stranger approaches their secluded home, situated Back of Beyond. By White Magic is Lisbeth carried away to an old cobblestone highway, where she forms a splendid traveling partnership with James Christopher, or Jumbles. Instinctively obeying the principle of life motion, they set out in reach of What May Follow. They have dinner at the country home of Mr. Gaffney, the Wild Man From Borneo, tour the kingdom of cakefreezing and barely escape the high pressure Chamber of Commerce, Jumbles heroically kills a coast-to-coast dragon, and such other adventures that you know Ben Hur Lampman would lay down into an otherwise good idea for a dream-adventure.

**Clever Phrases**

By the clever use of dainty words and phrases and the smooth running continuity of the plot the author presents a story worth following through. Mr. Lampman is quite sensitive with his description, but the length of an editorial about the spring flowers of Sweet Home is about the maximum stretch for his over-elaborate style. The book, extremely delicate, would be nice for a good library if one wishes harmless schoolgirl action and plot.

E. WATKINS.

## Chit-Chat

By Henriette Horak

### To Dean Eric W. Allen:

Dear Sir: Your bold and taunting challenge of last week, affixed to and thereon, namely, the much littered bulletin board of the "shack" caught our half-closed-by-sleep eye, and was properly noted. But, ah, dear sir, it is so difficult to be clever on a challenge, and furthermore that unique, chaste, and sparkling wit and humor of the "Ed." as expressed in his delicious comment is not so easy to beat.

But sir, our seconds reminded us that all through these centuries our venerable ancestors, never, not once, sir, ignored a challenge!

Comes now the defendant, and with hair partly gray fom stewing over an impending libel suit because of a recent literary indiscretion, is struck by a thought, a strange experience, indeed!

We were asked, sir, to review a work, with which we know you are familiar — "Barbary Coast," by Herbert Asbury, that novel number in red lights. Our own word review WHORRORS!

### Attention Journalists!

From Pulitzer award Dictator Nicholas Murray Butler, also president of Columbia university comes this choice bit. No individual will be eligible more than once to receive the Pulitzer awards in letters and journalism henceforth. This ruling does not apply to the public service prize for newspapers, nor will it prevent different members of the staff of the same newspaper from receiving awards. In the field of letters both Edwin Arlington Robinson and Eugene O'Neill have been three-time winners. Booth Tarkington, Robert Frost and Burton J. Hendrick have received two awards apiece.

### Author in the House?

A contest for the best book, fiction or non-fiction, relating to the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) has been announced jointly by the Bobbs-Merrill Company and Har-

py Days, official weekly publication of the CCC. The competition is open to anyone, whether or not a member of the CCC. The prize-winning manuscript will run serially in Happy Days and the author will receive \$500 as a minimum guarantee against royalties. What about it Pot and Quill.

### Worth Reading

"A Sign for Cain" by Grace Lumpkin, author of "To Make My Bread." We do not recommend it to the D.A.R., the American Legion, nor to the Colonial Dames, but for those who go in for an occasional 18 holes of thought the "radical" work is no hazard. The book deals with the black and white dilemma of the South—and in quite a different way than Peterkin, Glasgow, and Stark Young monkeyed with it. But, yes, the work is "red," and the strain runs through the entire book until it ends with the death of a communist organizer.

"Mrs. Astor's Horse," a curious saga of American taste. Stanley Walker, who laid "The Night Club Era" wide open, and opened the doors of the news world in "City Editor," now comes forth with a delightful slyling of the ways in which America's "400" citizens make a fantastic, grotesque, and flamboyant search for publicity—a berth on the front page!

### Use Your Discretion

One time America's sweetheart, Mary Pickford, who played around with the divine in her recent "Why Not Try God," contributes another literary outpouring—"My Rendezvous With Life," which is just about \$1.00's worth of calisthenics on the road to spiritual harmony with something. But then, our Mary had a name already established when she began her career as a—er, writer.

### Hollywood Slaughter

Word comes from the Gelatin capital that the following books have been, or are in the process of being moved: "Beau Brummel," by Clyde Fitch; "The Man in the Iron Mask" by Alexander Dumas; "Things to Come," by H. G. Wells; "It Can't Happen Here," by Sinclair Lewis; "The Heavenly Sinner," by T. Everett Harre, and "Ring Around the Moon," by Vere Hobart. Don't expect the same plots!

## Homecoming News Review

### Friars Pledge Six at Dance

### Black-robed Seniors Tap Outstanding Men

A long, awe-inspiring line of black-robed Friars marched among the dancers at the intermission of the Homecoming dance last Saturday night and when they had filed from the floor the following men had been tapped to membership in the organization:

Robert K. Allen  
William Hall  
Willard Jones  
Tom McCall  
Roland Rourke  
Bob Thomas

Twice yearly the senior men's service honorary pledges the several outstanding men of the senior class, at the Homecoming dance and at the campus luncheon Junior Weekend.

### All Outstanding

Allen has graduated from the University and is now secretary of the Oregon alumni association and has his offices in Friendly hall. He is a member of Delta Upsilon fraternity.

William Hall was last year awarded the Koyl trophy for being judged the most outstanding man in his class and has been perennially a leader in the affairs of the dorm.

Willard Jones, a prominent basketball star, is vice-president of the interfraternity council and last spring was chairman of the water carnival Junior Weekend. He is affiliated with Beta Theta Pi.

McCall has been prominent in political campaigns and is now sports editor of the Emerald and president of the interfraternity council. He is a member of Phi Delta Theta.

Roland Rourke is also a member

### Alpha Hall Loses Second for Failure To Give Cost List

Alpha hall's huge Homecoming sign on the north side of the men's dormitory has been disqualified from competition because the expense account was not itemized and submitted to the members of the signs committee, it was declared yesterday by Reed Swenson, co-chairman.

Members of Alpha hall, when contacted last night said that the reason they did not turn in their itemized account was because the previous night their sign had been torn up by pranksters. This necessitated rebuilding and refacing of the sign and the men did not have sufficient time to itemize their expenses before the Friday noon deadline.

After the judging had been completed Friday evening, Alpha hall was announced as having placed second. Phi Gamma Delta took first place, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, third, and Sigma Nu was accorded honorable mention.

As a result the \$5 merchandise award by McMorrان and Washburne has been awarded the SAE's and Sigma Nu members and pledges are to be given free passes to the Heilig theater for winning third place, Swenson said.

of the varsity basketball team and this year he is vice-president of the associated students. He is a member of Phi Gamma Delta.

Bob Thomas has since coming to Oregon been outstanding in politics and is senior executive man. He is affiliated with Kappa Sigma fraternity.

### Ben Chandler Heads Alums

### Geary, Dunniway, Allen Fill Other Offices

Ben Chandler, Marshfield banker, was elected to head the University Alumni association at the annual meeting of the group Saturday morning in Johnson hall at one of the events of Homecoming.

Elected to other offices are: Arthur Geary, Portland, vice-president; Willis Dunniway, Salem, director; and Robert Allen, secretary-treasurer.

Geary succeeds James H. Raley, Jr., Pendleton, and Dunniway takes the place of Ethel Toozie Fisher, Roseburg. Allen was reelected.

The meeting was poorly attended, other activities evidently occupying the time of the crowds of returning students, officials said.

In a single year, the central earthquake reporting bureau at Oxford University reported 7000 tremors, of varying severity, occurring in all quarters of the globe.

### 374 Alumni Sign With Officials During Homecoming Events

Three hundred and seventy four alumni from all parts of Oregon and neighboring states registered in Johnson hall last Friday and Saturday of Homecoming.

Alumni Secretary Robert Allen said Tuesday that he would wager that five times the number registered were actually on the campus but were just too busy to sign with officials in Johnson hall. Thus, he said undoubtedly several houses were deprived the winning of the awards.

Opinion on the campus held, Allen said, that the Homecoming weekend just passed was more like the old fashioned celebration before the Oregon State game was taken from Corvallis and Eugene.

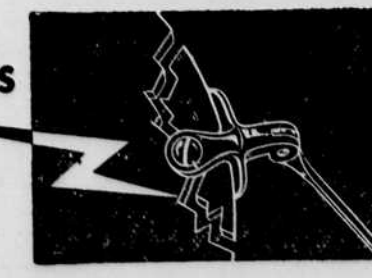
Twenty-one Bucknell University women are listed in the newly-published American Women official "Who's Who" among the women of the nation.

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### Kappa Sigma Thetas Win

### Tri Delt, Gamma Phi, DU, ATO, Sig Nu Place

Kappa Alpha Theta and Kappa Sigma each won a new loving cup this past Homecoming weekend for having the most registered guests by the deadline Saturday evening.

The awards were made at the Penthouse dance Saturday night in McArthur court by the alumni association.

Delta Delta Delta and Gamma Phi Beta tied for second place in the women's competition.

Placing second in the fraternity competition was Delta Upsilon, followed by Alpha Tau Omega and Sigma Nu, which tied for third.

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With the Oregon-Oregon State game over, there is nothing left to look forward to, unless it is another savory sandwich at the The College Side WHERE THE BEST OF FRIENDS AND THE BEST OF FOOD GO HAND IN HAND