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The great hope of society is in individual character .-Channing.

### No WPA Here

CIX members of the ASUO executive committee rolled up their sleeves yesterday and dug into a stack of new and unfinished business-a stack which seemed without end. The result after a two-hour session may be the largest amount of legislation ever passed by an ASUO executive committee.

With only a few minutes out to eat and to have pictures taken the committee went from one item to another with methodical precision. Each member of the committee had some piece of business which he presented.

A glance at the list of business transacted by the committee, which appears on the front page of this morning's Emerald, should reveal the vast field covered by the legislation. Some of its rules and regulations will probably have a farreaching effect on ASUO affairs, some may be only an idle dream on the part of the committee, and some may die because of lack of enforcement.

A great many minor items were brought up, discussed, and dropped. Most of these did not appear in the minutes of the meeting. They did, however, consume a great deal of time.

For years some students have criticized the executive committee for failure to do anything, have accused the committee of being everything from a "political machine" to "yes men for the faculty." If these accusations characterize the ASUO executive family-and we think they don't-this new offspring is well on its way towards being the black sheep.

# The Face---Your Misfortune?

THOSE who profess ancestry with the impressive 100,000 who shipped westward on the midget Mayflower, may well praise their English cousins who chirp "it's 'bomb marche' in Oxford street this week," and pass off demolished quarters with "lots of our buildings were dirty anyway." As Time magazine intimates their amusement increases with their amazement, although we hasten to add this paragraph is not meant to promote pro-British sentiment. Rather it is a testimonial for the value of a smile.

Many a sense of humor is being put to test these days with erazy conflicts of a political and military nature holding the individual's attention. Such is disturbing to complacency conditioned during lush hey-days when youth could plan more than three months in advance.

Without resorting to such Pollyana-like platitudes as "the man who can smile is the man worth while," one can still chirp about holding his own pleasant demeanor in a world gone cock-eyed with conscription and name-calling. Without resorting to ribaldry, one can provoke laughter as a healthy habit even though it be at his own expense. If he is to consider "the shape of things to come" wholly from the threatening status of dictators and doctrines, he will soon lose faith, ambition, and worst of all his ability to smile.

DEPLORABLE are the increasingly morbid tones of "comic strips"-a misnomer title-the great number of mid-day radio dramas with unhappy endings, the popularity of slickpaper horror-story magazines. If publicists and broadcasting moguls can't encourage laughter, then maybe the simple citizen must. Even a cheery "hello" thrown at a strange student, a turn of the mouth-lines heavenward instead of contrary-wise are improvements. The punster may return from his ignoble ranking of moron-put there by fiat of envious friends. Above all, the face should play a more important role than that of background for splotches of paint or as splash-boards when soup is inhaled to the tune of a terse-voiced news commentator. So, Smile, Darn You, Smile! -R.N.V.

# A Challenge To The Frosh

THE as yet unorganized freshman class has received its first box on the ears. They have been told that there'll be no frosh bonfire the night before Homecoming. Reasons, it is said, are: that it would detract from the frosh-rook game Friday night, and that past fires have, year by year, been growing feebler. Well, that blaze last year was pretty hot.

It's been fun to yell oneself hoarse during the noise parade, march out to the wide open spaces on Nineteenth, and watch Oregon spirit send invaders' hopes skyward in the flames. There are those who lament the so-called extinct Webfoot enthusiasm. No one ever heard such a remark on Homecoming eve.

Maybe an "authority" or two had reasons for clamping down on the first-year-men's fire. But we believe that they should have reckoned with the freshman class. It's a big class this year-larger than in several years. The no-bonfire decree is a direct challenge to the frosh. Let's see them accept it, and may they win.-J.L.

### A Battle Without a Battle Cry

THE word "fight song" has come to be almost a standing joke on the Oregon campus this week. For after a year of struggle to obtain words and music for a suitable Webfoot battle hymn-someone misplaced the musical score for one of the two selected just in time for the first 1940 rally!

It would appear that the same plight which befell "Mighty Oregon" in its infancy-copyrighting by another concern before University activities heads could get around to doing the job-might be in store for one of the new Webfoot tunes unless it is found soon. Even today, "Mighty Oregon" is still restricted in its use on the air.

The struggle for a new fight song for Oregon has been a long one. Back in 1939, the Emerald instituted one of its periodical campaigns, without which a newspaper is lacking in spirit. Object of the campus "rouser" program was to have a committee appointed to secure a new fight song for the University, to back up the much-used "Mighty Oregon."

TOHN Dick, ASUO president at the time, pulled a polished "coup d'etat" on the Emerald staff and threw the whole problem back into their laps, by appointing a committee made up only of Emerald workers. They were delegated to present a new fight song.

Not a little surprised by the "table-turning," the journalistically-inclined committee went to work. Before spring term was over, two of the best songs turned in to the committee were given to John Stehn, director of the University band. for practice purposes. A rally assembly served as the setting for their presentation to the student body . . . and since Oregon couldn't choose between them, both Webfoot chants were officially adopted. One had been written by a California alumnus, one by a student.

Last week, when the two songs were to be sung at the rally before the Stanford game, the student-composed tune was nowhere to be found. Someone lamely suggested it was at a publisher's, but this report is so far unsubstantiated.

The fact is, there just isn't a fight song. For the Emeraldborn committee, it is a little like building castles in the sand. Ere they're fnished, the tide washes them away . . . and someone must begin building again.-H.A.

# so be it... by bill fendall

back down the highway 40 miles or so is a Beaverette who clips columnlar material from papers on the collegiate circuit for the Barometer gallies . . . her byline. Bettie Abraham. runs under the title of exchange editor . . . Betts really tied a can to so be its tail last saturday in her With Other Editors clippings . . . for a columnist who does her colm in others' quote marks, Betts old dear, well, you should consider this colm's inferior ability and let me rehash an old crack or two . . . so, shhhh . . .

Buck Buchwach, of the Register-Guard Buchwachs, slapped himself on the cheek with his typewritercal mutterings in the Guard last saturday when he admitted (in a roundabout manner) that the opposition was a bit smarter . . . write on Buckle, but don't forget to turn the other cheek . . .

striking while the irony is hot, so be it sums up open house as that crusade where a miss is as good as a male . . .

some post-derby observations . . why does one only meet freshmanesses at the Kappa Kappa Gamma open house . . . the Alfa Chis as usual showed the boys a good time . . . the Theta house reminded some of a wax museum-the contents were beautiful but uncongenial . . . best music-DG . . . worst music, best floor-the HENs hall . . . largest gate Suzy's place . . . the Awful Phis are nice girls but they are inclined to speak too much Beta language and their own . . . the Jeeps failed to pay for the last ad so they din't get a plug this time . . . as a meet-me-quick function the derby served its purpose . . . along with this you

could ask Chuck Putman what her name is . . . where were all the saddles the Emerald predicted . . . the switch-button smiles at the ADP and the well-I'll-bea-sport attitude at the Chi O ... overheard at the Alpha O house-"why, the law students are all sober" . . . the couple a-dancing with one another . . . the couple a-dancing against one another . . . that redhead who could stand some breath control . . . .

ole Lyle Nels the lazy lout reads the colm an cuts it out the more I write the more I'm inclined to think he has a dirty mind. . . .

campus quips . . . the lads and

lassies in a library study room with a portable going doing the Oregon-Stanford game . . . Noel Baker of the Pit, who southernaccentuates his speech . . . "no wonder there is a lot of knowledge in the colleges-the freshmen always bring a little in and the seniors never take any away," Abbott Lawrence Lowell, president emeritus of Harvard . . . over for a noon bib and tucker at the Kap Sig house where there is certainly lots of pepper in the goings on . . . the freshmanite chasing after a model airplane in front of the library and stumbling into the pool . . . Hen Scratches which really laid an egg on the sports page the other edition . . . aren't the DirT-DELTS serving meals any longer-their frosh are putting noon lunches on a paying basis at the Anchorage . . . how does J. Spook do it?-it's his quadruplicate personality . . . this race of coeducation is getting to be a neck and neck affair . . . the ATO's small red dog that wags everything from his ears on back . . . now that Steve Bodner is back Sal Mitchell won't have to just look at that picture on her wall . . . Dick Clark, DU, who got his jewelry back from his Chi O on a

#### A Neighborly Glance By CORINE LAMON, Exchange Editor

Norman Thomas, four-time Socialist candidate for president, expressed the view that the United States is rapidly moving toward Facism when he addressed students on the campus of the University of California at Los Angeles recently. Thomas aired the beliefs that the present trend toward totalitarianism is due to "prevailing war hysteria, the curtailment of civil liberties, and peacetime conscription."

Scott hall, new student union at Northwestern university, was formally dedicated by President-Emeritus Walter Dill Scott, who pronounced the building to be a great step toward one of the ideals of education-toward the student as a socially adjusted personality.

Thanks to the student place.

ment bureau, 385 graduates of the class of '40 at the University of Colorado have secured positions in industry and professions since June. This number set a new high in percentage of students finding employment immediately after gradu-

Enrollment at the University of Kansas has decreased by 268 students since last year, when an all-time record was set at registration.

Several stray skunks held a blitzkrieg on the Louisiana state university campus and caused an entire section of the infantry to evacuate temporarily. The bombardment only lasted a few minutes but rebabilitation could not begin for sev-

# The BAND

# BOX

By BILL MOXLEY

The Ground Running It in

So that the great American public of the year 2000 will get a chance to hear authentic dance music of the 1930's, a time capsule of recorded music was buried a week ago last Wednesday (September 25) in Hollywood, California. The occasion was the dedication of the film colony's new Million Dollar Palladium ballroom to be opened next month by Tommy Dorsey.

The capsule contains works by Whiteman and Bix Beiderbecke. Benny Goodman's "Sing, Sing, Sing," Tommy Dorsey's "Marie," Artie Shaw's "Begin the Beguine," and other famous records by Larry Clinton, Glenn Miller, Duke Ellington, and other popular bands. Recording Night

A special bandstand has been constructed for Holman's outfit at the Holland. Art is now thinking about having a "recording night" every once or twice a month. The idea would be for the band to record a number with a picked-from-the-audience singer as soloist.

The band gets many requests from boys and girls who would like to sing with the Holman crew for a night or two. This is their chance, and they'll be presented with an honest-togoodness record of their own voice with a 12-piece orchestra as accompaniment. Bands Like Goodman Sextet

Artie Shaw has formed a very nice six-man instrumental jazz combination from the ranks of his full orchestra. The roll call almost reads like Benny Good-

man's former sextet.

The Grammercy Five, as Artie calls his gang, lines up with Shaw on clarinet, Billy Butterfield on trumpet, John Guarnieri at piano and harpischord. Al Hendricken at guitar, Nick Fatool at drums, and Jud De Naut at bass. The group has already recorded a couple of Shaw originals, "Special Delivery Stomp" and "Summit Ridge Drive."

wedding announcement . . . back to the Spook-those dim lights he spoke of in a certain barn last week sure carries a lot of scandal power . . . a slow leak is that person who, when you greet him with a "how are you," proceeds to tell you . . . so be it. . . . \* \* \*

. . . EUGENE is the typical university city-there is no place to go where one shouldn't. ... (???) ... two AWFUL GOONS exceeding the feed limit in a campus restaurant . . . life is what you mate it . . . (who flang that) . . . the WILLKIEfor-president campaign picture on a bulletin board with lipstick imprints left by some willing coed over the pictured lips of WILLKIE . . . judging from a loud conversation overheard in a SIDE booth, those getting the slams weren't the ones playing bridge . . . BRAHMS' FIFTH HUNGARIAN is a dance and not a EUROPEAN cavalry regiment . . . the boys a-sitting on the benches in front of the CO-OP who have the comforting idea that the coeds a-passing by haven't the vaguest notion what same boys are talking about . . . and so on . . . so be it.

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# International Side Show

By RIDGELY CUMMINGS

Sudden as a typhoon sweeping down over the leaden waters of the Yellow Sea has come an alarming increase of tension between the United States and Japan

True the barometer has been falling since 1931 when Great Britain left Secretary of State Stimson out on a limb over Japan's Manchurian gobble. Noticeable sags came with the unofficial attempt to boycott Japanese silk, the Panay bombing, and more recently the U.S. embargo on scrap iron and aviation gasoline.

Japan's lining up with the axis powers two weeks ago, which came "as no surprise to the U. S. state department," was another memorable step; and last weekend occurred the exchange of threats between Matsuoka and Knox.

Then yesterday England's Churchill, in one of his periodic perorations, declared Great Britain's intention of reopening the Burma road on October 17 to carry war supplies to China.

In his speech, which had a lot of poetic merit (example: "Death and sorrow will be the companions of our journey; hardship our garment; constancy and valor our only shield!") Churchill managed to get the U.S. navy all tangled up with the British and said in effect. "Me and the American fleet ain't afraid of Japan."

Almost simultaneously came orders from the state department to U.S. consulates in the orient to evacuate U.S. citizens as soon as possible. Within a few hours the Shanghai office of the American President lines, principal U. S. shipping company on the Orient run, reported all their reservations until the end of the year were booked

At the same time the department of agriculture announced the suspension of its wheat subsidy program to all far eastern points except the Philippines, which looks like the beginning of drastic economic moves against Japan.

The reaction of the Japanese press to the Burma road announcement was bitter. Domei,

official Japanese news agency, blamed the British decision to give Chiang Kai-Shek's longsuffering armies war materials

There have been a lot of developments in the last few days, and none of them in congress. The state department operates in a curious way and it might be a good idea to keep congress from adjourning this week, as Barkley says it will, so the representatives of the people can keep a restraining eye on the state department's "career boys."

on "Chinese - American man-

Banzai!

euvers.'

#### Rally Parade

(Continued from page one)

to find Oregon sympathizers in the high schools who are willing to help swell the number of the "invaders" in the column.

Mayor Joseph K. Carson of the metropolis has been asked to Tuesday Night Staff: speak at the end of the serpentine trail where a short rally is planned. Also slated for appearances at that time are the presidents of the ASUO and ASUW.

Yell Leaders Slater, Bob Greer, and a newcomer, Earl Russell, will be pep agitators at the rally, Keller Copy Desk Staff: announces.

Free Megs Contrary to previous announce-

ment, Saturday morning is the only time when Charles F. Berg's store will be handing out megaphones to Oregon rooters in Portland, as arranged for by the rally committee.

Other plans for an "Oregon" weekend in Portland include a climaxing dance for University students at Jantzen beach Saturday night. Bob Mitchell and his 15piece orchestra will be on hand to produce dance rhythms familiar on this campus. His band played for the Junior prom and for the Scabbard and Blade dance here last

Dr. H. C. Byrd of the University of Maryland has announced plans for construction of a football stadium to seat 25,000.

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# Campus Calendar

Badminton club meets Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in Gerlinger gym. All interested students are invited

Sigma Delta Chi will meet this afternoon at 4:30 in room 104 Journalism.

Rally committee members will meet at 4 o'clock this afternoon at the Side.

Tau Delta Chi, B.A. honorary, will meet in 101 Commerce at 4 o'clock Wednesday afternoon.

Order of the O will meet at the Sigma Alpha Epsilon house at noon today. All old members are urged to attend.

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