

# Stephenson Wins Edison Marshall Writing Contest

## 'Boy in the Wind' Gets First Prize; Wood Places Second

George W. Stephenson, junior in psychology, is the winner of \$50 in the Edison Marshall short story contest for 1938, it was announced last night by W. F. G. Thacher, professor of English, who conducted the contest.

Winner of the second prize was Walter Wood, junior in journalism, and honorable mention was given Martha Stewart, journalism senior.

**2 Eugene Studes Win**  
Stephenson, whose story was "Boy in the Wind," lives on Route 3, Eugene. Wood, a resident of Boise, Idaho, called his story, "Holiday," and Miss Stewart, also of Eugene, called hers, "Homely Gal."

Judges of the manuscripts which were submitted without the writers' names, were Dean Alfred Powers of the extension division in Portland, Mrs. Margaret Goodall, teacher at University high school, and John Hawkins, professional writer of Portland.

# Investigation Waits Only for House OK

## Private Utilities May Be Exempted From TVA Inquiry

By GORDON RIDGEWAY  
Congressional investigation of the Tennessee Valley Authority was near reality last night as the house rules committee approved a senate resolution to that effect. Passage of the resolution was a foregone conclusion.

A committee of five senators and five house members will be directed to inquire into charges and counter-charges made by the TVA directors, and into allegations that private utilities have attempted to hamper the agency.

An effort to exempt the private utilities from the inquiry was expected on the house floor today.

In other government circles, President Roosevelt denounced opposition to his government reorganization bill, commenting that the senate "cannot be purchased by organized telegrams based on direct misrepresentation."

# Nazis vs. Halifax

On the European front last night, the calm was punctuated with a warning from Berlin that only a fundamental change in Czechoslovakia's inner political structure could rescue that country's independence. And across the channel, Lord Halifax told the house of Lords that Britain intends to counter Hitler's expansion by reaching an agreement with Italy.

In Lithuania, the new disputed Polish legation was established while newspapers cautioned citizens against demonstrations.

# Sheriff Again?

Gordon L. Schermerhorn, former Jackson county sheriff, announced last night that he would seek the office as a democratic candidate and oppose Syd I. Brown, incumbent.

Schermerhorn recently served a 13-month state prison sentence for alleged complicity in a ballot theft case in Medford. He said that he is seeking vindication to prove his innocence.

# Tryouts for Peer Gynt Slated for 3 In Guild Theater

Tryouts for reading parts in "Peer Gynt," gigantic production to be staged in the east half of the Igloo April 26, will be held from 3 to 6 today at the Guild theatre in Johnson hall.

No experience is necessary and anyone may try out, including students, faculty, or townspeople. There are few parts for women but plenty for men. No parts have been cast so far.

# Use of Machines Taught in BA Course

Training in the use of business machines will be made available to members of the school of business administration this term by means of a special course in the operation of adding machines, calculators, and bookkeeping machines.

Mr. O. R. Anderson, instructor in accounting, will teach the new course, which is a no-credit course offered in two sections, meeting at 2 and 3 Wednesday's. Arrangements will be made for training and practice work.

# UO Students Attend Conference at Reed

At the Northwest International Relations clubs conference at Reed college were four students representing the Oregon chapter of the organization. They were Francis McCarter, president of the Oregon group; Bruce Rogers, Percy Morioka, and Francis Beck.

The students were addressed at the conference by Jay Allen, famous foreign correspondent, who spoke briefly on the Spanish situation. The local group is open to any University student interested.

# Girls' Better GPAs Explained By Oregon Educator's Survey

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But Dr. C. L. Huffaker, professor of education, who has made extensive studies in this field, says, "The question is not easy to answer. Studies of the progression of students between the fourth grade and senior year in college show that at all years the girls surpass the boys. This does not mean that girls are more intelligent than boys, for when objective tests have been given students here and at other schools throughout the country, the sex differential disappears."

"There are numerous reasons," said Doctor Huffaker, "which may be given as partial explanation for the difference. Careful investigations have shown me that both men and women teachers, with little variation, have a tendency to grade girls higher than boys for the same general average of work."

Dr. Huffaker cited instances where investigators have taken papers from groups wherein girls were rated higher than boys, have exchanged boys' for girls' names on the papers and have sent them out to different teachers to be graded. They have come back with the papers having the girls' names on them, though actually boys' papers, with higher grades.

Dr. Huffaker also said that girls conform better to assignments and work plans than boys. Dr. Huffaker also stated that another reason sometimes considered when studying the difference

# ASUO Will Present Victoria Glee Club

Eugene's famous Gleemen will join the Victoria, B. C., glee club for a joint concert in McArthur court on May 23, the educational activities board announced last night, with ASUO members being admitted to the concert upon presentation of student body cards.

The added concert will be in the nature of a "bonus attraction." Budget for the ASUO's other added spring event, "Peer Gynt," was approved and the price scale set. General admission tickets will be 75c, reserved seats \$1 and \$1.25, with a special reduction of 20 per cent to organizations purchasing tickets in blocks of 20 or more. Director Horace Robinson announced "Peer Gynt" will have a cast of 185 persons.

Oregana Adviser Orlando Hollis reported that the book is nearing completion and will be ready for distribution, barring accident, at junior weekend. Prof. Hollis reported that 2150 copies are being printed and that the book to date is more than satisfactory.

The board approved improvements in lighting in McArthur court and announced that the ticket booths would be remodeled as soon as WPA funds are available. The Igloo has also been repainted and other improvements are being made.

Chairman Earl M. Pallett announced that a special meeting of the board had been called for Monday evening to read petitions submitted by publications positions applicants and to consider next year's concert series. The publication petitions deadline is noon Saturday.

A recommendation that Emerald Radio Editor Don Kennedy and his assistant, Roy Vernstrom, receive \$5 each per week was accepted by the board.

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between sex groups' grades is that more boys work their way partly or wholly through college than girls, and hence have less time to pursue their studies.

# Dr. Erb Is Dinner Guest at Beta House

President Donald Erb was a dinner guest last night at Beta Theta Pi. It was the president's first visit with any campus living group other than his own fraternity, Phi Gamma Delta.

Dr. Erb was an interested spectator at the customary millracing of one of the members following the dinner.

# JUNIOR GOES TO OXFORD

Raymond Rushlight, junior in history, left at the end of winter term to continue studying at Oxford. He sailed from Portland March 16 on the M. S. Heranger, the trip taking about four weeks by water. He expects to enter Oxford at the summer session in June, after touring Ireland and Scotland. He will return home in the fall of 1939.

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# Coach Oliver Will Be Honored At Alum Luncheon in Portland

Tex Oliver, who recently took over the duties as head football mentor at the University, will be honored at a special luncheon given by the Portland Alumni association at the Portland hotel Wednesday.

Coach Oliver will be introduced to the association for the first time, Omar C. Rodmer, chairman of the committee announced.

Following the luncheon at 2:05, Oliver will be interviewed over station KOIN. He will be asked to tell the people of Portland what he thinks will be the chances of next year's football squad.

Bill Cole, new line coach and chief assistant, "Iron Mike" Mikulak, and John Warren, frosh coach, will also be honored at the meeting.

# 'Hay Fever' Spring Theater Production

## Temperamental Bliss, Family's Troubles Theme of Comedy

Noel Coward's sparkling comedy "Hay Fever" centers around the brilliantly erratic Bliss family. Judith Bliss, a highly temperamental actress is the mother of the family. In the University theater production this part will be played by Janet Felt.

David Bliss, the father of the family, is a psychological novelist, and sets the keynote in eccentricity for the whole family. Roy Schwartz (the perennial father) is cast in this part.

Simon Bliss, son of the family, is a very arty artist. Jack Lewis draws the role of this unshaven young caricaturist.

Sorel Bliss, the daughter of the family who struggles under the handicaps of the family to be truly "feminine," is played by Iris Franzen.

Complications arise when each one of the family, without the knowledge of anyone else, invites a weekend guest. Each one insists that his own guest will be put up in the one decent guest room of the house.

The guests include: Sandy Tyrell, an athletic young man, played by Eddie Hearn; Richard Greatham, a diplomat, played by Gerry Smith; Jackie Coryton, a flapper, played by Mary Staton, and Myra Arundel, a very lush friend of Simon.

Clara, the Bliss maid and general critic, is portrayed by Gayle Buchanan.

# Aiken Will Address Teachers Saturday

Mr. W. W. Aiken, chairman of the National Progressive Education association's committee on relationship of high schools and colleges will speak to teachers of Oregon Saturday at 2 p.m. in the lecture room of the physical education building.

Mr. Aiken, who has conducted experiments in 30 high schools since 1932, will attempt to point out the modern developments in progressive education.

# New Chief



Karl Koch . . . elected manager of house managers association for coming year.

# Enrollment

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comparative gain, however, with an increase of 38 per cent.

**Gains Noted**  
Other schools gained as follows: architecture and allied arts, five per cent; journalism, 12 per cent; music, 34 per cent; social science, 7 per cent; science, 2 per cent. The departments of arts and letters, education, and law show no gain.

Home economics shows a decrease of 15 per cent. No auditors have registered this term.

There are 42 new students registering, compared with 28 for last year, an increase of 50 per cent.

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