

Dr. Staples' Odd Tales Make Ripley Look Pale

By BOB EDWARDS

Dr. Lloyd W. Staples in his lecture before the natural history society Friday evening told a story of natural oddities which could bring credit to Bob Ripley and many a "Believe It or Not" fan.

Dr. Staples told of enormous masses of copper so large that it is impossible to mine them. Indians attempted to chip off pieces to no avail and white men were only able to dent the surface with explosives. The deposit is in the Lake Superior region. Another interesting oddity is a mercury mine that is too rich to mine. The ore is so rich that mercury runs out in liquid form.

Stones "Dropped"

Dr. Staples showed stones from British Columbia which were dropped by icebergs which floated in a lake in the Willamette valley millions of years ago. The lake was caused by a dam of ice across the Columbia river below Portland.

He told that borax is obtained more cheaply from the mineral kernite than from pure borax. Borax has a large amount of water in the molecule hence it is cheaper to ship kernite and process it to obtain borax.

Pliable Sandstone

Dr. Staples showed a specimen of sandstone from southern United States which will bend like rubber.

Slides of thin slices of rock 1/1000 inch thick were shown and he told of measuring the angles of crystals 1/1000 inch long.

Fluorescent minerals made an interesting demonstration. Dull looking minerals when placed under ultra violet light glowed in rainbow colors.

Meteorites, Too

Dr. Staples showed a sample of the Willamette meteorite, a cast of which is displayed before McClure hall. The meteorite sold for 30 cents per ounce, and it weighed 15½ tons, which brought a sizeable sum. The Willamette meteorite is the 5th largest known meteorite in the world. Dr. Staples also told of the Port Orford meteorite in Curry county. Pieces of the meteorite have been found and analyzed. Dr. Staples believes he knows where the mass can be found. Other oddities in the same group are meteorite tectites about the size of gooseberries. The tectites are shaped round from their terrific speed while in a molten state.

Shows Hair

Dr. Staples showed samples of Pele's hair from the volcano Mauna Loa in the Hawaiian islands. Volcanic froth is blown

into the air and spun into fine hairs. Hawaiians believed that it was the hair of Pele, the goddess who dwelt in the volcano.

Another volcanic oddity was two gastroliths which were found in the crop of an albatross. A gastrolith is a piece of pumice which came from a volcanic eruption at the bottom of the ocean.

Dr. Staples concluded his lecture by telling of the diamond which is the hardest substance on earth and graphite which is so soft it is used as lubricant. Both the diamond and graphite are pure carbon.

Concert Proves Huge Success

By BOB FOWELLS

A beautifully contrasting concert of ensemble music was given Tuesday in the music auditorium by Rex John Underwood, Phyllis Gray, and Thad Elvigion.

Beginning the program, Rex John, young violinist and a sophomore at University high, played the Handel Sonata in D Major. He followed this with a group of three solos, the last of which, Hubay's "Waves of Balaton," give him an opportunity to display a fine technique, especially for one of his years.

Excellent Playing

Phyllis Gray, laying her technique and musicianship wide open to attack, followed with a delicate and finished playing of the Mozart A Major Concerto. The way in which she accomplished the intricate runs and arpeggios seemed almost effortless to the audience.

Supplying a contrast to the formal Mozart concerto, Thad Elvigion finished the program with the brilliant, subjective MacDowell D Minor Concerto. This work provided another chance for a fiery technical display, much to the obvious delight of the audience, which was small but appreciative.

BA Men Air Skits Tonight

Oregon's school of business administration will shine tonight as it sponsors two KOAC programs lasting from 8 to 9 o'clock. "The Business Hour," at 8 p.m. is now in the hands of John Beckett, graduate assistant in business administration, succeeding Melvin Holt, who is no longer at the University.

Plans for programs to come include discussions on current subjects pertinent to this vicinity and the state at large, also a short biographical sketch of some outstanding business personality each week. Mr. Beckett plans to make the program of real value to listeners by requesting suggestions and criticisms from them, including their ideas on topics to be treated.

Purchasing

Tonight Dr. Wesley C. Ballaine, assistant professor of business administration, will present a 15-minute discussion on social effects of mass purchasing. Formerly of the University of Illinois, Dr. Ballaine, a new campus personality fall term, is said to be chock full of new and interesting information.

During the rest of the program John Beckett will discuss, among other things, a local-interest story about a man in the business of retreading tires and difficulties he encountered regarding priorities.

Skit

At 8:30 the business school's "Higher Education Speaks" program will feature a skit written by Dale Canaday entitled "SOS—We're On the Rocks." The play will depict research activities carried out by the school, using the entire state as a campus; also business extension courses such as constructive accounting and business law which are offered by the school.

Students which will act in the skits are Doris Smeed, Deloraine Markwardt, Warren Phillips, Dave Knox, Herbert Bigej, and Elmer Olson. The last three, seniors in business administration, acted as a committee to formulate the program, with Olson as chairman. Today's is the last of three programs which have been presented over KOAC featuring the school of business administration.

Two fellowships of \$200 each, for research in business administration, have been announced at Wayne university.

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Campus Calendar

Oregana Advertising staff meeting at 4 p.m. today in the Oregana office at McArthur court. All advertising staff members have been requested to be present.

There will be a Panhellenic meeting today at 4 o'clock in the AWS room in Gerlinger hall.

Rev. Vance Webster of the Eugene Baptist church will speak to the Christian Faith study group which meets in the YWCA bungalow this afternoon at 4.

A fireside sing will be held at Westminster house at 9 Wednesday evening.

Westminster house worship group will meet at 4 p.m. Wednesday.

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Defense Course Added For Women Students

According to Miss Mabel Wood, head of the home economics department, a new defense course will be added to the curriculum for university women, spring term.

The class will be one in Red Cross "canteen" work and will give the students two hours of credit.

Those who complete the course will have earned 20 hours of Red Cross credit and be qualified to take charge of food stations in an emergency.

Sorority pledge trainers will meet Thursday at 4 in the men's lounge.

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