

# Famed Abbe Family Chats of Past and Future

Four members of the famous Abbe family, Jim Abbe and his children, Patience, Richard, and Johnny, agreed after the Dads' Day luncheon Saturday that the University of Oregon was much larger than they expected and that it was especially friendly.

"I was so surprised when I noticed how genuinely friendly everyone was," said 18-year-old Patience, who is a senior at Lincoln high school in Portland. A slim blonde, who with her two brothers authored the best seller of 1936, "Around the World in Eleven Years," she continued, "This is what I'm usually doing—interviewing. I'm planning to come here to Oregon next year as a minor in journalism. I'm also interested in nursing. I was a nurse's aid at the Good Samaritan in Portland last summer."

**Abe and Sons**  
Just then a short, bald-headed gentleman with a twinkle in his eye appeared, accompanied by two boys, one tall and dark and the other shorter and sandy haired. After Jim Abbe and his sons, Richard and Johnny, were introduced, Mr. Abbe said, "I can't get over the size of your campus. It's really much larger than I expected."

The KGW war commentator continued, "I was really a little nervous when I began to give my speech, but this seemed to vanish when one of the waiters dropped a tray of dishes."

**Prefers Opinions**  
Speaking of his radio program he said, "I prefer listeners who aren't neutral. My audience has certainly given me a lot of rope." I really didn't expect to stay here so long when I came last July," he explained in referring to his commentating. His plan for the future is to continue with announcing.

Abbe, who was the first person to photograph Joseph Stalin, said, "I'm especially interested in your yearbook and want to buy one. A few years ago I was photographer for several college yearbooks in the South as far as Georgia. I guess the last one I did was about 1916. I haven't done any recent work in photography since the war in Spain," he added.

Richard Abbe, 17, and a senior at Lincoln high, as is his sister, said, when asked what he plans to do in the future, "I would like to come to Oregon next year and major in science but might be called into the navy before I have the chance."

A junior at Lincoln, 15-year-old Johnny Abbe, who is usually the bashful one of the family, said, "I want to take forestry after I graduate, but I don't think there is any chance because of the war."

Jim Abbe interrupted, "And he really knows forestry forward and backwards." He added that, they were pretty good ranchers, too, after living on their Colora-

do ranch outside of Larkspur for several years.

The trio, Patience, Richard, and Johnny, speak four languages, French, German, Russian, and English. French was the first language they learned.

Referring to their book, "Around the World in Eleven Years," Patience said, "Dad was supposed to write it, but he never got around to it so we wrote it." The best seller was written when Patience was only eleven years old.

Jim Abbe continued, "They wrote it in five weeks, and we didn't ever expect to have it published, least of all be best seller. It made \$40,000 profit for them, too." About this time I had written a book, "I Photograph Russia," and one of the staff members of the "American Mercury" said, "Now I know who wrote your book," after he had read "Around the World—"

Before leaving Abbe said again, "I hope I can get a copy of your Oregon. It's a finebook."

## Larsen Says—

(Continued from page two) thinking isn't nearly as important as the old-timers pretended. Knowledge is power.

Most important aspect of the security offered by higher education is the method by which it is gained. A system of grades has been devised to measure the learning that students can absorb and transmit to paper. It's an infallible test.

**Tests "Supreme"**  
Even minor flaws such as cheating, last-minute studying, lack of significance of some things learned, or only casual interest by students, does not alter the supreme truth that tests determine what students know. And what can be more valuable than to know things?

College students, through a careful study of unvarying certainties, have been able to observe the growth of Christianity, the development of science, the expansion of industrial societies, the peculiarities of war, the smooth struggles of economic movements, the cultural conflicts of the American Way of Life, and other fascinating historical phenomena. Knowledge gives strength to face any of the realities of the world.

On the other hand, curiosity is the most fatal of afflictions. It causes one to think. Some people even lose their feeling of security and become actively concerned about the future of the world, or democracy, or business, or people's happiness. But for college students such activity is chiefly an extracurricular pleasure. They sit tight and take their exposure to learning on the chin.

## 'Foyle' Ends Tonight

"Kitty Foyle," the film which won the Academy award for Ginger Rogers, ends its run tonight at the Rex theater. Supporting Miss Rogers are Dennis Morgan and James Craig.

Also on the double bill is "Moonlight Masquerade."

## Grad Misses Campus Days

The campus seemed pretty good to Second Lieut. Hubard Kuokka, '39, when he visited here yesterday, although he admitted that when he graduated he thought he would never want to come back.

Kuokka is on his way back to Corpus Christi where he will serve as a temporary instructor in the marine air corps. He was graduated two weeks ago from the marine air corps school and is now the possessor of a pair of gold wings. He hopes he will soon be transferred to active duty on the fighting front.

Being on the giving end of an interview was something rather different for the second lieutenant since he is in the habit of interviewing people himself, having worked on the Emerald and various Oregon and Washington papers.

The blue-eyed marine blinked and laughed as he recalled some of his experiences interviewing people for the Emerald—such as the time he got lost in the women's dressing room after the Ballet Russe in McArthur court.

While here Kuokka was a member of Sigma Delta Chi, a member of journalism honorary, sports editor of both the Oregon and Old Oregon, and assistant managing editor of the Emerald.

## Between the Lines

(Continued from page two) Lindley didn't have much to say, as usual. Miss van Petten said "Hello," which was as good a thing to say as any.

Now that Lindley has met a Theta, we are expecting great things of his column, which, up until now, has been nothing but a would-be lead to a Theta introduction. Incidentally, any similarity between Lindley's stuff and the style of a more-established columnist is strictly plagiaristic.

And now, to all Bill Lindleys who have found a girl but who are faced with the problem, "How can I get Her to ask me for a date?" we offer the following advice. (This is a male supplement to the advice we outlined to females in an earlier column.)

Have you tried the old drop-the-hankie gag? If you have no hankie, try a box of Kleenex. Picture the situation. You are going past the Gamma Phi house, and there is Virginia Wright sitting on the lawn. Now's your chance. Your box clangs to the pavement. She bends to pick it up.

She hands it to you. What do you say? You say, "Thank you." She is impressed by your voice. She opens her mouth. She is going to ask you for a date.

"You're welcome."

Well, let's try another method of approach. How about the phone?

Let's look in the Guide, here. Hayden, Dorothy J. Will she do? Well, give her a ring—on the phone, of course.

Ask her if she likes coke. A lot of them do. Tell her you've got a car. Then tell her the truth. She'll like an honest boy. And there's your chance.

I could go on for hours. But this should give you a picture of the technique to use. And if you still have trouble, drop around and we'll talk it over. I'm home any Friday or Saturday night.

## 'Flyers' Face Deferment End

(Continued from page one) March 10, army air corps reserve students will no longer be on a deferred status. This does not mean, however, that they will be called immediately, but they will be subject to call at any time, according to the needs of the service.

Spring term, students in this reserve will be advised to take the courses that will help them most in flight training. Advisers will be available during registration to aid students enrolling in these courses.

## New Location

(Continued from page one) So that each girl will feel that there is a time for her to work and to enjoy the work with her friends, each day has been given to two houses. However, these houses will not have exclusive rights for the day. All girls are asked to come as often as possible.

**Potential Requirement**  
Four or five instructors will always be on hand to help the newcomers. If sufficient work is not turned out this term, campus Red Cross work will become a required activity spring term.

Houses for the next week are: Thursday, Chi Omega and Delta Delta Delta; Friday, Delta Gamma and Gamma Phi Beta; Saturday, all houses in both morning and afternoon; Monday, Hendricks hall and Highland house; Tuesday, Hendricks hall and Hill-yard house.

All girls may come on all days.

## Nothing Sacred

(Continued from page two) given the Pi Phi hashers—have initiated a new tradition concerning birthday cakes and extra-desserts.

Chucky, Woody, and Stinky think it really shows!

## Popular Farce

(Continued from page one) The entire play is set in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Simmons, and characterizes the home life in a small Midwestern town.

The cast of the play includes James Bronson as Chester Binney; Marge Quigly, Mrs. Simmons; Maxine McNeil, Ethel Simmons; Bob Farrow, Mr. Simmons; Louise Rossman, Letty Lythe; Ray Dickson, Donald Swift; Merlin Dow, Roger Shields; Vivian McNamee, Sadie Bloom; Nelda Rohrback, Lila Wilson; Grace Diillard, Sally Otis; Vivian McNamee, widow; and Bill Neder, taxi driver.

The box office is open from 10-12 m. and from 1-5 p.m. Tickets are 55 cents and all seats are reserved.

OAC had several stitches taken when the Triad skit hit the northern campus. The rally boys and girls blitzed the Beavers with a lightning laugh raid.

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