

# Former Army Air Corps Pilot Tells Lost Tail Gunner Story

Piloting a bomber successfully through a bomb run while the tail gunner was hanging in mid-air was the difficult job of Larry Mitchell, who came to the campus as a freshman this fall.

"Mitch" went into the air corps in February, 1943, and was sent to Norwich, England, in October, 1944, with the 731 squadron, 425 group, 8th air force. According to Larry, his most outstanding mission was when they were bombing Ludwigshaven, Germany, with B-17's: "We were getting ready to go in on the bomb run," Larry related, "when the tail gunner lost his balance while trying to put on his pressure-break suit. He fell out of the tail of the plane to his waist and was hanging unconscious in mid-air, as his oxygen mask had come off in the fall. When he didn't answer the regular check for oxygen, the waist gunner investigated and called for more help. The turret was revolving and it was impossible to get to the unconscious man. The ball turret gunner, who had been in the medics, got over-excited in trying to give advice as to how to revive the tail gunner and passed out for lack of oxygen.

"By this time we were over the target," Larry continued, "and bombs were away. It was pure luck that none of the flak hit the gunner. The turret gunner was revived but further attempts to extricate the tail gunner were unsuccessful.

"After the target, we left the group formation and made a quick descent in the hopes that sudden atmospheric changes would revive him—they did," Larry concluded briefly. The now-conscious gunner was able to pull himself back into the plane, and Larry brought the bomber back to their base. Questioned as to how he felt while all this action was going on, Larry replied, "It was like listening to a soap-box opera—the situation kept getting worse."

The 22-year-old Portlander claims that no matter how far the Germans may be down, they are never out. As an example he explained, "We bombed all their oil supplies, so they used kerosene to fly their planes." The war ended while Mitch was on a naval

transport in mid-Atlantic heading for home. "There had been a bad submarine scare, but we all felt much better when we saw a German sub surface and surrender to one of our destroyers," Larry commented.

The brown-haired business administration major is living at Sigma Hall, and is working part-time "jerking sodas" at the Falcon. Asked if he had suffered any sickness or wounds while overseas, Mitch grinned and replied, "I came through the war unscathed, but with a worn-out mind."

## Notes on Record

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gan and Shaw, and leaving them to form his own band. Then the service, then out, and another band. But too advanced; the public didn't understand his music, so he broke it up. But this time he has hit it. This is it, Baby, and it jumps. It is mellow, and it is new.

They still have some rough spots but it is an exciting band. When Georgie takes his tenor on a jump riff, the band rocks, and so do you. When he comes on with his alto on a ballad, you move in compound low. He may sound like Hodges or Lester Young or Coleman Hawkins on certain riffs, but they have set the great alto and tenor patterns. But when he gives them the works he goes on and plays an Auld horn, setting a style of his own. I believe that in time he will be recognized as pre-eminently a style setter as the afore-mentioned gentlemen.

### Basic Kick

As for the band itself it is on a Basic kick, as have been his former bands. A lot of Basie blues patterns, and riff, but also a lot of head arrangements; i. e., arrangements that are worked out by the whole band, either on the spot, or at rehearsals.

At the present time Georgie is on his way east, but he was out on the West Coast this summer. Those of you who are from Southern California and heard him when he was in your section can testify to his power and his personality. He made a surprise one-night stand at Seaside late this summer, and knocked the cats, and even the squares, out.

So, good people, here is a band to watch, and remember.

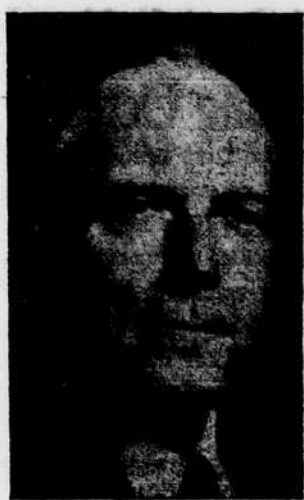
Take five, boys . . .

## Webfoot Band

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Jeanette Cheney, Barbara Sanford, french horns; Robert Lennerville, James Arment, Robert Busey, Lucille Gregg, Mary Hall, Bonita Jean Thompson, Erlen Lamien, Robert Pitterger, Fred Lynan, Norman Leckband, cornets; Jean Girst, Beverly Moses, Oboes; Jean Hudspeth, Darle West, bassoons; Lee Lauterdale, Lois Hill, flutes.

Bernice Gray, piccolo; Dick Pollock, Hurstell Edward Russell, baritones; Gordon Hogan, Irma Betty Sanford, Dorothy Merrill, Ray Reynolds, Ronald Smith, Bonnie Lou Green, David Mortimore, Robert Reeves, Gaylord Rose, trombones; Robert Wiseman, Ray Wiseman, tubas; Richard Shafer, bass tuba; Johnette King, Flora Mulkey, drums; and Kate Jean Ownbey, bass drum.



## Los Angeles Minister To Speak Here Twice

Dr. Louis T. Talbot, pastor of the Church of the Open Door and president of the Bible institute of Los Angeles, will speak at the First Baptist church Wednesday and Thursday nights of this week at 7:30 p.m.

Three times each week Dr. Talbot conducts a radio broadcast over 27 Pacific coast stations. He is known for his conference work and for the many books he has written.

Dr. Talbot's subject on Wednesday night will be "What Christ has said in regard to how the age will end, politically, religiously, and morally—are we approaching the end?" Thursday his topic will be "The Russian bear meets the Lion of the Tribe of Judah." The messages will be illustrated with the use of pictures.

## Future Shackrats Organize Tonight

Leonard Jermain, instructor in journalism and former Emerald editor, will discuss reporting and newswriting for the Emerald with all Emerald reporters now on the staff and all students interested in joining the newshounds, at a meeting tonight, 7:30 in the city room, ground floor, journalism building.

It is imperative that all reporters and potential reporters attend this meeting, Marguerite (Beaver) Wittwer, managing editor, said Tuesday, since the campus must depend on the reporting staff for continued complete and accurate news coverage.

"The Emerald has high standards to meet this year, standards set by staffs who have turned out Pacemaker and All-American Emeralds," Jeanne Simmonds, news editor, remarked. "Students interested not only in working for a better newspaper, but in gaining valuable newspaper experience, should take advantage of this opportunity to join the Emerald staff."

Molly had a little dress, A pink one—rather jolly. It didn't show the dirt a lot But, gosh—how it showed Molly!

## Yeomen Elect New Chairman

Lts. David Knox, Robert Sabin and Irving Hershman, former officers of the Yeomen (independent men's organization), recounted the history and the traditions of the group at a meeting Monday. These speakers especially stressed service to the student body as a whole, scholastic standards and a large and varied inexpensive social life for independent students, as a program for Yeomen.

An election was held in which Lewis E. Vogler, music major was elected temporary chairman to replace the president, John Craig, who is resigning because of other activities. In making this resignation Craig stated that he intends to remain an active member of the organization.

The retiring president led a discussion of plans for the coming school year which will include deserts, dances, intramural sports and service to the school. The Yeomen will meet for the second time this term at Gerlinger again Monday night at 7:30 p.m. All independent men who wish to join the group are invited to attend.

## Teachers' Association

Dr. Frank W. Parr, executive secretary of the Oregon State Teachers' association, has extended an invitation to all University faculty members to join the O.S.T.A., through a letter received by President Newburn. They will actively participate in its program and that of the National Education Association. Membership cards are available from Miss Gladys Kerlee in the president's office. Dues are one-half of one per cent of the teacher's annual salary. They cover memberships in the Oregon State Teachers' Association, the National Education Association, and the Department of Higher Education of the N.E.A.

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