

Saga of Mary and Violin

Mary Figgie, Oregon's most outstanding woman, (she always stands outside to see the air corps march by) is by popular acclaim the coed of the week.

We found Mary, with her ever-present violin, sitting on the radiator in her closet—she always sits there 'cause it gives her the warm glow that is part of her personality. Mary has learned to love the campus, she informed your reporter. Of course, at first she had a hard time getting adjusted. Rush week was what nearly drove her wild. She is naturally a music-loving creature (always the violin) and so she started looking for a musical house during rush week. It finally came down to an awful choice between the Thetas and the D. Gees on account of their doorbell—each one gives forth with nothing less than eight bells with one push. But the houses all decided against her—they didn't have the real appreciation of music that would be necessary to appreciate Mary.

Men didn't seem to appreciate Mary so the girls suggested that Figgie learn to wiggle. She tried, but her heart wasn't in it. How could Figgie wiggle with a violin under her chin? And "I just can't be separated from my violin," she said as she broke into the melody of Home Sweet Home while being interviewed.

Mary admits that her violin does limit her activities 'cause there are a lot of places you just can't go with a violin, but the instrument (and all three strings) are very dear to her heart.

"I play indian style," she explained. Mary is from Klamath Falls, and she learned to play from an indian chief who had received a violin from a white man who bartered with him when the west was very young. So was the indian chief, at the time.

At this point in our interview we will start to capitalize Indian. Mary asked us to do this because Indians, like Violins, are very dear to her heart.

As to her future ambitions, Mary hopes to go on the stage playing her Violin. If she can perfect her

wiggle, Figgie will wiggle and play the Violin at the same time. Perhaps we can see her at one of the more popular showplaces next summer.

—By Edith Newton

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Infirmary

Interned for varying lengths in the green-walled rooms at the infirmary are five University students. Oldest patient (in terms of length of stay) is Gaynor Thompson, now in her second week at the sugar-coated bastille. Yvonne Copeland, Yvonne Smith, Ruth Harmon, and BMOG Harry Skerry make up the list.

Dr. Herring

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Set as the first of the institute series, a luncheon meeting will be held at 12:15 in the Eugene hotel, sponsored by the Eugene Lions club, the discussion panel to include Professor A. L. Lomax, school of business administration; Dr. Anibal Vargas-Baron, romance language department; and Dr. Waldo Schumacher, professor of political science.

Conference discussions will begin for the Oregon campus at 2 this afternoon in 207 Chapman hall, with a panel group of five consultants leading the two-hour session, slated to center on the topic "Understanding Inter-American Affairs." Chairman for the meeting will be Dr. Waldo Schumacher, with discussion leaders announced as Dr. Herring, Professor Lomax, Dr. Vargas-Baron, Dr. Warren D. Smith, head of the geology and geography departments; and Dr. Victor P. Morris, dean of the school of business administration.

An evening lecture at 7:30 in 207 Chapman will feature conference leader Dr. Herring, who will address University listeners on "Hemisphere Ties," final topic for the Eugene institute series.

Campus Victory League enthusiasts Tuesday night applauded conference plans as announced, pledging full backing to this and similar future set-ups.

Ad Contest

Doubling their prizes for the annual advertising campaign contest, Botsford, Constantine, and Gardner are now offering \$40 first \$25 second prize, and \$10 third prize.

According to a letter received by Professor of Advertising W. F. G. Thacher from Merle Manly, vice president of the company, the contest this year will consist of making a complete advertising program to sell Jan Outdoor lotion and sun tan ointment. This is the 25th year of the contest open only to members of the Advertising Problems class. The deadline will be May 19 and announcement of winners will follow the decision made by Botsford, Constantine, and Gardner.

Girls Join Marine Corps

Two former University of Oregon students, Roberta K. Dick and Frances M. Downing who were here in 1942 have joined the ranks of the lady leathernecks. Both girls enlisted in the marine corps women's reserve April 29, and have been placed on inactive duty awaiting orders to report for "boot" training at Camp Lejeune, N. C.

Private Dick, of Portland, was a business administration major.

Private Downing, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Downing of Beaverton, was also a business administration major.

Former U. O. Man With Air Wing

Marine Captain Davis J. Dorrah, Jr., 23, former Oregon student, recently reported for duty with a marine air wing at Camp Pendleton in southern California.

Captain Dorrah is a naval aviator, attached to the marine corps. He attended the University of Oregon for two years, and was a salesman for Standard Oil company in California before entering the marine corps on July 9, 1941.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Dorrah, of Hood River, Oregon.

Dr. Merriam Explores

Just before the turn of the century, a young man from Hopkinton, Iowa, took a trip into the John Day country, in eastern Oregon. He and his associate grew beards, took chisels and pickaxes, and proceeded over the rough country till they came to the place where the John Day river, through centuries of erosion, had cut a deep valley through lava beds exposing 10,000 feet of strata, and eight periods in history.

The young man and his friends were searching—and finally they found something. While scaling a steep cliff, they found a single, dingy, front tooth on the surface. Carefully and diligently they chiselled, and finally produced their prize, the largest and first example of the skull of an Elothere—a huge, prehistoric, hog-like creature—approximately 10 feet long and 6 or 7 feet high.

YOUNG MAN INFLAMED

This discovery so inflamed the young man that he thought that everybody should know about this "big pig," about the sabre-toothed "cat" that once roamed Oregon, the camels, tapirs—about the almost complete elephant skeleton that was found—about the snail and clam shells and the myriads of marine creatures that once inhabited Oregon.

So he wrote an article about the fossils, timidly submitted it to the August Harper's Monthly magazine. To his amazement it was printed, and he got \$150 for it.

That was back in 1901, but Dr. John Campbell Merriam never forgot about that first step. "I nearly fainted," he chuckled.

COUNTRY HASN'T CHANGED
"But that is just about as accurate a statement of the situation now as it was then. The country hasn't changed and my point of view hasn't changed either."

Though the keen-eyed, kindly 75-year-old paleontologist says this seriously, he has come a long way since those early days of 1901. Since then he has served from 1921 to 1938 as president of the Carnegie Institution of Washington, D. C., has served on the staffs of such universities as Yale, Princeton, Harvard, George Washington, and as acting president of the Uni-

versity of California; he has been regent of the revered Smithsonian Institution, member of 21 academic societies, including the Sociedad Geographia y Historia de Guatemala and La Asociacion Conservadora de los Monumentos Aruologicos de Yucatan. He has published about 40 books and papers, including such works as "The Living Past," "Are the Days of Creation Ended?" and others.

MUSES OVER SPEECH

Now, he is consultant on values of science at the University. At the Library Day banquet Saturday evening, May 6, at the Osburn hotel, he will speak on "Science and Revelation." Right now, he is musing over that speech. When he thinks about that trip in 1901, when he remembers his excavations, he waxes a bit indignant about the unconsciousness of people.

"The Columbia is one of the greatest lava flows in North America. There are over 200,000 square miles of it. It's one of the great things of the world, and nobody pays any attention to it."


Again he scans his 1901 article. "To one who reads this record as it stands, an undisputed work of the Creator, there is made a revelation no less magnificent in its expression of historic fact than the story of creation in the book of Moses."

"Moses!" he sniffs. "Much more important than Moses!"

—By Carol Greening

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