

Smitty's Story Reveals Long Service; Still Strong on His 70th Birthday

By BARBARA HEYWOOD

"I wouldn't even mind if Santa forgot me sometime," said R. L. Smith, "Smitty," janitor at the Co-op.

We were talking about the way people forget anniversaries; but to prove that everybody doesn't get forgotten all of the time, here is a happy birthday story for Smitty. He is 70 years old today.

Nebraska Born

Smitty didn't seem to think his trip from his Nebraska farm to Oregon over 40 years ago is much of a story. "We just hitched up a team of horses and came," he said. "Mother—she taught me how to dust—and Daddy and me."

"I didn't have a wife then. Met my wife in Roseburg. It wouldn't do to have two people from Nebraska get together," he confided with a little laugh that made bright water stand in his eyes.

Reminisces Proposal

"Oh, I can't remember how I met her," Smitty looked shy and his hands played nervously with a marking pencil. "You know how that is. You see people around and—well, nobody ever says no," he finished candidly.

Just a little embarrassed when he couldn't remember his wedding anniversary, Smitty said, "You should ask Mamma. She can remember the birthdays and wedding anniversaries of all 75 of our relatives."

40 Years Here

The Smiths who have been in Eugene for 40 years, have a house on Willamette street. "This is the first year I haven't gotten around to planting the garden," said Smitty with a bit of regret showing in his blue eyes. "The dog's gone now, too," he added. "He got run over." Smitty considered the Smith cat hardly worth mention.



"SMITTY"

Smitty has been working at the Co-op for 11 or 12 years, having begun when the Co-op was in the present Westgate Shoppe.

"Oh, I don't think kids have changed much, do you?" asked the wizened little janitor in his kind way. "Maybe the girls do smoke more, but that's all right. My aunt smoked a pipe for years," he said.

Loves' Long Skirts

"I just love them" was Smitty's

comment on long skirts, but when asked how he liked the Eastern trend for short pants for men—he didn't. "Never did like short pants. Wouldn't even wear them when I was little. Besides, your socks have to be too long."

"You aren't going to print all this stuff, are you?" Smitty asked pleadingly when we got ready to duck out into the rain again. But we did, and so ends today's happy birthday story.

Honorary Wins Service Award

Nu chapter of Mu Phi Epsilon, women's music honorary, was presented a national service award Tuesday for being "the most outstanding chapter in the nation in the field of proficiency and promptness in transaction with the national office" during the past year.

Active clubs numbering 101 through out the nation were also eligible for the award which is accompanied by \$25 cash. The money will be added to the Nu chapter's treasury.

Local president Wilma Jean Wilson, received announcement Tuesday in a letter from Ava Commin Case, national president of Mu Phi Epsilon. Winner of the award is chosen at the annual meeting of the national council.

Among other activities, the Oregon chapter helped install new officers and initiate new members in a Lewis and Clark chapter, and contributed eight articles to the national honorary's publication, "Triangle" last year.

Other officers of the chapter are Mary Margaret Dundore, vice president; Helen Hudson, recording secretary; Joyce Davis, corresponding secretary; Dorthea Schaefer, historian; Margaret Holm, treasurer; and Claire Lewis, alumni secretary.

Two donations a year from every person on the campus is the goal of the committee in charge of blood donations for University of British Columbia in a forthcoming drive.

Religion Division Engages Lecturers

Two lecturers have been engaged by the department of religion to deliver speeches during winter and spring term, Dr. Paul Means, head of the department of religion, announced yesterday.

Dr. Edgar J. Goodspeed, formerly a member of the faculty of the University of Chicago, will lecture here February 1 to 15 on the found-

ing of the Christian church, and will also be available for the University lecture series. Dr. Goodspeed, who recently taught at UCLA, is the author of several books on the New Testament.

Two courses offered during spring term will be taught by Dr. Henry N. Wieman, recently retired from the University of Chicago divinity school. He will teach the philosophy of religion and contemporary crisis of our civilization.



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Dean Writes Article

Dr. Eldon L. Johnson, dean of the college of liberal arts and the graduate school, is the author of the article, "Government by Habit," in the fall issue of Pacific Spectator published by the Stanford university press.

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