

# Dr. Noble, Historian, Discusses Jap Women

By LOIS COLEMAN

One of the Pacific Northwest's most reliable sources of historical and present-day Japan, leaned back in his swivel chair and patiently explained Japanese women and the part they play in the everyday life of their country. Dr. Harold J. Noble, the able historian, spent twenty years in the Orient, at one time instructing in a Japanese College. He also served as a major in the United States Marines.

"The family unit is uppermost in Japan rather than the individual. Nothing of importance is decided without first consulting the members of the family. If the family is poor, the daughter may be contracted to work as a laborer for a specified length of time, and her earnings go into the family purse."

"Marriage and divorce are also a family affair," stated Dr. Noble. "There is usually a go-between, (a social shock-absorber) so that the family will not be embarrassed or lose face if turned down. Often this person is a professional, who helps the families decide if the match is a suitable one. Love is a minor matter in the arrangement of a Japanese marriage. Far more important is temperament, financial standing, health, and background." When a match is acceptable to both parties, the state is informed of the transfer of the woman's name to the family of her future husband. After this is done, usually some type of a ceremony is performed. Thereafter, the bride is under the complete domination of her husband and mother-in-law. If there is a divorce, the woman's name is then returned to the list of her original family.

The women of Japan are not as suppressed as most Americans are led to believe. Dr. Noble explained that the Japanese woman of the wealthier class may belong to the equivalent of our Red Cross, charity organizations, or other national societies. The woman of the middle income bracket takes care of her home, children, and in her leisure time dabbles in art and fancy work. The woman of the lowest income looks after her children, works in the home, and in the fields.

"Where the woman of America is more matter-of-fact, has more freedom, and enjoys independence; the woman of Japan must fight for personal independence, and if that is gained, she takes the risk of being socially ostracized," concluded Dr. Noble.

## Museum Gets New Librarian

"It is my hope that the new as well as the old students of the University of Oregon will take advantage of the collection of the modern and old rare books in the Art Museum library," stated Miss Margaret Markley, the new librarian. Miss Markley, a soft-spoken native of the middle west, has been on the campus since September 17. Previous to this she held the position of circulation assistant at the University of Georgia. She also has served as librarian at the University of Illinois and De Pauw.

Due to the fact that enrollment in all colleges has been below normal for the past few years, it is impossible to make any definite comparisons, Miss Markley stated. However, the University of Oregon does have a much larger library than the University of Georgia while it has a larger enrollment. She also asserted that co-eds are co-eds the world over except here they wear wooden shoes.

In response to more questioning, Miss Markley declared that she was a "Freshman" along with many others because this was her first work in an art museum library. With a shake of her reddish brown head, she agreed that the Oregon weather and campus were very much to her liking. "The work is new and interesting and so far I am enjoying it a great deal," concluded Miss Markley.

### PRETTY FAST

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Second: "Wasn't she!"

## MERCHANT MOVIE

For all students and faculty members interested the film, "Cavalcade of the American Merchant Marine," will be presented by the school of business administration tonight at 7:30 in 207 Chapman hall.

## Language Staff Adds Professor

In order to ease the crowded conditions in the Romance Language classes, the department has asked Professor Berthold C. Friedl of the University of Missouri to instruct classes in Spanish and French. Dr. Friedl has been teaching Russian in Missouri and is scheduled to start such a class here winter term.

The professor, who received his doctor's degree at the University of Paris, is to arrive today or tomorrow in order to begin classes Monday.

## Thirty-eight Advertisers Contract Emerald Space

Thirty-eight contracts have been signed by Eugene merchants for advertising space in the Oregon Daily Emerald, Annamae Winship, business manager, said Wednesday. The advertising staff is striving to meet a goal of one hundred contracts in order to finance an enlarged student daily paper.

## Monahan Enters Army

Russell Monahan, on the campus for the last two years, entered the Army early this fall. Now stationed at an Army hospital in El Paso, Texas, he is taking a 12 weeks' technical training course.

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## ASUO Leader Reveals Result Of Fall Drive

More than \$1800 has been received to date in the ASUO donations drive," and the final tallies are not in yet, Ed Allen, president of the ASUO, revealed Wednesday night. "Because of the late registrants, the fall term total is incomplete," Allen said, "but we have already surpassed last year's contributions by approximately \$500."

"The response has been very gratifying," the president said. Elaborating upon the planned expenditure of the money, Allen said the expanded rally squad, in need of a larger budget, will receive some of the money, while a large portion will go toward the development of the ASUO assembly. "Since such measures as the war board and the war loan drives have been curtailed, the funds will not go to further their operation, but will be distributed to the campus organizations."

People who have not had the chance to contribute voluntarily to this drive will be able to do so during winter term registration, Allen said.

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