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programs and decorations which require special committees to insure their success, so important is the part they play? Are they more a luxury than the taxi, which is and should remain optional; than the elaborate and lovely gowns for which no one would dare suggest the substitution of an economical gingham uniform; than the tuxedo, or the floodlights, or the indispensable music? We contend that these things are not more humble, less luxurious than the corsage, and that the privilege of wearing flowers is no less indispensable for the successful, truly formal dance.

Certainly it would be absurd, and far from our wish to insist that flowers be required at the dance. We only ask that, like the privilege of attending the Senior Ball, the choice of flowers should be optional. We feel that most men enjoy sending them, all women love to receive them, and that now, if ever, they are in place.

No one has, and obviously no one will propose a ban on the wearing of chrysanthemums at football games, because the AWS nets a tidy sum from this sale each year. This, then, is not the time nor the occasion to discriminate against flowers—against an industry that employs more than one hundred people in and about Eugene; an industry with an investment of more than \$250,000 in Lane county; an industry that is supporting the University to the utmost of its ability.

Sincerely,

Kirkland Floral Co.
Chase Gardens
Rau's Flower Shop
University Florist
College Flower Shop.

Editor, the Emerald:

Mr. Marsh's clever and amusing article on winter sports in Friday's Emerald was much enjoyed, and I share his horror of the deadly toboggan. As to skiing, though, I am sorry that he and many others, after seeing some experts take the jumps or shoot down a precipitous course, get the notion that skiing consists of that and nothing else. This is just as mistaken as thinking that swimming is confined to fancy diving from a high platform.

Skiing originated as an easy and pleasant way of getting about over the snow, and that is what it still means for the rank and file of ski enthusiasts who are merely out for fun and exercise to take the place of hiking and other summer pastimes. A short cross-country trip is a favorite day's program for these ordinary skiers. It takes them over clean, untrodden snow, through woods and over ridges where foot travel is impossible. Such a trip is comparable to a hike except that it's more fun. If you come to a nice little "run" you can stop and play around awhile—we timid souls take it on the bias so we won't go fast.

And if you wisely arrange your trip so your objective is somewhat above your starting point, you have the advantage of "riding" most of the way back.

Even a beginner, properly equipped, can enjoy this kind of skiing, and thankfully be an admiring spectator at the exhibition stuff.

Anita Cifre.

Some ski enthusiasts "take it on the bias" whether they like it or not.—Ed.

Editor, the Emerald:

Following are the arguments that will be laid before the faculty this afternoon in an effort to persuade it to ask the state board of higher education to make ROTC optional.

1. Compulsory training amounts to discrimination against University men.

a. The American people have refused repeatedly to allow general conscription in peace time. To make ROTC compulsory to first and second year University students amounts to discrimination against those who seek an education as compared to those who do not attend the University.

b. The University usurps a federal function when it makes it compulsory to take a course which is arranged and taught by federal representatives.

2. The course is primarily military, rather than educational.

a. Elective courses in history, literature, social science, arts, etc., doubtless have greater educational value.

b. The fact that students who take their first two year's work elsewhere are not required to take the course amounts to an admission that the course is not educationally necessary. The same board which requires military training of all men at the University graduates students from the normal schools without that training.

c. Originally the course was introduced as a military measure without educational purposes.

d. The purpose now is primarily to popularize militarism, as shown by the fact that the most fundamental part of the course from the standpoint of self preservation in war, the matter of bayonet drill, has been removed because the American people protested it was too brutal. The result is to make students feel prepared and thereby make them actually less safe in battle.

e. Control by an outside agency is dangerous and undemocratic. It is a dangerous educational principle for a school to surrender control to an outside agency which is powerfully organized around a special interest, especially when that interest is not primarily educational. Military officers under orders from the war department may keep any man from graduating by merely failing the student in the compulsory course. No one would think of giving the power to the Anti-Saloon League, the Catholic church, the Federal Council of Churches, or a power trust, to give a compulsory course on ethics, religion, or economics, even though they might be able to demonstrate an educationally sound course.

3. All citizens are responsible.

We are the government, and it is we who are discriminating against one section of the population. Women are as responsible as men and should show the same interest in making the situation right. Sentiment has grown steadily over a number of years until last year when the faculty vote was tied. This year can be the year of success if the students will make their desires known.

Our committee urges that students consider these arguments and if they agree with any points listed urge them to sign the petitions being circulated requesting optional drill.

Oregon Committee for Peace and Freedom.

The Marsh of Time

By Bill Marsh

Turmoil

Now that the bonus battle has been fought to its bloody finish, some of the more amusing incidents occurring during the fight are coming to the surface.

Witness a number of vets assembled in Delaware to consider ways and means of driving the last big push over the top to victory.

"Our best bet," suggested a Westerner, "would be to hire a transport and go to France. Then, when we get over to Europe, we'll send Congress a note asking for a loan. They'll think we're foreigners, and give us the dough without any trouble at all."

Death

Leonard Lyons tells the real story behind the recent suicide of one of the most important industrialists in the Midwest.

A minor ailment had prompted his retirement to a farm . . . "This out door living will give me new life," he insisted . . . on the day when he blasted the brains from his head with a .45 slug he went up to his room where his son had just completed a telephone call to the country doctor in the nearby town . . . five minutes later he shot himself . . . the news flashes carried no mention of this, but on the message pad near the phone there was one word written in his son's handwriting . . . the word . . . "cancer."

And so this great, wealthy man took his own valuable life, believing that his family had been keeping from him the truth about his ailing health . . . he never knew that his son had been phoning to the town doctor, who is also the town veterinarian, concerning one of the farm's horses . . . he never knew that the dreaded word "cancer" referred to the condition of the horse . . . not him . . .

Comeback: A cocky young welterweight boxer entered a ring,

glanced over at his opponent and then sneered, "I'm gonna ruin you, sucker," after which he turned and repeated the boast to the referee.

The show began, and the welter was flattened in the first round.

"What'd I do," he asked upon coming to. "Did I lead with my right?"

"No," snapped the ref. "You led with your tongue."

Someone asked Ed Wynn the other day why he changed his title from "Fire Chief" to "Senator."

"Well," Ed garbled, "I could have kept on going under my title of 'The Perfect Fool.' But, I'm ter-

ribly busy these days, and "Senator" is so much shorter. And it really doesn't make any difference, because they both mean the same thing!"

Did you know that George Washington scribbled his monicker on the first presidential veto, putting the skids under the Congressional apportionment bill in 1792?

Leap Year

Even proofreaders have a sense of humor. It seems that when the story broke concerning the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Erwin Williams the copyreader got careless and left Mrs. Williams out entirely, writing a headline to the effect that "Daughter Born to Mr. Erwin Williams."

Whereupon the proofreader penciled a notation saying, "Yea Gods, it's leap year again!"

Innocent Bystander

By BARNEY CLARK

Today marks a new epoch in the art of column writing! Today Innocent Bystander will set up for the first time a complete home-study course in the technic of gossip-mongering. No down-payment, no dues, no assessments. All you need is an evil mind, large ears, and a nose like an ant-eater. All set, kiddies? Here goes!

CASE I:
From a booth next to yours in College Side your scoop-like ears have snagged onto the fact that three Thetas have walked back from a ride. Your news sense tells you that this is a big story. ONE Theta walking back is interesting, TWO Thetas walking back is history, but THREE Thetas walking back from a ride is COLOSSAL!

You have a vague hunch that the three females involved are Helen Labbe, Ginny Koehler, and Jerry Chessman. As for personal data about the three, all you know is that Helen Labbe has a mania for sun-porches, Jerry thumbs rides (there's a clue!) and Ginny speaks

her mind on any occasion. You don't know who they were riding with, or when, or why.

Pretty scanty, eh? Well, you just buckle into it, my hearties, and the first one through gets a breathing spell. I'll talke mine now.

Dick "Heat-Wave" Mears has told you that he and his gal, Mary Ann Skirving, went out to the Chicken Inn for dinner the other eve. On picking up their respective forks they were astounded to note that they bore the Pi Beta Phi initials. On closer examination they found several other pieces of Pi Phi silverware. You have buzzed several Pi Phis, including Marvel Twiss, Nancy Weston, Martha McCall, and Frosty Wright about the matter, and all you can discover is that they have been missing numerous items from their table lately. THEY eat with their fingers, anyhow, so you're not worried. Thusly it's up to you to discover

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Air Y Listenin'?

By Jimmy Morrison

Emerald of the Air

Tom McCall returns to the KORE microphone at 3:45 today after a two weeks absence to announce the Emerald Sportcast.

Local Boy Makes Good

Heard Ed Perry singing with Bart Woodyard's orchestra via short wave from the tropical Young hotel roof in Honolulu Monday night. Ed is the boy who used to thrill you with "The Object of My Affection" when he sang and played with Art Holman's band at Willamette Park last year.

Perry quit school last spring term to accept an offer from Bart Woodyard, who was then playing in Portland. Reports last fall had it that he was very much "that way" about a girl singer with Woodyard's group. She's still with the band in Hawaii.

Woodyard's band almost perfectly duplicates Ted Fio Rito's style. He uses lots of flutes and temple block work in his arrangements. You can hear Perry and the band every Monday evening from 9:45 to 10 o'clock over KSL, or over KGNC, 1410 kilocycles.

The Air Angel

Jack Benny will make a guest appearance with Fred Allen on Fred's Town Hall Tonight broadcast at 9 this evening. He will be accompanied by his chief stooge, Mary Livingstone.

Last summer Fred Allen and Portland Hoffa made a guest appearance on Jack's Sunday night program in Hollywood. Mary, she introduced herself as "Seattle Mary," and Portland, the stooges, stole the show from Jack and Fred, the principals. The girls will carry on the microphone argument they started on that occasion.

Boake Carter, noted commentator, has received upwards of 100-

00 requests for copies of his talk on the death of King George V of England, broadcast the same evening the British monarch succumbed. It constitutes one of the greatest avalanches of mail as the result of a single broadcast in radio history. Letters are still coming in.

Andre Kostelanetz' orchestra is scheduled to play Irving Berlin's new tune, "I'd Rather Lead a Band," from the forthcoming film, "Follow the Fleet," as well as "Alone" and "The Broken Record" on the program this evening with Nino Martini and Lily Pons.

NBC-CBS Programs Today

3:00—Woman's Magazine. NBC.
6:00—Andre Kostelanetz' orchestra. KOIN, KSL.
6:30—Refreshment Time. Ray Noble's orchestra, Connie Boswell, Al Bowly, and The Freshmen. KSL, KOIN.
7:00—Vince Program. NBC.
9:00—Town Hall Tonight. Fred Allen; Jack Benny and Mary Livingstone. KPO, KGW.

He'd Spike Guns



If "the Logan amendment" some day takes a place in history as effecting an epochal change in the U. S. constitution, it will get its name from Sen. M. M. Logan (Dem., Ky.), above. Senator Logan has introduced an amendment giving congress power to regulate and control production — power which the supreme court held it did not possess in the decision outlawing the AAA.

CAMEL'S MONEY-BACK OFFER STILL OPEN TO COLLEGE SMOKERS!

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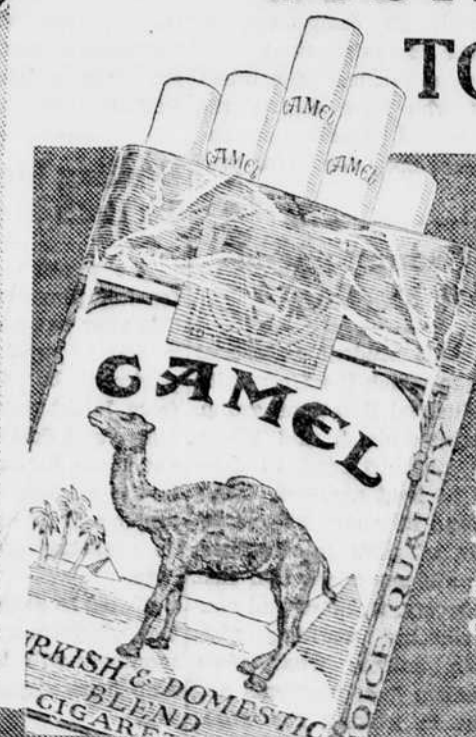
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Senior Ball Corsages Should Be Optional

A COMMITTEE of Eugene florists is protesting the action of the Senior Ball committee in ruling that corsages for their dance are not in order.

They want OPTIONAL corsages. And although it is too late to go on the ballot, petition pushers are always available.

The Senior Ball committee is in a tough spot. Should they make corsages optional the guy that can't afford a corsage for his lady-bird feels like a clod. Should the committee hang tight to its present stand a large body of Eugene merchants will get hot around the collar. And in view of the excellent support Eugene merchants have given the University in the past—financially and morally—this must be avoided.

So the situation at present is a clash between economic policy and intestinal fortitude.

Now if a big, strong man hasn't the g—! to tell a little tiny girl that he couldn't afford a corsage, he and Al Smith ought to "take a walk."

Oh yes, such view point is revolutionary. There is nothing that makes a strong man weaker than the tremulo of a little lady. But not all males will have to knuckle under. There are many chaps on the campus that can and should "dig down in the old sack" to please the usually "flowerless" date and make the one big formal of the year a real formal.

No doubt the Senior Ball committee decided on what it considered to be the best procedure. But it should amend its stand for the sake of harmony.

Anyway, to think of Chairman Michek, the "Scappoose Flier" puzzling over some posies makes us giggle.

Perhaps Mr. Borah Just Forgot!

SENATOR Borah's observation made in the senate on Monday that peace treaties cannot be enforced except through force seems to add one more inconsistency to the long list the senator has to his name in his political career. For the senator from Idaho is a vehement apostle of the "freedom of the seas" for America, opposed to any restriction of trade with belligerents.

Yet, if he is lending his support to the policy of the enforcement of peace treaties by force, as would appear from his statements, Borah surely must have forgotten the Pact of Paris, agreed to by the United States as well as practically all other nations of the world, which outlaws war and aggressors. To be consistent, the senator should favor sanctions against Italy, or at the very least, a complete embargo on all exports to the belligerents, instead of "freedom of the seas," and the right to trade with any nations in any goods.

Within the United States outlaws are treated with little deference. We not only refuse to assist them in any way in their nefarious activities, we are obliged to apprehend them, to endeavor to put a stop to their criminal acts. Strange it is then, that where common consent has been given to outlaw this crime called war, and where an outlaw has been definitely found, we indignantly refuse to redeem our pledge by cooperating to stamp out the outlawry.

The Safety Valve

Letters published in this column should not be construed as expressing the editorial opinion of the Emerald. Anonymous contributions will be disregarded. The names of contributors will, however, be regarded as confidential upon request. Contributors are asked to be brief, the editors reserving the right to condense all letters of over 300 words and to accept or reject letters upon the criteria of general editorial importance and interest to the campus.

Editor, the Emerald:

We, the undersigned florists of Eugene, wish to present an argument favoring the wearing of flowers—not, necessarily, on every occasion though there are few times when they are not fitting, but certainly on such particular occasions as the Senior Ball from which they have been recently banned.

We cannot help feeling there is an unjust, though possibly unintentional, discrimination against our industry in the banning of corsages. If flowers are to be considered as a luxury we are surely entitled to compare them with the other luxuries that contribute to a successful Senior Ball. Are they more a luxury than the