

'Miss Bobcat'? Oregana Editors Make Choice for High School

Poise . . . personality . . . or what are the characteristics of a "Miss Bobcat"?

Trudi Chernis and Larry Davidson, editor and managing editor of the 1949 Oregana, were faced with that question this week. They were judges of the first annual "Miss Bobcat" contest sponsored by the yearbook of Union high school.

"Miss Oregana" of the Oregon campus inspired the high school title. Union high's yearbook is called the Bobcat.

Miss Chernis and Davidson picked the winner Thursday from photographs of three finalists. A freshman girl won over a sophomore and senior.

Counselor Jobs Open

Upperclass women interested in summer camp counselor positions in the San Juan islands of northern Washington may contact the office of Golda P. Wickham, director of women's affairs, for further information.

Instructors or assistants for various camp activities are wanted by the Four Winds camp at Deer Harbor, Washington.

Houses Solve Mail Problem

Vergil S. Fogdall, director of men's affairs, yesterday commended the presidents of men's and women's living organizations for their handling of the mail distribution situation during the spring holidays.

After the Christmas vacation, a complaint was received from the post office department about the confusion in mail deliveries resulting from the closing of living organizations.

House presidents were asked by Fogdall to arrange for someone to pick up mail at the house or to have mail delivered at the Eugene home of one of its members.

A letter from Eugene postmaster Ethan L. Newman during the holidays commented on the improved situation resulting from this cooperation.

Stag lines

By Al Pietschman

. . . spring time is romance time and if you get the starry-eyed look, remember that for the very finest in diamonds, it is Carl Greve's, Jeweler, Portland, Oregon.

. . . the vacation saw a lot of Ducks leave the wet state and head for sunny California. The suntans brought back from LA make most pale-faced Oregonians rather envious. If only this spring term will be like the one two years ago when everyone sported wonderful tans by Junnior Weekend time.

. . . Lau's information about Dr. Wright and Dr. Dull being rated as "Outstanding" professors comes as no surprise to those students fortunate to get into their classes. Both men should be put on a pedestal for all professors to aim for. They are both conscientious and fair.

. . . the newest promotoin by Chesterfields is "Buy 'Em by the Carton" and in line with this we are starting a contest out here (yep, another one.) Each week the other Chesterfield rep, Kit Wilhelm, will put a slip into a carton of Chesterfields at the Co-op, the Side, The Bird, and Lemon "O." If you buy a carton of Chesterfields and it has the lucky slip in it, you get a free carton of smokes. So, "Buy 'Em by the Carton."—(Pd. Adv.)

Names Offer Varied Seletion

Oregon students are in a favorable geographical position to explore some of the fabulous place names that crowd the maps of the great Northwest.

Surrounding us are names of rivers, towns, counties, and areas that are fun just to roll off the tongue, even without knowing their meaning.

Some of the richest Oregon and Pacific Northwest place names are rooted in the Indian languages. Others are connected with early history or from other languages.

French Name Town

One of the most interesting of Oregon names is The Dalles. Its origin is the French word meaning "flagstone" and the name was given to the city by the Hudsons Bay company because of the resemblance to flagstones of the deep stone chasms that formed a narrow passage for the river near there.

Eugene follows a widespread practice of being named for its first settler, Eugene F. Skinner, but our neighbors in corn valley seem to have picked up a south-of-the-border influence. Corvallis is formed from two Spanish words meaning "Heart of the valley."

Toss Decides Name

The big town, Portland, received its name in sort of a haphazard fashion. Two early settlers, one from Boston, Mass., and the other from Portland, Maine decided the whole thing with the toss of a copper.

Indian names offer some real tongue twisters to say nothing of spelling difficulties. Take the little village of Skookumshuck in Lewis county, Washington. It's Indian for "strong water."

Indeed the references to water are many in Indian names. Skamania county in Washington refers to the Indian word for "swift waters." The Willamette river, said originally to have been Walamet, has the same roots as Walla Walla and Wallula and means "running water." One authority insists, however, that Willamette is Indian for "long and beautiful river."

Multnomah county also comes in for a damp name. It means simply "Down river."

Indian Name

Still in the water, Wallowa county and river is an Indian name for a tripod which holds fishing traps in the water.

The Indian tribes come in for their share of glory. Wahkiakum county in Washington is a good example.

Oregon history gives us Astoria and the John Day country and river. The former was named for John Jacob Astor of the Hudsons Bay company and the latter for a member of the Astoria overland expedition of early days.

Admiration must be expressed for anybody who can remember enough of what happened at the cocktail party to testify about it in court.

Back to Civilization



Movie Actor Robert Mitchum (left) greets that California sunshine after serving 59 days of a 60-day sentence for a narcotics violation. At right, Lila Leeds waved a farewell as she entered the county jail elevator in Los Angeles as she completed her sentence on a like charge. She and Mitchum were arrested together. (AP Wirephoto)

Who Would See Ganoë Returns The Difference? For Treatment

BOSTON—(AP)—The Senator's civic pride was hurt.

"I wouldn't mind," State Senator Joseph A. Gibney (D-Webster) told the other Massachusetts senators "If legislative documents left out one, or two or even three letters of the name of the lake in my home town.

"But they left out 28!"

The lake, Gibney, added is named (he drew a deep breath at this point):

"Lake Chargoggagoggmanchau-ggagoggchaubunagungamaugg."

"It means—in Indian: You fish on your side; I'll fish on my side, and nobody fishes in the middle."

Since nobody else would pronounce it, the other senators just voted for the bill under discussion. It changes the date of the fishing season. The name in the document remained unchanged.

Wesley House

An April Fool's party will be held tonight at Wesley house at 8 o'clock. Events of the evening will include a weiner roast, games, stunts, and singing.

The student council is in charge under the direction of Cathy Dobson. Frank Blenkinsop is in charge of publicity. Al Gordon will be in charge of decorations and Fran Dunn will be responsible for food.

Everyone is welcome and new students are also invited.

Nature arranges things so well that the wind blows hardest high up in the sky, where there's nothing to be tipped over.

Professors Speak

Samuel N. Dicken, head of the geology and geography department, and S. D. Erickson, assistant professor of geography, spoke to the Oregon Educational association in Portland Thursday. Dicken discussed techniques of teaching Oregon geography and Erickson covered the steel industry of the western United States.

YWCA Plans Retreat

Campus YWCA cabinet members and junior advisers will retreat to Yachats this weekend to plan a program for the ensuing year.

Mrs. Gladys Lawther, regional secretary for student YWCA groups, will confer with the group.

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