

DR. JOHN MERRIAM DIES

Former Paleontologist and UO Lecturer Succumbs at 76 in Oakland, California

By NONA BRADLEY

Dr. John Campbell Merriam, paleontologist, educator, administrator, consultant, and lecturer on the human values of science and nature at the University, died Tuesday morning in Oakland, California.

Dr. Merriam was born October 20, 1869 at Hopkinton, Iowa. He was graduated from Lenox college, Iowa, in 1887 with a bachelor of science degree, and received his doctor's degree from the University of Munich, Ger-

many, in 1893.

A number of honorary degrees were given the educator by leading institutions of the country. He received honorary doctor of science degrees from Columbia university, Yale, Princeton, Pennsylvania, University of the State of New York, and Oregon State college. Honorary doctor of law degrees were awarded him by Wesleyan college, University of California, New York university, University of Michigan, Harvard,

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'Irreplaceable Loss to Scholarship Circles,' 'Stimulating Interest,' Say Colleagues

Dr. Frederick M. Hunter, chancellor of the state system of higher education, said of Dr. Merriam, "He has made an immeasurable contribution to scientific research, first as a great geologist and paleontologist at the University of California, then as president of the Carnegie Institution, and recently as consultant and lecturer on the human values of science and nature for the Oregon state system of higher education.

"His passing is an irreplaceable loss in all the scholarly communi-

ties where he worked, both in Oregon and elsewhere. Among his first great researches was the study of the John Day area. Consequently, when the Oregon committee on park problems approached him concerning the position with the state system, it was an opportunity for him to resume contact with his great interest in the John Day country. His contribution here was in keeping with his previous great work.

"As president of Oregon Insti- (Please turn to page seven)



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Dean Wickham Stresses Need Of Signing Out Parental Permission Necessary for Coeds, Heads of Houses Told

With emphasis on this week's football game in Portland, Mrs. Golda Wickham, dean of women, discussed the necessity of signing out, with members of Heads of Houses at a meeting Monday.

Mrs. Wickham stressed the importance of notifying house mothers of intention to leave the campus for any length of time, in addition to signing out with the dean's office. Women students are required to submit letters from their parents or guardians giving permission to leave Eugene.

Contributions Encouraged

Contributions to the Dean Schwering memorial scholarship fund initiated after the death of Mrs. Hazel Schwering, former dean of women, were discussed, and it was suggested that a silver tea be given to raise funds.

House presidents were asked to check fire inspection reports on their respective houses and improve conditions wherever so indicated.

Saving Seats Banned

It was announced that students will be denied the privilege of attending concerts sponsored by the (Please turn to page seven)

ATTENTION

ALL MEN'S AND WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS ARE REMINDED TO SUBMIT THEIR "BETTY COED - JOE COLLEGE" CANDIDATES PICTURES IN TO ANN BURGESS AT THE THETA HOUSE BY FIVE O'CLOCK, FRIDAY, NOV. 2.

'Of Mice and Men' Scheduled Tonight

"Of Mice and Men," movie version of John Steinbeck's famous novel, will be shown tonight in 207 Chapman hall. Lon Chaney Jr., Burgess Meredith, and Betty Fields portray the main characters in this drama, noted for its outstanding acting.

Selected short subjects will also be offered with the main feature. The movies are to last an hour and a half, and there will be two continuous showings, beginning at 7:30 p.m.



CARL C. WEBB . . .

Manager of the Oregon Newspaper Publishers association and recently named vice-president of the Newspaper Association Managers, an organization which covers the United States and Canada.

Train, Bus Schedules To Portland Reviewed

By Laura Olson

Two and possibly three extra train cars will be provided for students traveling to Portland this week-end for the game. However, these additional cars will be added only to the Southern Pacific train leaving Eugene at 1:46 p. m. Friday. Trains will leave Friday at 6 a. m., at which time seats will be assigned when tickets are bought; 9:36 a. m., this is the Cascade Beaver and all seats are reserved in advance; 1:46, students arriving first will get seats as there are no reservations on this train; 6:26 p. m., seats will be assigned when the tickets are purchased. This time schedule is in effect Friday and Saturday.

Coming Home

Trains will leave Portland for Eugene Sunday at 8 a. m., no reservations are needed for this train; 6:20 p. m., this is the Cascade and all seats are reserved in advance; 7:15 p. m., no reservations are necessary; and 10:00 p. m., reservations must be made in Portland for this train.

Price of a round trip ticket is \$5.69 while a one way ticket costs \$3.15. Round trip tickets are good for three months and one way tickets are good for 30 days. Passengers are asked to check baggage one half hour early.

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Final Tryouts At 2 in Johnson

The last call for tryouts for parts in the forthcoming production by the Guild theater has been issued by Horace Robinson, who will direct the next play. All students interested in drama are asked to meet at the Guild theater in Johnson hall this afternoon at 2.

This second production of the year will be "The Time of Your Life" by William Saroyan.

Top on Director Robinson's "wanted" list is a man who can dance like a combination of Gene Kelly and Fred Astaire and who can also act. Robinson is also looking for a harmonica player. Male students are especially invited to try for these parts.

Newspaper Publishers Plan Improvement, Says New Vice President of Association

By Maryann Howard

Carl C. Webb, assistant professor of journalism, returned to the campus last weekend, after attending a meeting of the Newspaper Association Managers in Chicago, as the newly-elected vice-president of that organization. The group is composed of field managers of 32 state, regional and national publishers' association in the United States and Canada. Since the new president is C. V. Charters, managing director of the Canadian Weekly Newspaper association with offices in Brampton, Canada, Webb will be the head man in the United States.

"Now that the war is over I can see vast changes in the thinking of newspaper publishers," stated Webb, also manager of the Oregon Newspaper Publisher's association.

"Publishers are much more interested in producing a better newspaper and they're thinking about how they can improve their product," he said. "The last two years they have been thinking only of how they can get by despite the materials and manpower shortages. Now they are looking ahead and are actually going into postwar projects which you have been hearing about." Also, said Webb, there will be a great deal of expansion when the material and personnel problems are solved. Even though government control on newsprint is expected to be lifted by the first of the year that will not mean that there will be any more available, but rather that it is up to the industry to work out the problem of production and distribution.

Other Meetings

Since Charters had to leave October 24, Webb represented the N.A.M. at the board of directors meeting of the National Editorial association the next day. Webb also attended the meeting of the advisory council of the N.E.A. This council is composed of officers, and directors of N.E.A. and field managers and officers of the various state associations as well as a number of N.E.A. committeemen all over the country. Not all the states were represented, but most of the Pacific Northwest states were. The only other Oregonian present was W. Verne McKinney of the Hillsboro Argus, as past president of the N.E.A. and chairman of the board of directors.

Promotion Campaigns

Webb attended two other meetings which were held Saturday. There was a morning meeting of the Weekly Newspaper Promotion bureau, which is affiliated with the N.E.A. and which conducts research studies, assembles information about the work of newspapers and conducts promotion campaigns to acquaint people with the value

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Concert Slated Thursday Night

A repertoire that includes outstanding works of the classical composers as well as original compositions is on the program for the first campus recital by Ralph Briggs, assistant professor of piano at the University school of music. He will be presented to campus and Eugene music lovers Thursday at 8:15 p. m. in the music auditorium.

Selections from Bach, Beethoven, Brahms and Chopin will be heard.

Briggs, new on the campus this term, transferred from Ohio Wesleyan university, Delaware, Ohio.

While attending the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music, Briggs was elected to membership in Phi Mu Alpha, men's national music fraternity, and served as both secretary and president of the local group. In 1927 he was awarded the Juilliard musical foundation scholarship.

"Scherzo for Two Pianos," an original composition by Briggs took first place in 1941 in the Kansas Federated Music clubs composition contest, and in 1944 he took second place in the same contest with "Caprice for Violin and Piano." On the program he will play for his Eugene audience Thursday, he will present one of his own compositions, "Novelette."

Play Billed For Final Showing This Evening

Final performance of Ballard's uproariously funny court comedy "Ladies of the Jury" goes on stage this evening at 8:00 p. m. in the Guild theater, Johnson hall. Under the direction of Otille Seybolt, the play is the opener of the 1945 University Guild season. A gay farce, the plot deals largely with the skillful maneuvering of a murder trial jury by Mrs. Livingston Baldwyn Crane, a role delightfully portrayed by Marilyn Wherry.