

# MYSTERY to HISTORY

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"A Little Night-Music" is by Gerald W. Johnson, "one of the world's worst flute players," who is in favor of amateur musicians and their wild attempts at perfection.

Just when we thought that they, with their radio programs, et al, were becoming the scourge of the country, up pops Mr. Johnson to give his thousand times no. In fact he enumerates about that many reasons why we should be thankful to have these lousy—and some not so lousy—musicians among us. ....

"What this country needs is more bum music," he says, "as long as it is handmade."

Best of all, he thinks, is to be one of these amateur musicians yourself. He belongs to an "orchestra" directed by a professional cellist, which gets together one evening a week to butcher the work of the masters. For him it is an effort at self-expression. He strives for perfection, but if he never attains it, he will not be unhappy.

This group of amateurs, which he joins once a week, are banded together by a common love of music. They do not play because they are told they must, nor because they are vain and wish to flaunt their accomplishments. They are not skilled enough in their art to know entire musical repertoires. But they have more thrills and satisfactions in their playing than the greatest musicians, Author Johnson believes.

In ensemble playing, he says, there is nothing quite so exciting as the few measures when nobody makes a mistake, or those rare occasions when everybody ends up their piece on time. And there is the tang of surprise, when an unexpected heavenly tone suddenly chimes out in the midst of the slaughter. Then there is a certain kick that you can get out of hearing your cue and coming back into the song on time.

Don't get the idea that Mr. Johnson wants everybody to be an amateur. No one likes concerts led by Stokowski, or Toscanini, or Koussevitsky, better than he. But the enjoyment of music will be multiplied many times if one can learn to make a little (bum or otherwise) music by oneself.

Mr. Johnson's heartfelt playing gives him what Somerset Maugham might call "spiritual liberation," even if he plays only for fun. Of his group, he says "Nothing can deter us, for our motive is low."

Yes, low, in that none of them ever dream of becoming professionals, but high because they have caught the spirit of free, spontaneous music-making. They have the wholeheartedness and unselfishness that many years of study seldom give. They make music for themselves.

Munro Leaf, author of "Ferdinand," that short story book for children that turned out to be such a hit after the parents found out it was "sophisticated," goes to a different field in his latest. It's "Listen Little Girl Before You Go to New York," and Author Leaf provides many darn good reasons why girls should stay in their small towns and try to get ahead, or else get married.

## Milligan Wins \$225 In Last Moot Trial

### Hollis Says Lawyers Show More Ability This Year

A verdict against the plaintiff, Bill McInturff, and favoring the three defendants, Dave Silven, John Thomas, and Sid Milligan, was returned by the jury last night in the last case to come before the law school's moot court this year.

Another verdict was returned for McInturff in a counter-claim of \$225 brought against him by Milligan.

McInturff was represented in court by Andy Newhouse and Bill Daugherty. The defendants engaged Herb Galton and Ed Wheelock. The plaintiff charged that on April 1, Silven placed a sign of McInturff's back reading, "Please kick me." He further contended that Milligan and Thomas, thereafter kicked him in the rear, causing severe injury to his spine, and causing damages of \$300.

The basis for the defense was that McInturff had played several pranks himself, thereby consenting to be made a possible victim of someone else's joke.

Milligan, also, filed a counter-claim for \$225, alleging that McInturff struck him in the nose.

Aside from the trial, Orlando J. Hollis, acting dean of the law school, and judge in the mock trials, expressed satisfaction with the conduct of his proteges during the course of the six cases. He said that he believed that the attorneys were uniformly better this year than in past years.

As the crowning contribution to prankdom from the law school, some of the neophyte barristers, upon conclusion of the trial hooked a sign upon McInturff's back. It read, "Please Kick Me."

## College Paper

(Continued from page one) cited a Los Angeles Collegian columnist to such Registration day thoughts:

"This psychology 51 class sounds pretty good. Refreshments will be served at each meeting of the class," says one coed.

"It comes too soon after lunch though. Besides, I want to take Italian the next period and the instructor offers spaghetti and raviolas on Thursdays," continues the companion.

"I can't decide which class of econ to take. One instructor holds bank day every Wednesday, while the other professors sponsor tip-and-win Tuesdays and Thursdays."

And on and on the new salary system for teachers invokes tasty, tempting bribes through superior means of super-salesmanship.

## Pome . . .

"Twas in a restaurant they met, Romeo and Juliet. He had no money for the debt, So Romeoed what Juliet.

—Alabamian.

Columbia university engineering students graduating this June expect to be earning \$3,900 annually in five years.

Mostly Mr. "Dorothy Dix". Leaf sounds very discouraging to blossoming womanhood. He clamps down on their big ideas right properly. So if you've got a friend who is getting ready to fly the coop, pass it along to her. (All in good faith, of course.)

Now if somebody would only write a guidebook for the masculine sex, should they decide to go to the big town, things would be balanced up. In fact, because of present vacation plans, we'd appreciate it if someone would write, "Listen Little Boy Before You Go to Los Angeles."

## Campus Calendar

Emerald news, sports an business staff members planning to go on the picnic Sunday must sign up on the bulletin board in the shack and pay 25 cents to Dorothy Burke or Billie Rentz by noon today. The caravan will leave the shack at 2 Monday. More cars are needed.

Oregana staff members should see Howard Overback at the educational activities shack from 1 to 4 today.

There will be a Yeomen and Ordes dance in the AWS room of Gerlinger hall beginning at 8:30 tonight. All members are urged to be there as this is the last dance for this year.

## Wappenstein Will Be Transferred to Eastern Post Soon

Missing from the University faculty next year will be Major W. A. Wappenstein, assistant professor of military science. Major Wappenstein, with the exception of Frank I. Agule, instructor and chief clerk of the department, is the oldest member of the ROTC staff in point of service.

He came to Oregon five and a half years ago and has taught here since then. He will be transferred to Berwick, Pennsylvania, where he will serve in the army. Major Wappenstein indicated he intended to leave for San Francisco early in July and will go from there to New York by way of the Panama canal, finally arriving in Berwick some time in July or August.

In commenting on his service here, Major Wappenstein said: "My duties at Oregon have been very pleasant to me. I have seen many students come and go and I enjoyed working with them all."

## Stanford Professor Visitor of Botanists

A visitor at the University yesterday was Elmer I. Applegate of Stanford university, who spent several hours with L. F. Henderson, curator of the herbarium, and LeRoy Detling, associate professor of botany.

Dr. Applegate has recently been given a position with the government park service. His article on "Plants of the Lava Beds, National Monument, California," published in the March issue of the American Midland Naturalist, has been printed in booklet form by the Notre Dame university press.

## Sino-Japanese

(Continued from page three) will in the end suffer with the rest of them if additional conflicts arise.

The increasing problems in the world, including the diversification and multiplication of demands, make peace harder and harder to attain, he said. Trade expansion is necessary, and thus all areas and raw materials are earmarked for present or future needs by the "assertive nations," he said.

If people are to be made aware of the dangers of such aggressive policies, they must be "shell shocked" into the use of ideas, he said.

## Student Travelers

(Continued from page one) support of the Committee on International Cooperation of the League of Nations, and are useful as letters of introduction to foreign student groups.

They must be applied for on regulation blanks, and authenticated by University authorities.

# College Athletic 'Slates' Whitewashed by Cornell

Declaring that college athletes are not "pros" any more than the students who accept scholarships in education, Athletic Director Anse Cornell, yesterday defended athletic scholarships as a means of getting athletes to come to college.

In the same way that many students who receive state scholarships could not come to the University without this help, many of the athletes, who would not get an education otherwise, are here on scholarships, Cornell stated. There are many on the Oregon teams whose parents could not afford to send them to college if it were not for this, he said.

"I will admit," said Cornell, "that this seems to place the emphasis on the school with a lot of money when it comes to having winning teams, but I think that is an evil that can be remedied. If each school was allowed so much with which to give scholarships, it would help eliminate this."

Many people get the idea that this tends to bring the lower type of athlete to school, the "town bums," etc., but such an opinion is entirely unfounded, the busy athletic director explained.

"The fellows look upon it as a great honor to be offered a scholarship, just as do the students receiving them for education ability," Cornell explained. Therefore they are more likely to work harder in order to retain this prize, he said.

"All funds for these scholarships are received from outside sources, none come from the students or ASUO money. They are handled as the educational scholarships are," he concluded.

## O. S. C. Professor Will Be Speaker For Conference

Dr. O. R. Chambers, professor of psychology at Oregon State college, will be the chief speaker at the annual McKenzie conference of students of Westminster association to be held May 14 and 15 at Cedarwood Tavern.

Dr. A. E. Caswell, head of the physics department at the University of Oregon, and Rev. Norman K. Tully of the Central Presbyterian church will also be on the program.

Ted Pursley is general chairman of the conference. Other officers are as follows: Hazel Lewis, business manager; Adelle Baron and Stanley Robe, scribes; Edna Carlson and Marijane Skillern, housing; Bob Knox and Leonard Love, worship; Hazel Lewis and Helen Sutherland, songs and stunts; Betty Lewis and Relta Lea Powell, food; Harold Draper, recreation; Zaidie Enos, announcer, and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Bryant, coordinators.

Drexel Institute officials have started a move to nationalize fraternities at that institution.

## Yearbooks Still Left for Claiming At Activities Office

Although the final shipment of the 1938 Oregana has not yet arrived on the campus, there are still a few copies on hand to be called for, Oregana Manager Howard Overback said last night.

The books on hand may be called for at the educational activities office. Proper identification must be presented.

Distribution of the book broke all records for speed and quantity last week when 1350 copies went out over the outside tables Friday in slightly more than two hours. Two other shipments have been received and passed out this week, with the final shipment expected before the end of the week.



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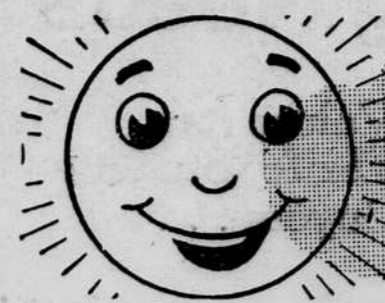
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