

# Research Bureau Head Recalls Dopey Queries

By MILDRED WILSON

Send them the questions—they'll give you the answers.

Last year the combined intelligence forces of the bureau of municipal research and the league of Oregon cities answered 592 questions from all over the state, it was revealed in an interview with Orval Etter, bureau research assistant and legal consultant for the League of Oregon Cities. Questions ranged from those absurdly simple to several dealing with complicated legal problems—but all were answered.

### Mink Laws

"One of the most amusing queries came from a small Oregon town where agitated officials wanted information of regulations in ordinances concerned with keeping mink," Etter divulged. He added that there was no explanation as to what strange situation would bring forth a question of that type in Oregon.

In another Oregon village one patriotic councilman had the brilliant idea of licensing slot machines and turning the license fee money over to national defense. "He evidently wasn't aware that operation of slot machines is against the law in Oregon," Etter remarked with a grin.

### Legal Valve

It is in the matter of legal difficulties that the campus office is of special value, in the opinion of Etter. During the past 13 months 160 questions have been of a purely legal type.

"A rather tangled problem came up recently," Etter said. It seems a boy of 16 or 17 was fined by the city recorder, accepted dispenser of justice in most small communities, and then refused to pay his \$5 fine on the basis that they couldn't force him to.

### Minor

The boy's argument was that the recorder couldn't put him in jail, since he was a minor. The

problem was complicated by the fact that the city didn't have a jail. Consequently the officers of the city were in a state of befuddlement and a minor juvenile crime wave developed in the town.

"The kids are running the town," was the angered complaint of city officials when, after several attempts to get advice from other sources they came to the League of Oregon Cities. A few minutes research among legal and ordinance files produced the correct "down in writing" truth on the situation.

### Authority

According to law the city recorder could not only fine wrongdoers but had authority to order them put in jail if they refused to pay. As to the problem of securing a bastille it appeared all the city council had to do was pass an ordinance stating that the county jail was henceforth the official place of internment, make arrangements with the county for sending violators there and ship off the offenders. There was, of course, the matter of paying for the prisoner's food and lodging, but that was still less expensive than building a jail to house one boy.

### Won't Miss School

"They planned to confine him from Friday noon till Sunday afternoon so he wouldn't miss any school," Etter declared.

In another legal puzzle a coast community which had been organized as a rural fire protection district wanted to know what was to be done with its fire equipment after it had been organized as a city.

The answer was that since the municipal government replaced the district it inherited the district's property.

Some of the real laughs come in reading over city ordinances. One group solemnly passed an ordinance "prohibiting wreckless driving."

# Summer School May Get NYA

Information received in the NYA office points to the possibility of a tenth NYA payroll period, extending to July 1, for students attending the summer session, who can qualify for NYA employment, Karl W. Onthank, dean of personnel administration, announced Thursday.

Students who plan to enroll for the summer session and need NYA employment should apply at once at the NYA office.

There is no information that the work will be available after July 1, but it now seems likely that it will be given the first month.

"It is important to know how large an allotment will be needed," Dean Onthank said, "so prospective applicants should file at once."

# Nilssen Students Sing In Operatic Preview

A preview performance was given Monday evening for the Parent-Teachers association of University high school; a preview of an operatic concert to be given in the music auditorium on May 13.

Entirely operatic in nature, the performers gave the same selections that they will sing at the concert. They are all pupils of Sigurd Nilssen, professor of voice. They were very enthusiastically received.

Marie Rogndahl sang "Cara Nome" from "Rigoletto"; Ray Leonard, Valentine's aria from "Faust"; Meryl Corbett, the bird woman's song from the American opera, "Shanewis" by Cadman.

The trio from the last act of "Faust" was sung by Margaret Zimmerman, Lee Ghorneley, and Ray Leonard.

# Parade of Opinion

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he says, should be federal and not unitary and, if sound experience in the past is to be followed, it should also be parliamentary and not presidential in form.

As basic requirements for a new German parliament, Professor Pollock urges better methods to encourage and promote discussion and debate, and an effective upper house similar to the United States senate that could represent the states while acting as a stabilizer for the lower house. Members of this group, he adds, should be popularly elected in the states and should not be bureaucratic representatives of state Reichsrats.

# Nothing Sacred

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to have the inside track with Tri-Delt Mary Jane Dunn, although some others have been putting up considerable argument. . . .

When a guy gets its bad, he gets it bad. . . Dale Cannon and Bob Bach, two Sherry Ross unsocial lites, had hardly ever dated until this spring term. They were model students up till then. But then Susie's Audrey Stanton and Cathy Hardenbrook of Henhall entered their lives. Result—They hardly miss a day without a date, and both wander around in a pleasant daze all the time. . . .

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# 'I Can Sell the Car, But Who's the Owner?'

The tale of Mary's little lamb was a simple plot compared with the one about a '33 Chevrolet coupe which Mrs. Evangelina Morris, housing secretary, heard Tuesday.

A bewildered gentleman visited her office Tuesday looking for a University student from Tillamook. The man has a red Chevrolet coupe, class of '33, in his used car lot on West Broadway, he also has a buyer for it. What he doesn't have is the name or address of the owner-seller.

# Air Line Jobs Open Up; United Needs Teletypists

Miss Janet Smith of the University of Oregon employment office announced Tuesday that Mr. E. J. Williston, district representative for the passenger service of United Air Lines, on a recent visit to the campus cited opportunities for students in this field.

United Air Lines wants people in line of service in the reservation and passenger departments of transportation. Anyone having had experience with the teletype machine is in special demand.

There are vacancies in Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Salt Lake City.

Anyone interested in United Air Line work should contact Miss Smith at her office in the YMCA house.

Norm Angell, a University student here last year, was graduated in April as a second lieutenant in the air corps at Luke Field, Phoenix, Arizona. He was a member of class 42-D.

# Honoraries Schedule Consecutive Initiations

Sigma Xi, national science honorary, and Phi Beta Kappa, national honorary for liberal arts and letters, will initiate their pledges May 15 at the Eugene hotel.

Initiations will be held separately; the 29 prospective Phi Betes are to be initiated at 5:30 and the 13 Sigma Xis at 5:45.

Following the banquet at 6:30 at the Eugene hotel, Dr. Herbert M. Evans, of the University of California Institute of Experimental Biology, will speak in 207 Chapman hall at 8:15. The lecture, which is open to the public, is "Recent Advances in Our Knowledge of Pituitary Hormones."

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