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Dr. Popenoe...

By the time college age comes around for young people most of them are beginning to pretty well shake the peculiarities of adolescence, or at least they are beginning to come out of that period. Maturity lies not far beyond the college youth.

One of the sets of ideas which has perhaps been twisted or incomplete through the inbetween period when the youth is neither adult nor child is the one concerning relations with the opposite sex, with marriage an ultimate possibility. College, with its emphasis on initiative and self-dependence, develops a force toward the solving of psychological problems of this nature. In many cases adjustment is inevitably never reached, but in far more the results are good.

Perhaps the best influence toward developing a healthy attitude in this field, outside of the regular hygiene courses which are compulsory for both men and women in the University, is an all-campus assembly like the one Thursday at which Dr. Paul Popenoe spoke on engagement and marriage in wartime.

It is only in recent years that the tendency in matters of this nature has been away from repression and taboo. And it was about time for light to begin to dawn when it did, after a long period of haphazard or misinformation.

Whatever kind of ideas are held on either side of the potential family there is rarely a case where what can be learned at an assembly like Thursday's will not do some good. Not sensational, completely matter of fact, Dr. Popenoe's talk was worthwhile to anyone, and informative.

Members of the student audience may have disagreed with some of the statements the speaker made. However, any rational individual must realize that his attitude of common sense, unemotionality, and candor is an attitude to be cultivated and practiced. Dr. Popenoe's statement of the problem of hasty marriages and quick postwar divorces was to the point. His advice to young couples, planning early marriages, to wait and become better acquainted with each other is only sensible. His suggestion to women whose husbands are in the service to keep busy by working or going to school, to maintain a well-rounded social life, and to prepare themselves now, by taking courses in psychology, mental hygiene, and homemaking, for their future positions as wives, is also simple common sense.

The problem of marriage, especially in view of the emotional instability caused by war conditions, is an important one. The family is the basic unit of a democratic system of government; without sound, stable family and home life for the citizens of a nation, the entire structure may collapse. It is each individual's responsibility, not only to himself and his future mate, but to the nation and the community, to face the situation squarely and sensibly, as Dr. Popenoe has urged.

Speaking of Sports...

Be it fair weather or foul, Oregon coeds are not as enthusiastic about sports as they might be. Oh, they like them, and each one has her favorite, but practicing is another thing. The average coed does not take more than the five required service courses. She participates in intramural sports because her house wants a team. Occasionally she goes biking, canoeing and plays tennis.

This seems to be the situation on the U. of O. campus—and the women's athletic association wants to remedy it. The plans they made at their retreat at McCredie springs last weekend prove that. It's not a tribe of superbly trained athletes they want; nor do they expect a woman to spend all her leisure time participating in sports. Looking to the resumption of normal travel, they want to take advantage of the winter playgrounds not far from Eugene. They want more overnight camping trips. They would like Amphibians to include a larger group of expert swimmers.

In other words, they won't be satisfied with merely sponsoring intramurals. A stronger membership in the affiliated clubs—Outing, hockey, Amphibians, Orchesis (modern dance), they

Globally Speaking

By BILL SINNOTT

Jan Christian Smuts is the outstanding man at the San Francisco conference. He is the only delegate here whose stature as a world figure dates back to the last century.

The field marshal is the best example extant of the blessings of British imperialism. The one-time Boer rebel is now the elder statesman of the empire.

Smuts is both the founder of the League of Nations and of the British commonwealth of nations. He has had a most versatile life as a lawyer, philosopher, author, botanist, statesman, and warrior.

Jan Smuts was born in Malmesbury, Cape Colony in 1870. His parents were typical backveld Boers. He had a strict Calvinist schooling at Stellenbosch. His brilliance won him a scholarship at Cambridge. The young South African studied law and took all the honors in sight.

Protege of Rhodes

He hung out his shingle in Capetown after his graduation. Cecil Rhodes, ever on the lookout for bright young men, made Smuts his protege. The Jameson raid disgusted Smuts. He gave up his British citizenship and moved to the Transvaal.

Oom Paul Kruger needed an adviser to cope with the Uitlanders so Smuts became attorney-general of the South African republic at the age of 27. Smuts tried to maintain his country's independence against the wiles of Lord Milner who was backed by that great imperialist, Joe Chamberlain.

The Boer war found Britain unprepared to fight. Smuts took the field and became the leading commando leader of the war. Kitchener finally forced the Boers to surrender after two and a half years of fighting.

Smuts and Botha became the two leaders of their people. Smuts won self-government for the two defeated republics from Campbell-

Bannerman in 1907. In 1910, the Union of South Africa was formed with Botha as premier and Smuts as his second.

Stopped Rebellion

In 1914, Smuts put down the pro-German rebellion of his old comrades-in-arms, de la Rey, de Wet, and Beyers.

In 1916 Smuts was made a lieutenant-general in the British army and conquered German East Africa for the crown.

Lloyd George called him to London in 1917 and made the ex-rebel a member of the war cabinet. Among his colleagues were Lord Milner, his old enemy, and Curzon, that most superior person.

By his eloquence, Smuts ended the Welsh coal strike that had almost taken England out of the war. The general's formula for a League of Nations was used as the basis for the Geneva experiment. Smuts was disillusioned with Versailles. He realized it laid the ground work for a future war.

Hated by Labor

In disgust he returned to South Africa where he succeeded Botha as prime minister in 1919. Smuts secured the eternal hatred of labor by his ruthless suppression of the Rand revolt of 1922. The strike leaders were deported to Europe without trial.

A drought and Boer jealousy of Smuts' world position caused his defeat in 1924 by Hertzog, the nationalist leader.

Smuts returned to his farm near Pretoria and wrote "Holism and
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IF A BUDDY MEET A BUDDY-

By JEANNE WILTSHIRE

More and more medals and awards are being won by Oregon boys in the service. For example, Second Lt. Robert Duncan, former student, has been awarded the distinguished flying cross at a formal award ceremony recently conducted at an air transport command base in India.

He received the award for having participated in 300 hours of flying cargo over the Himalaya mountains in giant transport planes. This route is considered the most treacherous in the world because of the dangerous flying weather and the craggy terrain. Lt. Duncan is also holder of the air medal.

First Lt. John William, class of '43, received the purple heart for wounds received in action in the Alsace-Lorraine district on January 16, 1945.

Tiedemann in Tunisia

Pfc. Walter Tiedemann, former student, is stationed at El Aouina air base, Tunis, Tunisia, in the North African division of the air transport command. Assigned to

the communications section, Pfc. Tiedemann's duties consist in installing and repairing telephone lines.

An important link on every air base, communications helps speed arrivals and departures of tactical and transport aircraft by keeping all departments in close relationship with one and the other. Overseas six months, Pfc. Tiedemann has found time to visit the picturesque towns of Casablanca, Oran, and Tunis.

Pvt. Stanley Prouty, former U. of O. student, is now at the U. S. army general hospital at Camp Carson, Colorado. He fought with
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feel, will not only gain for each woman skill and well-being, but it will also bring more coeds together. Playing together can promote friendships among women who might not know each other.

One thing which the WAA did to unify its organization was to change the membership fee from one dollar a year to two dollars for life membership. In this way those who are truly interested will join. Another step in the right direction was calendaring for next year a "co-educational" fun night, at which both men and women may participate in sports.

With a more intensive membership drive and program planning, the WAA is destined to increase in importance on the campus, and it is right that Oregon women become sports conscious in a region where springtime offers more than a suntan, winter means more than rain, and fall holds more than turning leaves.

Air Alert

By SHUBERT FENDRICK

Day by day progress of the historical United Nations security conference will be broadcast over KORE at 6:15 Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursday, and Fridays on a special quarter hour program. Royal Arch Gunnison, Frank Singiser, Leo Cherne, and William Hissman will all report on this special program. Other coverage of the conference is as follows:

Rex Miller—Daily, 4:15, Tuesday, Thursday, and Sunday, 9:15.

Upton Close—Sunday, 3:30.

Harrison Wood—Monday through Friday, 2:00.

Gabriel Heatter—Monday through Friday, 6:15; Sunday, 5:45.

Alexander Griffin—Monday through Friday, 3:00.

Arthur Gaeth—Monday through Friday, 8:00.

Elsa Maxwell—Monday through Friday, 1:15.

Gordon Burke—Monday through Friday, 5:45.

Loretta Young and Joseph Cotton will star in "Ramona" on CBS' Screen Guild Players Monday from 7 to 7:30. "Ramona" is the love story of a young Indian girl and her mate who undergo a series of hardships throughout their lifetime and never seem to find the happiness they seek.

Stars over Hollywood will bring Charles Boyer, Irene Dunne, and Mona Freeman to the microphone, to star in "Together Again" over CBS at 9:30 this morning.

Billie Burke portrays Dora Featherstone on her new NBC program, The Gay Mrs. Featherstone, Wednesdays at 8:30. This program has the distinction of dealing with the trials and tribulations of an American family which isn't the slightest bit average.

And here's a few CBS flashes for Sunday: Kate Smith celebrates her 14th radio anniversary with an all-star show including Tallulah Bankhead. The New York Philharmonic-Symphony highlights a performance by Robert Casadesu of Beethoven's Fifth Piano concert.

Phil Baker boosts the 7th war loan with a special San Francisco broadcast. Ted Paxson is Nelson Eddy's special guest on the Electric Hour. Lyman Bryson explores the question, "Will Dumbarton Oaks get us into war?" over Problems of the Peace.



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