

A Worthy Cause

The March of Dimes has now become as familiar to the public mind as the Red Cross or the Community Chest. Yet this drive is one of the newest to be put into effect.

Recognizing the need for medical research and aid to victims, the people of the nation have become more and more interested in contributing to the March of Dimes.

Yet, with all the work that is being done to delve into the mysteries of poliomyelitis, little is actually known about its causes. It may strike upon one person in the family and pass over the others. Sometimes whole families are stricken. There are theories that it may be communicated through contact, food, or drink, but research has not yet definitely established just how polio is contracted.

Theories on cures, too, may differ widely. Sister Kenny's methods are now being taught and studied in some of the leading hospitals and medical schools.

Whatever the cause, whatever the cure for infantile paralysis, funds from the March of Dimes will be used in discovering them.

In spite of all the work that has been going on, incidence of polio is on the increase. 1948 was the sixth consecutive year in which its prevalence was so noticeable.

Trained doctors and nurses who are trained to cope with the problem are few. It has often been necessary to send these specialists from one city or district to another, leaving yet another district short-handed.

There's no need to say more. There's no doubt about the worthiness of the drive. It we would rid the nation and mankind of one of its worst afflictions, this is the time and way to do it. Fall in with the March of Dimes. J.G.

American AIRPLANES

By TOM MARQUIS

Hearing Abe Burrows on the "Bing Crosby Show" Wednesday night made me start wondering again why some smart sponsor doesn't grab him off pronto.

Abe himself seemed at something of a loss to describe his rapid decline in the field of radio art. As he so neatly put it: "Only one year in radio and I've already lost my sponsor."

Anyone who has heard Abe and his wonderful parodies on the present crop of Tin Pan Alley offerings will probably wonder along with me why somebody doesn't get smart and put him to work. Some of his better known compositions are "The Girl With the Three Blue Eyes," "Wandering Down Memory Lane With Nothing to Remember," and "If You Were the Only Girl in the World and I Were the Only Boy, All Right—But Right Now Leave Me Alone."

It doesn't take much of an imagination to see that Abe has quite a sharp sense of humor. He's not suffering from radio's lack of interest, being pretty busy with night club engagements, but personally feel radio is suffering from a lack of Abe Burrows.

To help shake the old Monday blues try listening to "The Railroad Hour." Heard every Monday on ABC at 8 p.m. PST, this show offers a host of good entertainment presented by a topflight

group of stars.

Host of the show is the young newcomer Gordon MacRae who is on hand every Monday to welcome the shows famous guests.

The program offers outstanding musical productions originally seen on Broadway, often with the stars who made the show a success. Host MacRae sings one of the prominent parts and the guests do the rest.

Recently Eddie Cantor recreated the role he made famous in "Whoopie." Jeanette MacDonald sang her original role of "Naughty Marietta." Next Monday, January 31, Miss MacDonald returns to the program for the presentation of "Bitter Sweet." On February 7 Patrice Munsel will be present for "Rose Marie," with the help of comedian Pinky Lee.

Our best recommendation goes along to "The Railroad Hour."

Sunday, which is the day before Monday, Fred Allen will venture forth from "Allen's Alley" to do a spot as commentator for "Living—1949's" query into "The State of American Humor."

The program will attempt to trace humor from its origin:

First Cave Man—Who was that lady I saw you with last night?

Second Cave Man—That was no lady, that was my dinosaur.

to its present state of development. Allen can think of no other joke that could have preceded the one listed above.

Footnotes

Columnist Would Add a Class In Advanced Ice Navigation

By Michael Callahan

Revising the list of classes offered at this University has long been a favorite pastime of columnists. Now that winter has closed every school within a radius of ten miles (except for our owl dear home), it might be worthwhile to take a second look and see if we are getting a square deal on our monthly checks.

First off, it is obvious that all is not as it should be in the physical education school. A glance at the catalog shows that the Jack Armstrong department is offering such odd courses this term as "Advanced Apparatus" and something rather improbably called "Principles of Camp Leadership." I must find out if they have a winter lab in that last one.

From here it would seem that a wiser course for the PE school might be "Advanced Ice Navigation." This could cover as subject matter such important points as how to roll under cars after slipping in front of them, how to get down the 19th street hill in one piece, and how to spot the edge of a curb under two feet of snow. It can, at least, be said that the prof would have no trouble with grades here, as the slower students will also be extremely dead students in no time at all.

"Ice Navigation I and II" would also meet with official approval because its graduates could be converted into first rate commandos for the next Big Shoot.

Skipping over to the architect-

ture school, I find valuable hours being wasted in construction classes on such useless objects as plumbing, ventilation, acoustics, and so on. It is about time some one mentioned this, because with the annual spring flood right around the corner (it should be a whopper with all the snow scattered around), the shortage of good, qualified boat builders is going to get mighty acute.

To wind things up, another big change could be made in the psychology department's courses. Although hour after hour is given over to such obscure matters as psychometrics (it has something to do with batteries and Christmas lights) and counseling procedures, not one course tells a thing about—well, let's call it "Abnormal Drivers I and II."

Every one knows, of course, that there are drivers and then there are wild-eyed jet pilots whose aim is uncanny. These last are the ones that zoom up and down 13th street, and always seem to be lurking on the campus street corners.

In all fairness it must be said that the psych course titled "Psychology of Testimony," which concerns itself with reliable testimony and proof of guilt, is a step along the right direction, but somehow it doesn't seem to have the right spirit of "safety first." No sense in being pessimistic, after all!

The small list of changes that I have offered is naturally rather brief, but perhaps someone will carry the ball from here. Reform is a great thing, and we might as well clear away the deadwood before they throw the midterms at us.



With the Legislators Salem

Four senate Democrats introduced a bill yesterday to make presidential candidates in the Oregon primary file campaign expense statements with the secretary of state.

The bill is the outgrowth of last May's presidential primary battle in Oregon between Thomas E. Dewey and Harold Stassen.

Democrats attempted to force Dewey and Stassen to file statements, but the attorney general ruled the campaign expense statement does not apply to presidential candidates.

The new bill provides that if such candidate fails to file his expense statement, he would be barred from appearing on the following general election ballot.

Sponsors of the bill are Sens. Richard L. Neuberger, Portland; Ben Musa, The Dalles; Robert D. Holmes, Gearhart; and Austin Flegel, Portland.

Washington

Rep. Tollefson (R-Wash) said he believes a housing bill introduced by 11 Republicans in the house yesterday is the best answer to the nation's housing needs that can be worked out.

Tollefson is the group's only member from the Pacific Northwest. He has worked since the opening of congress with the house group and a similar senate group to perfect the measure.

It would provide for 810,000 homes at a rate of up to 200,000 a year, with the entire program to be completed in a maximum of six years.

"This legislation, in the opinion of its sponsors, is superior to the administration sponsored Ellender bill in that it more nearly meets the needs for low cost housing, slum clearance and rural housing at a much less cost to the administration," Tollefson told a reporter.

"The measure also differs from the administration backed bill in that it provides direct loans to lower middle-income families (\$2,000 to \$3,500) for housing not to exceed 60,000 units a year."

Tollefson said the measure also would provide federal funds for housing cooperatives and limited dividend corporations. It would amend the federal housing act, too, to make more money for housing loans available to banks and financial institutions.

A somewhat similar bill introduced in the senate today, had Senator Morse (R-Ore) among its sponsors.

ence between Marxian dialectics and Fabian socialism. Unless, of course, he has sneaked into a secluded corner with copies of "Das Kapital" and Shaw's "The Intelligent Women's Guide to Socialism."

If Kane cares to contradict this observation, then let him consider, before speaking, that he is guilty of un-American activities and disloyalty to the conservative majority. He has betrayed the purity of thought on this campus, weakened the majority, by inspecting left-wing doctrines.

But the implications of Kane's intellectual farce do not end with merely self-disqualification to ramble through the fields of political thought.

No, they go so far as to explain why the General MacArthur-Colonel Robert E. McCormick American military government in Japan can restore the cartelized industrial structure and the aggressive potential of Japan with-

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From Our Mailbag

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SOME PROPOSALS

To the Editor:

Why do we hear the cry, "Red menace!"?

Perhaps this is the explanation:

1. There is no political theory competing successfully in the world with the one activated by Russia.

2. Many of us do not wish to live in a socialistic or communistic society.

3. We do not know how to fight these ideologies with reason.

Therefore, in order that we may take a more active part in determining our futures, I propose:

1. A lecture series in McArthur court on past and present political theories and social movements.

2. School sponsored and faculty led, small discussion groups to develop our ideas.

3. Student debates on the important issues of our time.

4. In the Emerald, a suggestion column for the improvement of our society, with contributions by the faculty and students.

No force will stop an idea, unless it is a better idea put into action. The believers will continue to spread their gospel as long as they live. To develop and initiate a better political theory is our problem today. It is as much our responsibility as it is our legislator's; maybe more; we have a greater stake.

Donn Hopkins

REPLY TO KANE

To the Editor:

When the Emerald's columnist Hank Kane strays "from the safe field of attempted humor and good-natured satire," as he puts it, to expound the meaning of American freedom, the result is nothing other than degeneration from attempted humor to intellectual farce.

First of all, Kane disqualifies himself from any serious, rational discussion of political theory. He is in too much of a hurry to display his abject conformity to prevailing political winds.

Referring to the conservative Oregon student who discovers his American government professor has departed from the textbook and is teaching socialism instead of American government, Kane declares the student "quickly cures his incipient case of high blood pressure by simply changing his section. . ." As Kane so obviously places himself among the predominately conservative part of the student body, the fact then must appear that he has never permitted himself to hear the arguments for socialism.

In using the City College of New York as an example of the horrible consequences of a minority using a school as a "forum for Marxian dialectics," Kane is hardly in a position to act as a judge of what is or what is not Marxian dialectics.

For by his own remarks, he could not possibly tell the differ-

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