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Drop Five Cents, Please

TWO years ago a casual visitor dropping into Salt Lake, the city founded by a Mormon colony on waste land once almost devoid of vegetation, would probably have been impressed with the width of the broad and carefully-planned streets.

At Christmas time last year, the traveler might have noticed that the wide streets were still there but it is more probable that his gaze would have been drawn to the long line of post-like objects which studded the curbing at regular intervals.

Ah, parking meters—objects of interest. A closer investigation of the meters, installed after much discussion and hot debate, would have shown that each and every meter had a small strip of adhesive tape across the slot, just below the sign which read, "Insert Five Cents for 1 Hour's Parking." It was obvious, even to the most casual traveler, that the meters, installed with great fanfare, were no longer in use.

"The merchants raised an awful kick," a patrolling policeman might have volunteered to the traveler. "They got tired of seeing long lines of neat parking spaces—with no cars parked on them—and people trading with back-street stores where the meters were not used. The meters relieved congestion all right, but they practically eliminated downtown trade."

EUGENE does not have Salt Lake City's wide streets. Perhaps it was with this fact in mind that the city council has considered favorably a proposal for installation of the meters.

The arguing point of the company which installs them has been, "what can you lose? We install the meters without charge." This argument, as middle-western cities can attest, has not stood the pragmatic trial—it has not worked out. The majority of the cities installing the meters have lost, through disrupted downtown commerce and business lost because motorists would rather walk a block or two than insert five cents.

A man almost became president of the United States a few years ago on a platform of five-cent cheroots and nickel beer. This platform had popular appeal, however, and dropping a nickel into a parking meter takes none of the skill or provides none of the thrills of playing a pin-ball machine. Expected to be a source of revenue, gagged parking meters are standing, worthless and adding nothing to the beauty of the street in several cities, mute evidence to the "City's Folly."

Campus Comment

(The views aired in this column are not necessarily expressive of Emerald policy. Communications should be kept within a limit of 250 words. Courteous restraint should be observed in reference to personalities. No unsigned letters will be accepted.)

BOOK-IT BRIGADE

To the Editors: Being vitally interested as law students in seeing the rag-tag and bobtail of liberal arts students cleared from the old libe, that this erstwhile trysting-place for the casual pigger may speedily be converted into a rendezvous wherein our jealous mistress, the law, may with passionate devotion be wooed and won—we hereby submit this plan, to wit; hereby; and to wit:

The problem of moving the books from the old libe can best be solved by adapting the method utilized in that time-honored American institution, viz—the "Bucket Brigade"—to our present exigency.

The plan promulgated by the library staff has these inherent disadvantages:

- 1. Inevitable tendency to walk across the lawn thereby entailing much wear and tear on aforesaid premises.
2. Waste of energy and shoe leather in that for each loaded trip made by a student he must make a return trip empty-handed.
3. The probability of loss or misappropriation of books in the aforementioned procedure is very great.
4. The time required would be greater than that necessary under our proposed plan.

On the other hand, the plan of forming a line of students from the old to the new libe, and passing the books from hand to hand as fast as they can be taken from the shelves will eliminate the above indicated objections, as well as lend a spirit of camaraderie—and esprit de corps, as it were—to the undertaking.

The present plan smacks not a little of work, which we believe to be very distasteful to any and all of the students at Oregon; while the new plan will so camouflage the stark presence of LABOR that the students might even get some fun out of the undertaking—especially by alternating a boy and girl in the line, affording an opportunity for the further slinging of the usual slush which characterizes the conversation of pigger and piggee at Oregon.

In conclusion, may we point out that during the process of handling all the books in the library as they pass him in the line, each student will have an opportunity to strike up at least a casual acquaintance with a few of them. It is our fond idealistic hope that by the termination of his college career, he might perhaps become (as a result of this stimulus), like the healthy American Indian, a well-read man.

P.S.—Law students, because of their already great familiarity with books in general, should be excused of all work save and except that of a supervisory nature—anything herein mentioned to the contrary notwithstanding.

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Hundreds View Last Services for Texas School Dead



Stricken by grief and horror, relatives and friends of the more than 425 students and teachers who were killed in the recent explosion in the New London, Texas, school are shown above crowding about the city's Baptist church for a mass memorial service held for the victims. Mass burials of the mangled bodies were held after the services.

EMERALD'S Quiz of the Week

By MARGARET RAY. It was decided to test the housemothers of several living organizations on the quiz of the week this time. Four were given the questions, and out of these, three scored 4 points, and one scored 9 points, out of a possible 10.

- 1. Two University of Oregon professors who have recently tendered their resignations are: (a) Robert C. Hall and Arthur Marder; (b) Calvin Hall and Dr. John Bovard; (c) Wayne Morse and Dr. John Bovard.

- 2. Oregon's baseball hopes were given a decided boost last Friday by the transfer of a Duck veteran of last year from Southern Oregon Normal to the University and his appearance at the initial practice session. The player was: (a) Cliff McLean; (b) John Thomas; (c) Gale Smith; (d) Bob Hardy.

- 3. Theta Sigma Phi, journalism honorary for women, at a meeting this past week, announced that it would sponsor a new entertainment feature this term: (a) A lecture series by prominent members of the faculty; (b) A matrix table banquet for outstanding students, faculty members, and townspeople; (c) An all-campus dance with a journalism motif; (d) Jimmy Dorsey and a Journalism Jam.

- 4. The possibility of loss of a WPA grant to help remodel the old libe has caused library authorities to announce that: (a) Books will be moved immediately to new headquarters, but will not be available to students for at least three weeks; (b) Students will be asked to volunteer their help in assisting with the moving of the books to the new library; (c) A decision as to whether or not to move the books will be reached at a meeting of the library board, Monday; (d) The new libe costs too much to run.

- 5. Senior class meetings have been held this past week to consider: (a) Possible senior class gifts; (b) Exemption from spring term final exams; (c) Speakers and other program features for graduation exercises; (d) Doing away with caps and gowns.

- 6. The convention which is being held on the campus this week-end is: (a) The associated women students; (b) The Women's Athletic association; (c) The Athletic Federation of College Women; (d) League of Oregon Cities meet.

- 7. The supreme court judge who provided a surprising right-about-face opinion on the minimum wage law for women was: (a) Justice Roberts; (b) Chief Justice Hughes; (c) Justice McReynolds; (d) Justice Brandies.

- 8. In an Emerald editorial this past week, students were advised to follow Dean Wayne Morse's example and: (a) Report reckless drivers on Thirteenth street to the police; (b) Lend their support to the library's suggestion for using student help in moving books; (c) Attend the debate between Orlando Hollis, acting dean of the law school and S. Stephenson Smith, professor of English; (d) Get jobs in Washington D.C.

- 9. A contest sponsored by the Texas Christian university is being held on Southwest campuses to: (a) Gain new ideas for constructive "hell" weeks; (b) Find the ugliest man on the campuses; (c) Determine the most popular "American girl" coed; (d) Get ideas for a deferred-pledging system.

- 10. The orchestra which has been signed to play for the frosh glee is: (a) Jimmy Dorsey's; (b) Kenny Allen's; (c) Ellis Kimball's; (d) Dick Litfin's; (e) Gus Meyers.

Colonel Leader

(Continued from page one) A very good comparison was drawn between games as played in England and the United States by the English soldier, who also holds the rank of senior colonel in the Oregon Reserve officers.

The English system of no coaches and no specialization in games causes more of a rivalry, but not for the sole purpose of winning. This system of playing to enjoy sports, rather than win, makes it a usual thing for a man of 60 to be active in five games. To Leave Oregon "I always seem to have to leave Eugene at the prettiest season of

Women's Meet

(Continued from page one) WAA. Play days, fall picnics, teas and informal sport parties were mentioned as the best of ways to bring new women into contact with active, enthusiastic WAA leaders. The strawberry festival held yearly at the University of Oregon was mentioned. Dr. H. H. House, professor of physical education at Washington State college addressed the delegates at the open mass meeting Friday afternoon on "A Man Looks at Women's Athletics." Dr. House voiced strong approval for the work carried on by WAA and offered several pointers that might help in the further development of the groups.

Future of WAA Discussed Miss Velda Cundiff, director of the women's physical education at San Francisco college, who spoke on the "Future of WAA," revealed possibilities for the organization and compared the present groups with those of many years ago, showing the progress already made.

Canoeing was enjoyed on the millrace later in the day, despite the poor weather. At the formal banquet last night held in the Eugene hotel, Miss Florence Alden, physical education head at the University of Oregon, presided as toastmistress.

Dean of Women Hazel P. Schvering addressed the group on "Function of WAA from a Standpoint of a Dean." Dean Schvering told of the benefit the organization was to any campus, how they helped in the orientation of freshmen, and offered to coed a four years' program of physical activity, intramural sports and outside recreation.

Colonel Leader Speaks Colonel John Leader, well-known on the campus as a traveller of wide distinction, talked shortly on the "English Idea of Sport." Rules of all games, the way in which English games are handled, and the participation of English in sports for the sheer enjoyment of playing were spoken of by Colonel Leader.

The three day conference will be brought to a close today. An open mass meeting in the hotel dining room will be held by Dr. J. B. Nash, professor of education at New York university at 9 o'clock. Dr. Nash will speak on "Philosophy for WAA."

The closed mass meeting will be held following this. Hostesses for the next conference will be decided upon, a business report of all committees will be given, and summaries of the discussions will read their reports.

A noon day luncheon will end the conclave.

"The year," he concluded, "it was so when I left in 1919 after serving two years on the history faculty and in the physical education department. But my boys want me at home, so I'll have to leave this ideal University and town."

Colonel Leader was very emphatic in his praise of the physical education school built up here by Dean Bovard, and hopes to return some day and see it further developed.

At the CHURCHES

Baptist Rev. Mr. McAnnich will lead the 9:45 Bible class Sunday morning on the subject, "God the Creator."

"The Christian Solution of the War Problem" will be discussed Sunday evening by the young people's group which meets at the church at 6:30. Glenn Griffith will lead the discussion.

Christian Grace Adamson will discuss "Christians at Worship" Sunday evening at 6:15. Special music will feature the evening.

Westminster Branch of Presbyterian Sunday morning Mr. Jim Bryant will lead the meeting with the discussion centering around the topic, "Hope or Despair." Faith Eskelson will lead the worship service, which will open the meeting at 9:45.

Dr. Warren D. Smith will speak Sunday evening at 6:30 on the subject, "The Religion of a Geologist." Tea, will be served at 6 o'clock, which will precede the worship service led by Howard Cole.

Noon luncheon will be served Tuesday noon for 20 cents a plate to any students on the campus desiring to come. Names must be registered by Monday evening.

The 39-40 club is sponsoring a concert Thursday evening by Miss Norma Lyons, music student and graduate, who will give a program of her own compositions. All students are invited.

Following the concert will be the study group on "Studies in the Life of Jesus," led by Rev. Wiliston Wirt, representing Mr. Norman K. Tully, who will lead the group the remainder of the term. Methodist Young people will meet Sunday

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morning at 9:45. Sunday evening Mr. Charles M. Hulten, professor of journalism, will lead a discussion on "Propaganda and Our Civil Liberties." The group meets at 6:15 with Orval Etter in charge of the worship service. Refreshments and a social hour will follow.

The Willamette Songmen, Willamette University choir, will sing Sunday evening at 5:15. Friday evening the Fireside fellowship group meets at 8:30 at the home of Hayes Beall.

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But Not for Print

WE wondered how Oregon's trained social scientists felt about sit-down strikes, so we sent a reporter out to poll them. Our reporter was a freshman girl, but shrewd and pertinacious. Her instruction were either to interview the men or persuade them to pencil out fifty words or so summing up their conclusions and to assemble her story from this material.

Well, to be brief, she hardly got to first base. She hasn't yet seen all the men we asked her to interview, but she has made enough of the round to know that it will be in vain. They won't talk for publication; that, most of them declared very flatly.

But why? Two reasons offer themselves; they have no thoughts on the matter worth publication, or they are afraid to say in print frankly what they think.

We've too much faith in the intellect of the men questioned to credit the first. Then, if the second be true—that they are afraid—we also have too much respect for the men to blame them.

THE sit-down strike is a hot issue, and any man who comments on it is on the spot. If he favors it, he is subject to attack for having an un-American view of the "sacred rights of property." If he condemns it, he is open to the damnation of labor partisans, who maintain with Dorothy Thompson that workmen have a property right in their jobs.

These professors, qualified by training and intellect to take a position of leadership in the determination of such great social issues as the sit-down strike, are constrained to silence. But by what or by whom? By their own vague fears? By direct administrative inhibitions? A little, perhaps. But these are shackles of a secondary sort. The great fetter of academic freedom—the liberty of a professor to pursue knowledge as far as he can or will and to impart his conclusions, however heterodox, to others—is clamped on by the people of the state, or by the most powerful pressure groups among the people.

Academic freedom is as nebulous and un- and undependable as those other freedoms of our democracy, of speech and of the press. Freedom of teachers, like freedom of others, hinges on what they say or advocate. They are free to say two plus two equals four. But further than that—well, it all depends.

IT seems to be the fate of public institutions like the University of Oregon to be constantly under popular pressure. Parents send their progeny here "to be educated," by which is not meant the courageous and open-minded pursuit of knowledge. No siren, not that. What they want is four years of protection from unorthodox opinion for their young.

"Mother, may I go out to swim?" "Why, yes, my darling daughter. Hang your clothes on a hickory limb. But don't go near the water!"

Well, we haven't been diving into a dry pool exactly. Any alert person is bound to pick up a few ideas his ancestors never had. But what about our professors?

If we know anything about the drive for knowledge and the desire to be secure in their pursuit of it that must affect the better of them, they will be moving on to "greener pastures"—those, at least, who are not tied down with families and property.

The exodus has already started. And low salaries, as we said yesterday, is not the only thing that is driving them away.

Can't something be done to stop it?