

# Crew Racing Possibility for Webfoots

## Ducks' Big Obstacle--No Splashing Ground--Might Be Rubbed Out

### Fern Ridge Project on Willamette River Is Prospective Practice Run; UO Oarsmen May Vie With OSC in Northwest Regatta

By BILL PHELPS

The University of Oregon Duck at last has a chance to reach his native habitat, the water.

Ever since the Universities of California and Washington put crews on a big-time basis in the west, students at Oregon had contemplated a crew, but they could never overcome one big drawback--there wasn't any place for it to row. When Oregon State blossomed out with a shell, Oregon's enforced inactivity became all but unendurable. Now, at least, Oregon may have its chance.

#### Large Lake Available

A part of the Willamette flood control project which the United States engineers are now engaged in provides for a dam and reservoir at Fern Ridge, approximately 12 miles northwest of Eugene. The dam, to be completed by December 31, 1940, will create a lake approximately five and one-half miles long, four and one-half miles wide, and fifty feet deep, which will extend to within eight miles of Eugene.

The lake will have a variable content, due to its use for flood control and irrigation, but in the spring it will be completely full.

#### Excellent for Competition

Present plans of the engineers call for an improved road to the dam. A paved highway will skirt the edge of the lake, and another will leave the other end and go straight to Eugene, less than eight miles away.

#### Near the Campus

Perfectly protected by the hills around it, the reservoir will be absolutely currentless, easily the outstanding course on the west coast. It will not be as rough as California's estuary or Lake Washington and will not have their tides. It is wider than Oregon State's or Sacramento J.C.'s rivers and will not have their currents. Its location, within 35 miles of Corvallis, would be an ideal setting for what should be the Pacific coast's crew natural, a regatta between Oregon and Oregon State!

#### Junior Class

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highly illogical to hold such constitution binding on a newly created entity; nor would such be in accordance with the principles of self government.

"This conclusion is given added finality by the fact that the preceding Junior Class in their preamble to the constitution begin with, 'we, the students of the Class of 1940 . . . etc. . . .'" indicating that such constitution was only intended to be binding on that particular class.

"Such being the decision of the Judiciary Committee, then the Junior Class may proceed to fill their vacancies in accordance with the constitution adopted by them as freshmen and need not abide by the constitution of the preceding class."

#### Youth Hostellers

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hostel association that people from other countries may stay at if they have a hostel pass," Miss Dunham stated. "Hardly does one go into a hostel without finding at least one person who is a foreigner. Often many different languages will be spoken by representatives of various countries."

#### Ski Committees Appointed

The suggestions Miss Dunham made were put into a real form, when President Homer Townsend appointed two ski committees, one to work with the faculty committee, already appointed, in connection with the coming of Mr. and Mrs. Munro Smith, founders of the national organization, and to work on the ski hostel details. Mr. and Mrs. Smith, who brought the Hostel idea with them from England are touring the country and are expected to arrive January 29. The other committee, composed of Margery Zane, Marilyn Christlieb, Ralph Severson, and Margaret Holford, are making plans for weeks. Cost of ski equipment will be a ski trip to the McKenzie in two be investigated and a report made at the next meeting Wednesday

## Just One Method Left to Get Into Hospital: Be Sick

Take the Springfield hills, toss in the Kappa Sigmas, and stir vigorously. Sprinkle the mixture generously with poison oak, continue sloshing the "batter" around, then jump in. That, ladies and gentlemen, is Roberta Lemen's guaranteed-to-work recipe recommended to anyone who'd like to become an exception to the health service's visitor restriction.

Roberta is in and out of a hospital bed recovering from her tangle with a mess of poison oak. Ban on visiting infirm patients is still in effect. Its status is described by a sign in the hospital's entrance reading as follows:

"There will be NO VISITING HOURS until further notice."

Infirmary enrollment, numerically, and over the past 72-hour period remained relatively constant. Patients included Pauline Ewan, Florence Schuyler, Barbara Stallcup, Helen Wehrley, Ruth Chambers, Rae Sprague, Roberta Lemen, Beryl Brunner, Jack Stinsman, Robert McKinney, Archibald Cartmell, George Corey, Truman Carter, and Dean Warren.

#### Campus Poll

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sums of money to be spent in building signs. "The original idea," said Cavanagh "was to have each house prepare some sort of inexpensive display to greet the visiting dads." Cavanagh explained that the displays need be nothing more than slogans or colorful caricatures.

#### Poll Will Be Taken

The Dad's Day committee felt that the opinion of campus women and independent students should also be considered, and therefore announced that they will not render final decision on the house display question until after a poll has been taken of all living organizations next week.

Kwama and Skull and Dagger, sophomore honoraries, will be in charge of the poll. Women's living organizations will be contacted by Skull and Dagger, headed by President Jack Lansing, Helen Angell, president of Kwama, and her group will visit the men's living organizations.



MR. and MRS. NEWT

### Possible Site of Oregon Crew Course



Artist's conception of the new lake which will be created when the government dam across the Long Tom river is completed. This lake will be 5 1/2 miles long and 4 1/2 miles wide and will be an excellent course for crew racing, army engineers believe.

## WAA to Sponsor Winter Formal

### Girls to Get Chance To Wear Formals; Boys, Dark Suits

A "A Winter Wonderland" will be the scene when WAA puts on the first big formal dance of the year next Saturday, January 22, in Gerlinger hall.

This formal will be a boy-ask-girl affair, and in an endeavor to make the boys happy as well as the girls, who are finally provided an opportunity to wear formals, dark suits will be the approved masculine apparel. Tuxedos will not be necessary, and neither will corsages.

Curt Sykes' Portland orchestra is to be imported for the affair. Sykes specializes in sweet swing, but will probably include a variety of styles.

Winter sports will be the theme emphasized in the decorations. Styles for winter sports such as skiing and skating will be shown in a style show as a feature of the entertainment of the evening.

Committee heads for the dance are as follows:  
General chairman—Lois Onthank.  
Adviser—Miss Warrine Eastburn.  
Finance—Betty Emery.  
Patrons—Janet Morris.  
Tickets—Barbara Bamford.

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## Gal Fledgling, Plane, Instructor Increase UO's Civil Air Ranks

A new girl flight student, a new instructor, and a new training plane have swelled the ranks of Oregon's civilian pilots' training school, making it one of the largest in the United States.

The girl—Elizabeth Selly, the instructor—Jerry Andrews, the plane—a new, fleet, Cub trainer.

Elizabeth is the fourth feminine fledgling to receive CAA training at Oregon. Ground school professors report that she has audited the course and has caught up with the older students. Her flying instructor says she is picking up the proper flying technique in rapid style.

W. V. Norris, professor of physics, is in command of the ground school training at present, as fifty flying school members learn theory of flight.

## Ceremonial Dances Seen by Barrett

Through a grant from the research council of the state board of higher education, Dr. H. G. Barnett, anthropology instructor, was able to see the winter ceremonial dances of the Coast Salish Indians on Vancouver Island, during the Christmas holidays.

The purpose of the ceremony is to initiate young people into the exclusive group of religious dancers. Working themselves into an ecstatic state as the result of a supernatural vision the initiates attempt to "express" their feelings by singing and dancing and, according to Dr. Barnett, their behavior is interesting from a psychological point of view. The dance is a traditional rite but due to the lack of interest in the younger generation it is no longer a regular occurrence.

Dr. Barnett has made an extensive study of the Coast Salish Indians but to make it complete it was necessary for him to observe this winter ceremonial. He expects to complete his monograph on the entire culture of this tribe sometime in the near future.

## THE BOOK SHELF

By RITA WRIGHT

"Book Shelf" will be a weekly feature, appearing each Saturday in the Emerald. The staff of writers are students in H. G. Merriam's criticism class. Today's column is

### Ordeal

With an eye to the future and a reflection on the present, Nevil Shute has dramatized in *Ordeal* the effect of modern war on a peaceful English countryside.

The average American, Mr. and Mrs. John Jones, flick a wary eye over their morning coffee-cup at the daily papers commenting on the latest war news, and view with horror the idea of cities being bombed or battleships being sunk. In England, the idea is reality.

#### In England

The story is centered in Southampton, in the south of England. Its inhabitants wake abruptly one night at the sound of concussions rocking their houses. Into the story comes Peter Corbett, his wife, and three small children, typifying an average English family. The next morning, although communications have been cut by the devastating bombs, they discover that the country is in a state of war.

Overnight they learn the necessity of blackouts, the importance of gas masks, and the need for air-raid shelters. A period of several days passes and now they can see the ruin and chaos that follow war . . . no milk for their baby, the spread of typhoid and plague, mobilization of all men.

#### End Commences

Then the termination of civilization's conveniences . . . electricity, pure water, radio and telephones, adequate food supply, and medical attention. Peter and Joan, his wife, pilot themselves through this time of trial and stress until Joan and the three children are finally safe on a boat bound for Canada and Peter is in the service of the royal navy.

But the book is more than a fictionized drama. This English author has given a graphic presentation of a timely and pertinent question for any nation faced with

### By WINIFRED WILHELM

#### The Brandons

By Angela Thirkell

To a world ominous with war and insecurity, this new novel comes as a delightful reminder that in a good portion of the world life flows on with the same foibles and frills as in the pre-Aryan days.

#### Pretty and Gay

Mrs. Brandon is the central character of this leisurely tale. She is fortyish, pretty, and gay, with a personal humor that helplessly laughs at confusion. She is adored by young men and servants.

She is helpless with accounts and always planning something for someone's good. Her two children, Francis and Delie, a pair of young moderns, are extremely fond of her and watch with interest her flights into the world of love and intrigue.

#### Would Disinherit

Besides the members of the household there is in addition, old Aunt Sissy, of Brandon Abbey, who continually threatens to disinherit the Brandons in favor of young Hilary Grant, a distant cousin; there is Hilary's mother, the Englishwoman in tweeds, stick and

## Library Installs Desks in Stacks

Newest improvement in the University library is the installation of desks in the stacks, which fit exactly into their alcoves. There is one desk for each floor and they are placed at the ends of the main passageway for use in returning books.

mackintosh, who finds Italy the country of her heart; there is the vicar, without whom no English novel is complete; and there is Miss Morris, companion to Aunt Sissy, also a part of the conventional pattern.

In their own peculiar fashion the Brandons and their friends are completely civilized people, who find life too pleasant to disturb it by hopes and ambitions unnecessary to their happiness.

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