

World War I Changed Campus to Training Camp

(Editor's Note: This is the second in a series of articles on the campus during the first World War.)

By EDITH NEWTON

When Oregon first became a military training camp, April 16, 1917, Captain Willie Shippen was in charge of the University military activities. Under his direction between three and four hundred students and a majority of the faculty practiced the rudiments of military training in Kincaid field.

While "Daddy Long Legs," advertised as the most fascinating comedy hit of the year, was being billed at the Eugene theatre with prices from 50 cents to \$1.50, Oregon coeds had not forgotten the war.

New Courses

Three new courses had been announced for women; physical preparedness, first aid and emergencies, and lectures on Red Cross. They were scheduled for spring term of 1917.

Miss Carmen Swanson, senior and assistant in the zoology department, was the first woman to be called to active service. Miss Swanson had volunteered as a yeoman in the navy the previous summer and had not expected to be called into active service until after graduation. She was sent to Bremerton to do stenographic work.

Red Cross Work

The YWCA bungalow was headquarters for all Red Cross work on the campus, and girls were asked to pledge as many hours as possible knitting and folding bandages.

Rifles were needed for the boys to drill with, and in the absence of real Springfield, wooden guns from the Eugene planing mill were put into service. Khaki overalls furnished by the boys themselves were their uniforms.

Charlie Chaplin

While Charlie Chaplin was playing at the Savoy theater in "The Cure," wild rumors swept over the campus. There was no FBI or any other efficient local organization to investigate the numerous stories that were spread, and students took it upon themselves in many cases to follow clues they believed important.

All sports at Oregon were suspended in favor of military training soon after war was declared. The greatest blow to sports came when Johnnie Beckett, captain of the football team that had beaten Pennsylvania 14-0 on New Year's day 1917 in the Rose Bowl, enlisted in the marine corps along with "Brick" Mitchell, another star player of the 1916 season, and Coach Hugo Bezdek.

Ambulance Corps

On June 7, 1917, every member of the '16 team that had not already enlisted joined the ambulance corps formed by Dr. Eberle Kuykendall, University graduate living in Eugene.

Summer session that year was well attended. Many business men came from Portland to spend the summer taking military training. Fall term military training was continued on a large scale, but men were growing scarce.

During that term it was decided that because of the lack of men it would be permissible for coeds to come to dances in groups if they were attended by chaperones. A typical dance that year was one advertised in the Emerald. The advertisement stated that soft collars and middie blouses would be required at the student body dance in the gym. The admission was 25 cents.

Prices were higher, and among the latest jokes was—"If the cost of living mounts any higher, what say you to getting an airplane?"

The "Hooverizing" movement was gaining momentum, and a fraternity reported having cut down costs so much that even the garbage man was complaining.

Homecoming dance that year

University Man Publishes Study

The result of about six years of intensive study, a 218-page monograph entitled "Lewin's Topological and Vector Psychology," by Dr. Robert W. Leeper, assistant professor of psychology, has recently been published by the University press.

Kurt Lewin, professor of child psychology at the State University of Iowa, whose publications on the theories of motivation are summarized and criticized in the monograph, wrote the foreword to Dr. Leeper's work, stating:

No Petty Nonessentials

"In this monograph, Robert Leeper has done more than merely present vector psychology; he has criticized it and improved it. To be constructive, criticism must be penetrating without becoming lost in philosophical generalities, and it must be sufficiently technical without bickering about petty nonessentials.

"As experience shows, it is difficult to avoid the common pitfalls of criticism when the issue at stake is of a rather general nature, such as the issue of field theory in psychology. It is gratifying, therefore, to meet this book of constructive criticism."

To Promote Understanding

Dr. Leeper summarizes and comments upon Lewin's publications on the theories of motivation in the monograph, with the aim of clarifying Lewin's principles and making them more understandable. He thus hopes to promote understanding of Lewin's work among psychologists carrying on research in that particular field.

Formerly teaching at the University of Berlin, Lewin was an outstanding European psychologist before coming to the United States in the early 1930's. In addition to his post at Iowa City, he is visiting professor to Harvard university for a part of each school year.

Hollywood Reporter

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rolled by Harry Sherman . . . Sabu slated for army call at finish of "Cobra Woman" . . . Errol Flynn starrer, "To the Last Man," set to get under way April 12 . . . Lionel Barrymore draws role of army general in "A Guy Named Joe" . . . Jack Jenkins, infant actor in "The Human Comedy," pacted by MGM . . . Paul Henroid to co-star with Ida Lupino in "In Our Time."

Holly Dept. . . . George Murphy recovers from attack of measles and rejoins cast of "Irving Berlin's This Is the Army" . . . Entire Brooklyn baseball team signs to appear with Red Skelton in "Whistling in Brooklyn" . . . Ida Lupino vacations at Arrowhead and peruses script of next Warner Bros. picture . . . "Song of Bernadette" finally gets under way with 80-day shooting schedule . . . Eleanor Parker, featured in "Mission to Moscow," appears altar-bound with Lieut. Frank Losee.

Luise Rainer considers two-picture deal with Paramount . . . Twentieth Century Fox plans ten Technicolor productions on 1943-44 schedule . . . Alan Hale dons blond wig, ballet skirts and powder for one-scene appearance as chorus "girl" in "Irving Berlin's This Is the Army" . . . Fox may make life of President Woodrow Wilson . . . Kate Smith will broadcast from three army camps while in southern California for "Irving Berlin's This Is the Army."

Wayne received a gift of \$500 to aid in developing the Hooker Scientific library.

Music Major Named NW Regional Winner

Elizabeth Walker, senior in music, has recently been named northwest regional winner of the National Young Artists contest, sponsored by the Federated Music Clubs of America.

Miss Walker, a violinist, won the state division of the contest at the beginning of the term. She is now an entrant for the national contest, to be held in New York. Whether she will go to New York or whether the contest will be broadcast is yet undecided.

She is a member of Phi Beta and Mu Phi Epsilon, music honoraries, and will be presented in her senior recital on April 20.

Track Talk

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Colonel Bill added Boyd Brown, javelin to his list of champions.

From the 11½ mark he steadily climbed to his present ceiling of 13 feet 6 inches. In the northern division finals, he narrowly missed vaulting to the 14-foot level. Three times he tried for the mark and three times the crossbar toppled over after a slight joggle.

Thomas came a year late in order to see George Varoff, pole vault champion in 1937 at 14 feet 6 inches. Varoff's quick won crown lasted but a couple of years before he was toppled by Earl Meadows and Bill Shefton. Next of course came Cornelius Warmerdam who seems to have done the impossible in this particular field of athletics.

In order to insure a better chance at the 14-foot ceiling the dependable Thomas has vowed to

Dr. Morris Added To Planning Board

Governor Earl Snell Sunday completed the staff of his newly created post-war planning board with addition of Dr. Victor P. Morris, dean of the University's school of business administration, and Dean R. H. Dearborn of the school of engineering Oregon State college.

Other members of the committee have been previously appointed and were chosen for the wide variation in their respective fields of interest. They include E. B. MacNaughton, Portland banker; George H. Buchler, building contractor from Portland; A. A. Lausmann, Medford lumber mill owner; Wayne Stewart, Dayville stockman; Del Nickerson, executive secretary, Oregon State Federation of Labor (A. F. of L.); Stanley Earl, executive secretary, Oregon C.I.O.

"The work of this committee will be exceedingly important to our state," said Governor Snell. "The committee is charged with the responsibility of devising programs and methods, and coordinating plans of action for the post-war demobilization and transition periods; of promoting actively the industrial, mineral, and agricultural resources of our state."

Dr. Morris' part in the committee will pertain to the industrial and economic adjustment of post-war problems.

strengthen his legs which he denounces as being his only or anyway main weakness when he tried for the new height.

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24-Year-Old Made Major

University of Oregon alumnus, 24-year-old William B. Rosson, was recently promoted from the rank of captain to the rank of major in the army of the United States, it was announced by the war department a few days ago. The distinction is two-fold as it makes Major Rosson one of the youngest officers of his rank in the ground forces of the United States armed forces.

Major Rosson's record at the University was one of exceptional achievement. In 1940, the year of his graduation, Major Rosson was elected a member of Phi Beta Kappa; he received the rating of a cadet colonel in the ROTC. The summer after graduation he received the Pershing medal for being the most outstanding ROTC cadet in the 9th corps area and upon graduation was granted a regular army commission.

Three of his classmates here at Oregon and his roommates at camp were awarded commissions of second lieutenants in the reserve corps at that time. They were Burton S. Barr, a lieutenant-colonel under Rosson in the ROTC, Richard H. Werschkul, and Robert Herzog, all of Portland.

Barr, Werschkul, and Herzog were all called into active duty at the same time as Rosson but were separated and sent to different camps. The four classmates did not see each other again for nearly two years.

Then the quartet met again in Africa on November 7, having arrived simultaneously in different transports. But again they were scattered. By this time Barr and Herzog have risen to the rank of captains and Werschkul to first lieutenant.

Macalester college, St. Paul, will train air force cadets.