

Man of the Month...

Billings Inherits Editor Job Twice from Schrick

By BETTY ANN STEVENS

At the time of the interview, Jack Billings, editor of the Emerald, was lying on his back beneath a flowering quince in back of the journalism building, with his head resting on two striped pillows, reading Shakespeare.

At present, Jack Billings, editor of the Emerald, is lying on his back, beneath billowing infirmary covers, with head resting on white pillows, reading nothing, since has a case of catarrhal fever.

Youngest editor of the Emerald ever, stocky, blond Billings is also the first ever to be appointed news editor, managing editor, and editor in the space of one year. Replacing Ray Schrick, former editor, who is now stationed at Shepherd field, he took over for Schrick too, as editor of the Portland Franklin High Post, said Billings.

Post Gets Prizes

"Schrick was the first editor when it received all-American rating." The paper was awarded the national pace-maker award when Billings took it over and "it was the only one west of the Mississippi," he added, with well-concealed pride.

"This kills me," he chuckled. Dropping Shakespeare for the moment, he folded his hands, squinted at the sky and recounted amusedly, "In my high school day I interviewed a lot of people. Most important of the lot were Dewey, Willkie, Eleanor Roosevelt, Wallace, and a lot of movie and opera stars like Tibbett." In order to interview Willkie, Billings had to catch a ride to Salem, where "I got to meet every big shot in the Republican party."

During earlier years "I traveled around with my father who was a traveling salesman, and went to eight different grade schools," he reminisced.

To a few comments hurled in his direction from a member of the indoor staff, he countered with, "This is spring, Margie... There's no hurry... have a while till the deadline."

A member of the House of Characters, Canard club, "Yes, indeed," and Sigma Delta Chi,

Billings also claims smirkingly that, "I've been offered to pledge by Sigma Epsilon Chi, too, besides the marine reserves." too, besides the marine reserves."

Vital

For other vital statistics, he announced: "I am 5 feet 6 inches, and have been for six years, weigh 150 pounds... blue eyes, blond hair, fair complexion... my hair is approximately 10 inches long in spots and is parted on the left side, except when I want it to... and has seven waves."

"Shoulder-length bob," unceremoniously remarked Marjorie Young, managing editor, who joined the outdoor party at that moment. "Have a quince, prince... he's man of the century."

Unperturbed, Billings continued, revealing that he has two sisters and three brothers, of which he is the oldest.

"What's new?" called a character who was passing by.

"Read it in the Emerald," Billings called back.

Puzzlement

Coming back to the interview: he puzzled over a serious statement, "Well, in my job on the Emerald for the remainder of the year is more or less as a trainer for the '43-'44 staff, and as such I have been, and will continue to, gradually place a major portion of the executive responsibility on the members of the staff who are more or less certain that they'll be back next year. Until they have assumed the full responsibility, however, my job as editor is necessarily different from the job of any former editor in that I must supervise the actual management and standard production of the paper, rather than supervising the editorials."

Inside WAA

NOTICE... A new star just discovered in the heavens by the students of the U. of O.—named, the Sun!!

What more could any manager of baseball or tennis ever pray for! Official baseball games start today, and considering the mania for suntans, we expect to see the second baseman lying on the field trying to get her back tanned. That, they tell us, is Life!

... Just a not so gentle reminder to all those interested in turning in petitions for the tennis court dance. Here's an opportunity for anyone with an imagination to work up some novel ideas. Since a dance on this order has not been given in the recent history of the campus, we

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are anticipating it with much pleasure... and we really mean that!

We are glad to report that the WAA room is completely furnished now... well, almost,—except for the small matter of a few bare windows. We are seriously considering draping tennis nets over them for something new in interior decoration.

NEXT WEEK — a report on the Amphibian swimming pag-

AWS Notes

In order to get rid of surplus items on the campus including everything from books (such as the Dante's Inferno "go to hell for a nickel" item which finally was sold at last term's auction) to different types of overcoats and numerous other "different" kinds of wearing apparel, AWS is sponsoring a last campus auction of the school year.

Kathryn Dunn, sophomore in liberal arts, has been appointed chairman of the affair and will announce her committees and

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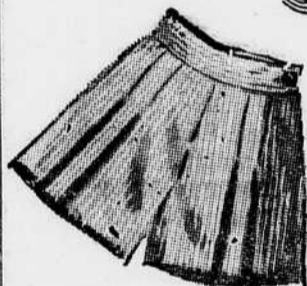
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—By Marty Beard

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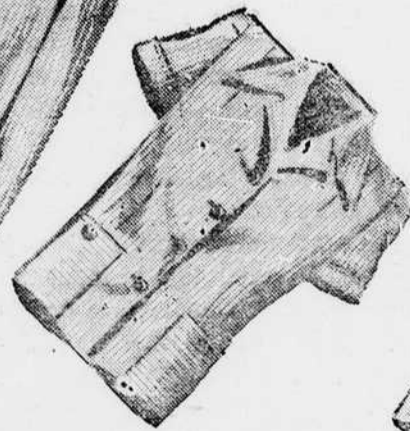
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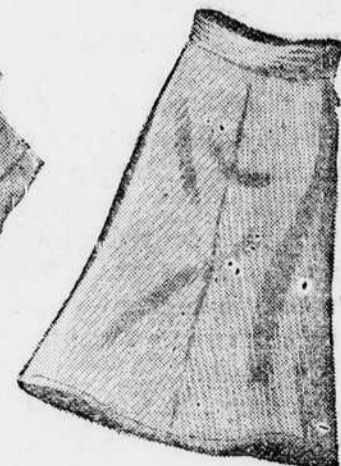
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