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Education, Post-War . . .

The service scholarship fund has won the attention and the commendation of the United States treasury department. In a personal letter to the Emerald, Daniel Melcher, acting director of the education section of the war finance division of the treasury department wrote that he had read a story about the service scholarship fund in the November 23 Emerald and that the education section was "eager to have more information about the (war bond) Drive at the University of Oregon."

Oregon's alumni servicemen will find an educational opportunity awaiting them when they return from the battlefronts, bases and camps to resume their temporarily-postponed college careers. They will learn that both the University and the United States congress have been planning for their return, and that the continuance of their interrupted education will be encouraged and facilitated by the plans these two institutions have been working out.

After the war, several million veterans will come home. Many of them will go back to work at their old jobs or at new ones, but a great many will want to enter college or to return to it. It is for the benefit of these education-minded ex-servicemen and women that the University of Oregon has established a service scholarship fund and that congress now has under consideration an act to provide a government-financed education.

The University's service scholarship plan was begun last year. Bonds subscribed by campus living organizations and Co-op receipts contributed by student purchasers built up a fund amounting to \$1,198.78. This year's returns have not been computed, but the work has been carried on.

The national program is less well-organized than the University's. Regretably, the achievement of its worthwhile purpose is being hindered by the opposite-pole ideas of various lobbying groups, some of whom want the plan supervised by the veterans administration and some of whom favor the office of education. Some kind of compromise plan will probably be worked out so that, no matter who may be chosen to administer the program, the servicemen and women will be enabled to go to school under it.

If the congressional plan is not passed, the service scholarship fund will help Oregon alumni. If the congressional plan is passed, the University's accumulated funds will be turned over to the student union fund, where they will still benefit the returning servicemen. In either case, the words of William Tugman, managing editor of the Eugene Register-Guard, used to describe Eugene's postwar program will apply: "Oregon will take care of her own." That goes for the University, too.

Stag Affair . . .

Every since last fall there has been a continuous murmur of voices on the campus asking for a stag dance. Soldier students have expressed their belief that this would be a good way to get acquainted with civilian students. Open house at individual houses, and mixers have been tried, but still not all students have participated.

Now the real thing is happening in the Canteen dance Saturday night in Gerlinger hall, a real no-date affair. Of course, there is no ban on dates for the dance, but neither is there any reason for either coeds or fellows to refrain from coming stag.

There has been much written, spoken, and thought about soldier civilian relations on the campus, and to all appearances the question of this relationship has definitely settled itself in the best possible manner—the fellows and girls are learning what each other are like, and to understand and appreciate each other.

Earlier in the school year there were misunderstandings, there were adjustments that had to be made. But the problems have been met, the adjustments have been made, and campus social life has functioned smoothly.

Now a crucial test of the smooth functioning faces the campus. The question is if the fellows and girls will meet each other half way by coming to a stag affair and meeting each

Clips and Comments

By MARGUERITE WITTWER
(and Various ASTU's)

(Note—The following five items were clipped from that notable achievement of journalistic endeavor known as the Oregon Daily Emerald (I get paid for this) by a GI from Company C and the comments attached are the opinions of same, namely, Ralph Holzwarth, and not necessarily the opinion of this paper or of the usual writer of this column . . . end note.)

"All candidates for the 'Bonds Away' girl should meet at the Alpha Gamma Delta house today at 5 p. m. to have their pictures taken. Short silks should be worn. . . . Make that 'silk shorts should be worn' and we are sure they could sell more bonds that way. . . ."

"Emphasis will be placed on paper for the scrap drive this week. Florence Hintzen and Bibbitts Strong, co-chairmen of the salvage committee, announced this drive would be the biggest yet. . . . Colonel Annie will be pleased to hear about this!"

"Entered as second class matter at the postoffice, Eugene, Oregon. . . . We wouldn't brag about that."

"Fall Term House Grades: ahem: GPA - 2.230; Rank: 23, Womens Organization: (censored), etc., etc." . . . oh, well, things are bad all over.

"(Advertisement) Rex theater. Starts today: 'All Through the Night' with Humphrey Bogart, also 'Twin Beds' starring George Brent and Joan Bennett" . . . Sounds like a good combination.

"In past years students have paid high prices to see, hear, and dance to Tommy Dorsey, Art Holman, Bob Crosby, and Kay Kyser. This year Owen Bailey offers hotlocks beat out by a gathering of players which includes former members of a number of name bands." . . . Who are these guys, Dorsey, Crosby, and Kyser, anyway?

"Most batty but beautiful" will be the title of the man elected as such at the all-university leap year dance to be held soon at Northwestern. Women will drag their hand-picked dates to this affair . . . and somehow we view with growing apprehension this idea of going out to get your man (Please turn to page three)

other there for an evening of dancing and entertainment.

The Independent Student's association has planned a dance to follow the basketball game that should be fun with Owen Bailey's orchestra for the best in music and specially planned mixers to insure everyone of meeting plenty of people.

The ISA dance committee has done its part so it is left squarely up to the students to show their spirit of cooperation by being willing to come stag to an affair that shows all the signs of being fun for everyone. E. A. M.

Frosh Coed Hails from Switzerland-New Jersey

By ELIZABETH HAUGEN

Caught in a rare moment of relaxation, preparing to write her weekly Emerald column, Clips and Comments, "Little Beaver", who is registered as Marguerite Wittwer, freshman in journalism, admitted to being born in Switzerland.

It seems that no one in her family has ever liked to settle in one spot for long, which accounts for their being in Europe just about 18 years ago. They stayed there till Miss Wittwer was four years old, when they came back to Morristown, New Jersey. Marguerite still has some o' "de Joisey swing" in her speech, although she has lived in Eugene for three years.

"When I was in the fifth grade, mother and I went back to Switzerland. We visited Paris, Bern, and I went to school in the Alps for a winter, but their work was about the same as the seventh grade here, and I was the dumbest one in the class," she recalled.

"Oh, sure, I speak Swiss and I've taken a term of German here, too," she casually remarked, tossing off a few guttural idioms.

Both in Morristown high and Eugene high, she held editorial positions on the school paper, and played in the school band . . . "so I could go to all the football games for nothin'" . . . was in the A Capella choir and Girls League.

After graduation from high school last June, she moved again, with her family, to Richmond, California—"across the bay from San Francisco—that's what I always tell people, because no one knows where Richmond is."

There she worked in the Personnel Research department for Kaiser.

"With the FBI," she claimed. "All I did was pull cards out of a file and hand them to the special investigators, but 'with the FBI' sounds good, anyway."

In high school she took a course in Airplane Sheet Metal and Riveting. She spent a lot of time at the shipyards wandering around the troopships, peeking over the top of her bright white, size 40 overalls.

Miss Wittwer is a reet size 32, five-foot-two, with blue-gray eyes, and sandy-brown hair.

"The most fun I had in California was the time I got arrested," she chirped. "I went on a 50-mile bicycle hike by myself and crossed the Bay bridge, which is against the law. A motorcycle cop caught me, sent for the patrol wagon, loaded my bike and me in (Please turn to page three)

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