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He is Still Here . . .

A LETTER came to the Emerald editor's office not long ago from a 1926 graduate of the University of Oregon. The writer, recalling his college days, said, "I remember so little about the campus now. But there is one person I shall never forget. Is Professor Howe still there?"

The records say that Herbert Crombie Howe passed away after 40 years of service in 1940. But the friendly, vital English professor who was admired by generations of students, came to life last week. "What Other Beauty," a volume of 100 selected poems by the scholar-poet, was printed last week by John Henry Nash.

Students who thronged to his popular classes enjoyed most "conferences" in his musty office in Villard hall. He liked to talk most of sports, and for years was Oregon's athletic representative in the Pacific Coast conference. Seldom, until the last year of his life, did he miss a practice session of the Webfoot squad.

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IT IS his human qualities, his friendliness and his lack of pretense, that make these poems more than a professor's verse. In the words of University Professor Ernest G. Moll, "Spenser is here; the tranquil Wordsworth; the austere Arnold Shelley; . . . for Herbert Crombie Howe knew and loved them all. . . . But there are other things: the friendly rock; the flowers he gathered, 'Dusty, or wet with dew,' and filled his house with them, setting them down in their disarray because 'I wanted them just as they were.' . . . This poet took the world to his heart and warmed it there . . . all but the crude things, the noisy things, the honking car, the harsh city, the stuffy ballroom. From these he turned away, but not bitterly."

Here in these poems is Professor Howe himself. In life or death, he is a living part of the world he loved so much.

Political Guns Again . . .

THE campus is again bustling with the fervor of a political contest.

But this time there are no bloc lines. Greeks and Independents side by side on soap boxes chant "We want Wintergreen." Non-affiliated students have discarded their lemon and green V pin and wear, along with fraternity members, the badge, "Wintergreen for President."

A small minority muttered at the lack of opposition. There are threats of starting a rival party but the junior class, party leaders of this plebiscite election, are confident of their success.

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CAMPAIGN Manager Bob Whitely is not worried, either. a campus-wide motorized parade and rally is planned for this evening. Not once will the candidate speak to his voters—but four times from four advantageous spots near living organizations.

Once they hear Wintergreen's platform, all minority groups will throw in the sponge and will be wearing the candidate's badge on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, Manager Whitely declared.

With a platform of "Love" and with the beautiful bevy of bathing beauties who help him electioneer, what platform would be more fitting for "spring term at the U!"—B.J.B.

This Sunday remember that with the soldiers who know gals the best, it's Mother, two to one.

Nothing Sacred

By J. SPENCER MILLER

Dick Guske, the genial proprietor of the Falcon, is considering making one of his more difficult pin-ball machines an air-raid shelter. If he does, the sign he puts on it will read,

"Climb under here in case of air-raid — We've never been HIT!"

The above item is in solemn memory of the 4,649 nickels that the Deltas, ATOs, Alpha hall, and Ken Christianson have lost in the Bird's infernal machines.

DUCK DIRT . . . DeeGee Mickey Mitchell and Beta "Harpo" Hamilton ran their ship into the rocks, and the both of them have been dating everyone in sight. She went out Saturday night with Beta Bob Bird of the Washington baseball club . . . One of the nicest sights we've seen for a long time is the way Chi O Helen Crites helps blind Harry Lipsit around the campus . . . SAE Hal Hartzel seems to have replaced the Three Musketeers in the fight for the affections of ADPi Jean Villair . . . We saw the dress rehearsal of "Of Thee I Sing" last night and it shows, but plenty! Helen Holden, of the Henhall Holdens, has whipped the dance routines into shape, and most of the numbers would be right at home on a Broadway stage . . . "Spider" Dickson is rated by those that have seen him as the dance sensation of any show that he might grace. And for glamor, take a good look at Archie Marshik's gal, Marion Rique . . .

Near tragedy was averted last week by Weekend heads. The Holland had booked Louis "Satchmo" Armstrong on the same night as the Junior Prom. So they entered into a conference with the Holland's proprietors, and they decided to cancel the colored trumpeter's engagement . . . Two of the Gammali's most popular gals have left school. So long, Betty Kincaid and Jane Furrow . . . What local "smoothstone" was stood up for a house dance and turned around and took a rushee that was even more attractive to the same house dance? . . . Betty Hobblick's mother came up and took her home, leaving Sig Ep Al Conyne without a girl or a pin . . . Omega hall's bigun, Fats Reinke is going steady now, with Sigma Kappa June Wakefield . . . Merlin Neison of the Beta crew, seems

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In The Mail Bag

To the Editor:

The quaint quatrain of your J.W.S., wondering why so many "scholastically excellent shots" were elected to Phi Beta Kappa this year, deserves an explanatory note. It is customary with many chapters of this fraternity to elect each year approximately ten per cent of the seniors who are expected to receive bachelor's degrees. The twenty-nine seniors elected by Alpha of Oregon this spring, with the six elected last fall, make almost exactly seven per cent of the graduating class. The fact that such a conservative number looks like a "horde" to J.W.S. is chiefly significant with respect to the fewness of those elected during his previous two years at Oregon, and in recent years before that.

Yours very truly,

Jesse H. Bond.

British Have Landed . . .

Madagascar Only Gleam On Gloomy War Front

. . . Adolph Needs a Victory

By BILL HAIGHT

Meager reports from Madagascar, 1000 mile long island off the coast of Portuguese Mozambique in Africa, indicate British Commando troops have landed and have the situation under control with only sporadic resistance from the troops of the Nazi puppet government of France.

"Reckless, uncalculated assaults generally lead to disaster" and Norway was a bitter example of an uncalculated assault but since then the British government has been training troops as efficiently as the Nazi machine oiled its cogs and the "calculated risks" have been justified by the careful planning and preparation that has gone into the Madagascar operation.

How Vital?

The strategic importance of the island is protection for Allied ships to the Middle East and Australia. Madagascar in the hands of the Japanese would practically shut off the shipping of troops and material by the South African route. However, equally important is the knowledge that the Commando troops can hit with a knockout blow.

Otherwise the Allies are only suffering setbacks. Burma is a Japanese successful campaign and the islands surrounding Australia are undergoing heavy assaults from the Japanese navy and air force.

Will Back

Diplomatic activity centers around the United States govern-

ment warning the cancerous Vichy that the full force of the United States will be used to back up the British occupation of Madagascar if Vichy should try to resist.

This could mean the final break and war with the abortive Laval organization but most observers have the impression Laval will back up. If he follows the typical Axis pattern there will be a public acceptance of the loss of Madagascar and then swift and surprising reprisals.

Hitler may consider this is his perfect opportunity to obtain the French fleet and the pressure from Germany seems to be in this direction, according to a neutral report on this explosive question.

Der Fuehrer is badly in need of a good victory on the battle front or diplomatic front to bolster confidence at home. Bold action may be expected.

Mental tic that haunts: What was the name of Paul Revere's horse?

Parade of Opinion

(By Associated Collegiate Press)

If the Allies are victorious, James K. Pollock, University of Michigan political science professor, has a realistic plan for a government to replace Hitler's that answers the question "what shall we do with Germany?"

The country should be supervised by an international governing commission until it is able to erect a new constitutional structure that promises to be an improvement on the Weimar system, Professor Pollock says.

It is a serious mistake to blame the political maladjustments of the years between the First and Second World wars on neglect of the economic problem in the peace settlement of 1919, he contends. It is equally wrong now, he warns, to think that if the economic prob-

lem is solved the political problem will look after itself.

Pointing out that when the war is over Germany will not be able to continue at peace unless she is organized on a democratic basis, Professor Pollock blueprints his proposed plan along democratic lines.

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