

Former Emerald Editor Jogs Around Italy as 'PR' Non Com

"The Italian children bring home the bacon," according to Sgt. Ray Schrick, former Emerald editor. Ray, as a private correspondent to his wife, Betty Biggs Schrick, and the Yuba City Herald, has described the hunger of the Italian people. He wrote, "All American soldiers are 'Joe' to the Italians, and 'Joe' is easily persuaded to part with his meager store of cigarets, sugar, and candy, if the natives look pitiful enough." Peddlers, according to Ray, are prevalent in Italian towns. One old man spoke English. Another unshaven fellow (as most of them are) rides out on his bicycle to sell eggs at 18 cents apiece instead of the usual 20 cents.

Letter Read

Ray's first letter to "B.J." was an epistle of thanks that he hadn't joined the navy. "I am an ocean-going soldier," he wrote. "Ships may look big, but they get awfully small when you're on them very long." On board the day was divided in two sections; one waiting in line to get into the PX, the other waiting in line for dinner. Both were accompanied by a close-packed, secretive atmosphere.

Upon his arrival in Italy, Ray wrote, "It is hard to believe just how hungry the people are." The G.I.'s idea of luxury, according to Ray, were bunks to sleep in, stoves made from empty oil drums, and furnishings taken from the remains of a captured enemy plane. In February, Ray wrote that he was attending a sewing circle. He and several of his tentmates were

promoted and all were busily sewing new stripes on their uniforms. During the first two months in Italy, Ray and his buddies had to have a pass to take a bath, for the nearest bathing facilities were in a nearby town.

Baths Used

"The public baths furnish everything," he wrote. "A shave, a shoeshine, a manicure, clothes pressing, a choice of either a bath or a shower; they all come under one roof." There was a second barrier in getting the bath. She was the dark-haired lady who ran the ticket office. You can't do anything unless you first get a ticket—and that was half the battle. Her translations of English, and theirs of Italian, made a difficult circumstance in which to get what you wanted.

In April, Ray was transferred to army public relations, which coincided with his former Emerald work and put him in a field which he really enjoyed. His first job in public relations had nothing to do with writing stories of his bombing polits' missions. His CO had awarded about 100 air medals. "A photographer wisely went down the line to take each man's picture just as the colonel pinned the medal on every proud soldier's chest. But the photographer forgot one little item—getting the names." It was up to Ray to establish the identity of each of the 100 .37 millimeter shots.

UO's Show Up

Ray has not been without familiar Oregon faces, however. Royal Denton, '46 Phi Sig; and Lee Killburg, '44 Delt frat brother, are occasionally around for a bull session to reminisce over those "good old days at Oregon." All the fellows are looking forward to the day when they'll be back to either continue their education or visit the old friends here at the University. However, as long as Ray is in Italy, he will continue to cover the human side of the Italian war for the Yuba City Herald.

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Fall Term News Staff Increases Roster

Friday afternoon a band of young hopefuls were received, er, beg pardon, grabbed into the staff of The Emerald, almost completing the membership. The staff is as follows: Anne Craven, acting editor; Roseann Leckie, business manager; Norris Yates, managing editors; Frannie Maier, advertising manager; Elizabeth Haugen, news editor. Night staff: Betty French Robertson, chief night editor; Elizabeth Gilmore, Harriet Banbury, Dorothy Habel, Aileen Koch, Darrell Boone, Shirley Peters, Maryann Howard, Louise Robson.

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The masculine side includes: John Moore, Shubert Fendrick, Jim Tucker, Bob Chapman.

For those who are yet interested in turning out, there are still posts open.

Girls Asked to Limit Unnecessary Traveling

Subjects of diverse and widespread interest to girls were discussed yesterday at the first meeting of the heads of houses.

Girls have been requested by the transportation companies not to sign out from their houses to go home unless for a critical need, in order that the companies can keep transportation for vital necessities.

Rushing from any organization will not be allowed during the following two weeks. Fall rushing has just been completed and time is to be allotted so as not to wear out rushees.

Written permission must be obtained from parents by girls who are to do after-hour Emerald and Oregon work. These must be filed in the dean of women's office, if late permission is to be granted.

Dean Attends Post War Council

Dean Victor P. Morris, of the school of business administration, returned yesterday from Salt Lake City where he represented Oregon in the council of state governments meeting held there last week. He is chairman of the governor's state committee on postwar readjustment and development. The

Dr. Peterson Rejoins UO After Two-year Leave of Absence

Back on the campus after a two-year leave during which he worked with the bureau of ordinance in Seattle, Dr. Thurman S. Peterson, assistant professor of mathematics said Friday he considered American shipping about as well protected against magnetic and acoustic mines as science can make it. Dr. Peterson returned to the University September 16, having

served with a civil service rating of senior physicist since June, 1942.

Only after Pearl Harbor was the study of sub-surface mine warfare carried on to any extent in the United States, Dr. Peterson pointed out. With our entry into the war came greatly increased attention to this shipping menace, as American craft would be entering mined waters in both the Atlantic and Pacific. In the early months of 1942 came an enormous call for physicists in the United States to discover some means for more completely safeguarding our ships.

Does Civil Service

The University faculty member signed up in June, 1942, for civil service work with the ordinance department, and was assigned to the 13th naval district in Seattle. He was there given charge of all civilian physicists connected with gagaussing, or protection of ships against magnetic mines, and during the two years submitted about 15 reports developing the theory and practice of mine warfare. Approximately 40 physicists and electrical inspectors served under him at various times, their work concerned both with ship protection and mine sweeping.

"Of course no ship is made absolutely safe," Dr. Peterson commented. "However degaussing reduces the possibility of being blown up to a minimum." He explained that the sub-surface mine is not precisely "attracted" by a passing ship, but that a magnetic field thrown out by the craft operates a mechanism set to explode the mine.

Worked on Coast

"The majority of sub-surface mine study has been carried on in Washington, D.C., although much field work was done in both Seattle and Boston," he continued. "My activities were mostly confined to Seattle and Portland."

Research and development of adequate protection has now been

dean attended the meeting in Governor Snell's place.

Mills college, California, wants to go to the aid of our men inching their way across muddy Italian mountains. The students have set their war bond goal in terms of good old army mules.

almost completed, Dr. Peterson said, with only operational work remaining. He added that in the two years almost all American shipping has been effectively equipped against the mine danger.



LOIS AND ROY WHYTAL

SIDE PATER

By Sue Welch and Patsy (charm and dignity) Maloney

Having had our fill of cake, cokes, and milkshakes and lemonade, we settle down now to a little snooping. Forthwith, we snoop . . .

Seen Sittin' at The SIDE: Joe Lind feeding "Jerry," (who has now taken "Rodney's" place in our hearts) a double decker ice cream cone. That's a fine way to waste the delicious ice cream they serve at the SIDE, Joe. Jean Bauer and the better half of the above by-line looking for a third and fourth for bridge. Tri-Delt Jane Kearns surrounded by men, as usual. Duane Autzen with his pipe.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Don Taylor for his broken arm. But at least it's held up in a convenient position.

And did you check Bob (we refuse to call him "Joe College") Smith in that luscious red sweater, and a new phrase from his summer in California: You know what a BTO is, but what is a TWO? Answer: A tweeney weeny operator!

What does the SIDE bring to mind besides heated bridge games and even more heated political discussions? It should make you think of the best cokes in town. Speaking of the SIDE, and who isn't these days, have you noticed the almost complete lack of uniforms therein? In fact, all over the campus, (with our apologies to the 29 pre-meds).

Jim McGregor, Sigma Nu from Southern Cal., also one of the sharper bridge players, has been seen "after six o'clock" with Dee Gee Bobbie Lucas and Betty Green, KKG. Not at the same time, however.

So we hear, a big time was had at Oregon State by M. M. Ellsworth and Ed Allen, local boomer boy, last Saturday. Do tell us more "Sworih."

It seems the "Marines have landed" and have the SIDE "well in hand." But what we want to know is, who is he?

"Chick" Cecchini, ATO from wayback, must be lonesome. He spends all his time at the SIDE, (don't we all) with no one in particular.

Wanted: More excitement, gossip, etc. at the SIDE so that this column won't die of starvation. Or would you rather it did? Don't answer that!!!!)

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