

Pollock's FOLLY

By BOB POLLOCK

ALTHOUGH THIS department is usually more at home in the public announcement of unpleasant truths, we're going to let the spirit of Christian charity permeate our bones and tell our readers something we are sure will make them very happy.

To wit: Mrs. Dionne had five puppies, one of which did not survive his arrival in this world over five minutes or so. The remainder, however, are quite happily scrambling for the stuff that made the forms infamous . . . unfortunately their eyes are not yet open and occasionally one of them tumbles out of bed and heads in the general direction of the great outdoors under the mistaken impression that food may be obtained thereby.

THIS ALWAYS occasions great grief on the part of Mrs. Dionne, who pursues her errant offspring and returns him to the parental bed and board.

Evidence that, although the heart of Mrs. Dionne is pure, her morals probably are not may be seen in the fact that three of the surviving pups are white and the other is very definitely black. Minnie, as the boys call her informally, does not seem to regret it, however and is, in fact, very happy with her newly-hatched brood.

WE ARE IN RECEIPT of a letter from a friend of ours, editor of a country weekly in Culver City, Cal. . . like all newspapermen, he must occasionally attend and report ceremonial occasions like chamber of commerce banquets . . . this he did the other evening, being alternately bored and nauseated by the speeches and alcohol-tinted promises of the local c of c boys . . .

In fact the only thing that cheered him was the presence in great quantities of much-mellowed juice of the vine and of the brewery . . . being a banquet it was, of course, free and our reporter proved himself a true friend of union labor by attempting to see that the brewer's ran night shifts from then on.

THE SPEECHES became, after a time, just ringing noises in his head and when he finally arrived back at the printery to record the event for posterity he was in one of his finer cynical moods and inclined to look at the whole thing with a jaundiced eye.

He therefore started the construction of his little masterpiece with some sincere advice to the linotype operator . . . it ran something like this: "Chamber of Commerce stuff . . . Gawd, how they piled it on—but chin up, stout fella . . . set it anyway—it won't make you sick if you don't smell it . . ."

THE PROCESS of writing consisted of poorly aimed blows at the typewriter as it gyrated about our friend's buzzing head and the article contained other little gems meant as asides to the operator. . . Our budding reporter's boss—publisher of the Citizen, sir—had also spoken and the youthful Pulitzer—with a fine sense of fitness—saved up his most clever rebuttals for his remarks.

For the denouement of this little drama, we quote our friend's letter verbatim: "The copy was a little lousy, of course, and looked as if it had been written by someone with senile debility or motor incoordination—or an advanced stage of both . . . with sweeping gestures—including most of each page per gesture—I copyread it and sent it down to the machine happily expecting that the night crew would set it . . . Well, they didn't—and one of the first remarks that the old man spewed forth upon coming to work was a request to see my copy . . ."

"THERE IT WAS in all of its pitiful incoherence. In the light of the sober day it made even me a little pale . . . the clever, but obscene, remarks to the operator seemed somehow the miasma arising from a mind fetid, putrid, and festering with all the baser emotions and lusts . . ."

"There has been a cooler note about the office of late."

SIDE SHOW

By Bill Cummings and Paul Deutchmann

Campus

Education is not always easy to acquire, but once in a while there comes an opportunity to soak up some of it without much effort. Such an opportunity is the assembly today in which Upton Close, noted commentator, will talk on the significance of Japan's war with China. The talk should be well worth a trip to Gerlinger, inasmuch as history in the making will be divulged free of charge, entertainingly, and by one of those few individuals who can rightly be called an authority.

Speaking of commentators, it seems that everyone on the campus has suddenly discovered a latent talent for radio work. Lucky Strike certainly had a good idea when someone thought up the news-commentator advertising scheme. Students are talking Luckies, smoking Luckies, thinking about Luckies, and

listening to their own voices praising Luckies on the free voice recordings given with every audition.

It's costly advertising, but good advertising. At least it has caused a sensation here in Eugene, which was picked as one of the focal points of the campaign because it is a typical college town, with good radio broadcasting facilities. It is undoubtedly the most intensive advertising campaign ever to hit the campus. With so many free smokes lying around, even non-smokers are induced to reach for one, so if the campus doesn't literally go up in smoke it isn't the fault of Lucky Strike. And if the cigarettes do all the things for one's nerves that the advertisers claim, the judges of the auditions will probably need fifty flat-fifties apiece before the end of the week.

Personality Authority

(Continued from page three) tainment for Miss Osbourne is a student committee composed of Rita Wright, Elizabeth Stetson, Virginia Regan, Phyllis Gardner, Harriet Thompson, and Kay Coleman.

Phi Delt's Finish

(Continued from page two) today, 44 to 28. The victory puts them into the championship play-off.

Twenty-two fouls were called in the contest, with Andy Karstens of ATO going out on four personals, and a new record was probably set when exactly six conversions were made.

The ATOs took a six to one lead in the first quarter, but the independents moved up to trail by two points at the end of the canto, 6 to 4.

The second quarter was practically a repetition of the first, with the Hotelmen getting off to an early lead only to see it fade before the determined attack of the Yeomen. Half time score was a tie, 17 to 17.

Score at the end of the third canto was 29 to 26 for the ATOs. The independent offensive faded before the ATO defense in the last quarter, and they were able to score only a pair of free throws. Mitchell, Hay and Graybeal were

meanwhile teaming to drop in 15 points and send the Hotelmen on to a decisive victory.

Don Mitchell, high point man, team with Don Anderson and John Hay to give the ATOs a powerful smooth passing offensive. Mitchell took high point honors with 12 points, followed by Anderson with 11 and Hay with 8.

The Yeoman forward wall, Hufford, Holland, and Anderson were responsible for 24 of the Yeomen's 28 points.

ATO's (B) 44 28, Yeomen (B) Peake, 5 F. 9, Hufford Mitchell, 12 F. 8, Holland Anderson, 11 C. 7, Webb Graybeal, 5 G. Hillard Karstens, 1 G. Curtis Crawford, 5 S. 3, Bowens Wyman, 2 S. Gates Hay, 8 S. Good

PROF PRINTS ARTICLE

Dr. C. B. Beall, professor of Romance languages, had an article on "Notes on the Influence of Tasso in France," dealing with the imitations and translations of Tasso in France in the 16th and 17th centuries, published in the December issue of an Italian magazine.

Dr. Beall has been working on the subject for "five or six years," he said. He has also had articles on this same subject, published in the "Modern Language Notes," and "Modern Philology" magazines since the beginning of the school year.

What Does a Reading Room Attendant Do--or--What Use Is a Libe Watchdog?



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And the Breath of Spring Lead Them Thither —

SPRING came to the University yesterday. Sun-warmed breezes spread over the campus like a star boarder's hand over the last biscuit. The crinkling mill-race sang the song of a siren; and in the hills the earth gave up the first moist perfume of spring. Buds burst from twig ends, and an anxious robin twittered from bough to bough.

The essence of spring lured students in hordes. A class of 120 students was Tuesday reduced to 40. Spring had taken its toll and the call of the wide open spaces was supreme.

Down the street they marched arm in arm, their bodies swayed in rhythm with the

breeze, heels beat a light staccato in echo to the chirping sparrow. Youth was free and the world was full of sunshine.

THEY stopped and turned into a little doorway. "Ah, at last," they sighed emotionally. The Side was filled with a babble of voices. Every booth was jammed as nature-loving students crowded around tables in the ordinarily half-filled—at 11 o'clock—back room. Coffee cups clanked on saucers and cigarette smoke was twice as thick as usual.

Spring had come to the Oregon campus. —L. T.

Owed to Odd

THURSDAY night the Associated Press signed the following story, which contains a surprising amount of editorial comment for an AP reporter to write and an AP editor to pass. Newspaper men all over the United States took this and other stories of a similar nature off the wires. Most of them went into papers and, we'll wager, were well-read by a sympathetic public. For Osear Odd McIntyre, the small-town boy who made good writing of the big city, was known and respected by all journalists and read by most American newspaper readers.

DATE line, slug and all, the AP story read:

Nite lead. GALLIPOLIS, O., Feb. 15—(AP)—Odd McIntyre's "neighbors" agreed tonight that he would have wanted a simple, unpretentious burial, but his home town chamber of commerce laid plans for one of its biggest civic observances to honor him.

The columnist's body will arrive here tomorrow from New York, where he died Monday. A chamber of commerce delegation will meet the cortege at Huntington, W. Va.

Every minister in this town of 7,000 will take part in the funeral Thursday. Business

houses, schools and public offices in Gallia county will close.

Only a few of Gallipolis' present residents knew McIntyre personally (he left here 38 years ago) but all mourned him. JMS04P

NEW York Day by Day," was a gossipy, canny, and candid column, always extremely readable, packed with human interest, and never malicious or bitter. O. O. McIntyre was a college man who worked his way up in the newspaper world from a small beginning on the Gallipolis Journal. He made the long step to New York in 1912 from the Cincinnati Post. About 25 years ago, McIntyre started syndicating. At his death 380 American newspapers were buying and printing his column.

At 54, Odd was truly the dean of American columnists. He never started any wars. He didn't bring about any great American reforms. But he made thousands of people chuckle over their coffee about his red and white purple-spotted ties, and brought New York into their lives as an interesting and human reality.

Like Gallipolis, the nation has done him honor for those services.

House Dances Head

(Continued from page three) Gamblers for Sigma Nu Straight from "Monte Carlo" will be participants in the Sigma Nu winter formal at the Osburn hotel, Saturday evening. The ball room will be decorated in the colors of the gambling wheel—blue, white, red, and black. Gigantic roulette wheels will be set in the background. The programs will carry on the theme and are in silver and gold.

UO, UW Speakers

(Continued from page one) are under the supervision of Professor W. A. Dahlberg. The groups present the forum this morning at Eugene high and at noon before the Active club at the Eugene hotel. Friday night, both groups will meet with representatives of the local labor unions in a discussion at 8:30 in the labor temple.

The Washingtonians yesterday discussed "The Agricultural Problem" with an Oregon group composed of Charles Devereaux, George Hall, Dean Ellis, Robert Young, and George Mackin. All meetings are open to the public.

Alpha Kappa Delta To Meet Tonight, 7:30

Wayne Woodmansee, staff member in the University Bureau of Municipal Research and Service, will be the featured speaker at the bi-monthly meeting of Alpha Kappa Delta, national sociology honorary, to be held tonight at 7:30 in Gerlinger hall. Mr. Woodmansee's topic will be, "A Point of View on the Relationships of Doctrinal Formulations and Institutional Structure of Society."

A discussion and a short business meeting will be followed by a social period. Refreshments will be served.

Desert Toll Of Week Desserts which were held Wednesday night are: Pi Beta Phi playing host to Phi Delta Theta; Al-

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A Place to Study and a Place to Sit

THE Emerald's suggestion that the rooms on the third floor of the library were closed to prevent students from going into them and smoking has brought a denial from Librarian M. H. Douglass.

The real reason, says the librarian, is that not sufficient assistants are available to keep the rooms now open running, or, at least, that a smaller staff is now devoted to this purpose than was the case in the old library.

This may be very true, but: Why should it take more attendants to run the third floor rooms as reading rooms than it does now to have them standing idle?

NO one is actually on duty in reading reserves at present. There would be no more checking in and out of books to handle, unless opening the rooms should enable more students to use the library and even such an increase would be handled at reserves already in operation.

About the only reason for not opening the rooms is, then, that another assistant would be required. And what would that help do? Probably keep students from smoking in the third floor rooms, although attendants now employed seldom enter the second and first floor reserves at all.

We have it on reliable authority that this is really the case. If there's any other logical reason for needing more attendants, unless it's that the janitor would have to sweep the rooms more often, we can't think of it.

Last term the librarian announced the rooms were not used because there was no need for them. This term, it is certain, that need exists. Even when a few seats are still empty in the second floor reserve, study con-

ditions in that room are bound to be poor. There are no doors to shut off noise from the hall and students are constantly moving in and out.

A place to study isn't all that should be provided students. It might be possible to set up a desk and books in the middle of the street at the intersection of Thirteenth and Kincaid but no student would do so if he wanted quiet, and a less noisy place was available.

THOSE less noisy places are available in the new library. Why not use them if it's at all possible? There's such a big difference between a place to study and a place to sit.

(Editor's note: Despite the vigorous tenor of the suggestions made above, the staff of the library could probably establish, for its own satisfaction, that no personal malice is involved—as at least two attendants suggested following the last time they soaked "this department" (to quote Pollock) \$1.50 for having a few books out three days over the deadline. At that time we suggested the five-cent a day fine without warnings was exorbitant, laying ourselves open to their counterecharge.

But this time it's different. Through the courtesy of the school of journalism, we have an office—just as do the professors who also have the private study rooms reserved in the library—and would rather study here (or not at all) than stumble into a crowded reserve, scrape back a chair while people glare at us, and then settle down to glare ourselves—alternating our glares between a book and people coming in and going out.)

pha Xi Delta, Chi Psi; Alpha Omicron Pi, Beta Theta Pi; Kappa Kappa Gamma, Delta Upsilon; Chi Omega, Sigma Alpha Epsilon. Tonight Pi Kappa Alpha will entertain Alpha Phi; Sigma Phi Epsilon, Gamma Phi Beta; and Theta Chi, Delta Delta Delta. Friday night Phi Kappa Psi will go to Gamma Phi Beta and Sigma Chi to Alpha Gamma Delta.

Radio Dance For Rushes Kappa Alpha Theta will entertain rushes this Friday night with a radio dance at the chapter house.

Hunt Club Sponsors Dinner Dance The Eugene Hunt club will hold a dinner dance at the 4-H club buildings at the fairgrounds this Saturday night. Student members and faculty will participate.

Several parties have been planned preceding the dance. Mr. and Mrs. Angus MacIntosh will be at home to guests.

Eugene Mothers Entertain Eugene mothers' club of Pi Beta Phi entertained the active members at the chapter house from 4 to 5 on Wednesday afternoon.

Grades Changed

(Continued from page three) substituted for letters and the marking system, otherwise modified, appears in the catalog as follows:

- I. Unusual excellence.
II. High quality. Classes I and II together constitute approximately the highest fourth.
III. Satisfactory. Approximately the second quarter.
IV. Fair. Approximately the third quarter.
V. Passing.
F. Failed.

The highlight of the year 1920, however, was not the change in grading but the issuing of certain seasonal publications, officially known as bulletins but colloquially as scandal sheets, which in the year began to brighten the campus and the homes of students. In these pulps—such as their type of paper—all students were listed alphabetically, together with their grades. It thus became possible for parents to keep better tab on

their offspring—the bulletins appeared every term—and also, if imbued with a vulgar albeit pardonable curiosity, on scions of friends and acquaintances.

Scandal Sheet Abandoned The popularity of this reading matter was soon more than matched by its unpopularity. It looked as if publicity could be overdone. In 1927 this, the most interesting literature ever put out by the University press, ceased to appear. In discontinuing it, the faculty voted that, "grade reports be sent each term to parents, students, advisers, high schools and

major departments." The present well-known system, based on four passing grades, A, B, C, D; F, failure; Inc., incomplete; W, withdrawn; was inaugurated in 1932. Now comes Dr. Warren D. Smith, proposing, as stated in the press, that grades be recorded as at present and be available to faculty members and for other suitable purposes but "not revealed to students or their parents. In their stead students would receive ratings of Honors, Passing and Incomplete." Will the pendulum swing back to the year 1887?

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