

Pioneer Mom Silent, But Beloved

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There is on this campus a woman who never speaks to anyone. She is, without a doubt, the coldest woman you could ever expect to meet.

Perhaps this description is a little harsh because, despite all her coldness, she is one of the most respected and beloved women that makes up a part of our school.

Who is this woman with such a cold personality? Well, for the information of the few who have never trod the quads between Hendricks and Susan Campbell Halls, she is reverently known as the Pioneer Mother.

Tradition for Luck

Yes, the Pioneer Mother is pretty well known by all. Many traditions surround her being here, such as tossing pennies into her lap for good luck during final week.

But there is much more to her being here than just tradition. She is a representative of a group that is directly and indirectly responsible for our school being here. She is a part of Oregon's great history. She is the spirit of peace and achievement.

The Pioneer Mother was presented to the University in 1932 by B. Brown Barker, who was at that time vice-president of the University. The statue was presented as a memorial to Mr. Barker's mother, Elvira Brown Barker, but was dedicated to all pioneer mothers.

She was sculptured by A. Phinister Proctor, who also created the Pioneer Father, and as Mr. Proctor put it, she was to depict

"the pioneer mother in the sunset of her life."

Presented in 1932

The bronze memorial of the mother seated in a chair reading her Bible was unveiled during junior weekend ceremonies in May of 1932 by Barbara Barker, granddaughter of Elvira Barker. At the dedication Arnold Bennett Hall, who was then president of the University, read a letter from President Hoover congratulating and thanking Mr. Barker for his gift.

But there's more to the history of the Pioneer Mother than just dedication ceremonies. The real history lies in the woman she represents, Elvira Brown Barker.

Over Oregon Trail

Elvira Brown Barker was born in Wilmington, Ill., in 1844. She came west with her family in 1847 over the famous Oregon Trail in one of the large wagon trains of that era. The train had many hardships facing them during its trip, but going was the hardest over the Barlow Road section when members of the train were near starvation and many died. It was while going through this section that Elvira's father, a leader in the train, met his death.

Elvira and her family settled on a farm near Philomath, Ore., where she grew up. She died in 1924 after a long and colorful life.

History Represented

Yes, the history of the pioneer period and the people who made that history is great and colorful. The plaques on the pink granite base of our statue picture quite clearly what hardships were suf-

fered to make that history so real for us today to point to with pride.

However, the pride of the giver of our statue takes a different form than that of hardship. On the back of the granite base is another plaque which few would ever notice, but it would do us good to heed the words which were penned by B. Brown Barker, the giver, and apply his words to ourselves when we too approach the sunset of our lives. The plaque reads:

Dedication Given

"Others have perpetuated her struggle; I want to perpetuate the peace which follows her struggles. Others have perpetuated her adventures; I want to perpetuate the spirit which made the adventures possible, and the joy which crowned her declining years as she looked upon the fruits of her labor and caught but a glimpse of what it will mean for posterity.

"I want to recall her as I recall my mother, Elvira Brown Barker, a pioneer of 1847 in the sunset of her life after the hardships and the battles and the sorrows of pioneering were past and she sat in the afterglow of her twilight days resting from her labors. All her hardships and sorrows have softened in the telling in her later life, and her rugged endurance has mellowed with her fading memory; but to us there lives that spirit of conquering peace which I wish posterity to remember."

Code Books Go To Defendants

The Oral Arguments case of Jenkins vs. Forenson was debated Monday night by Law School finalists, with defendants Ted Goodwin and Jim Horang winning.

Although the prize of Code books was won by the defendants, the case was awarded to the plaintiffs who put forth the better evidence of law. They took the stand that their client's property had been trespassed upon and the result was a nuisance.

With these points the plaintiffs proved that there was a technical trespass because of the actual use of a building of another for unjust enrichment. The court found this argument well grounded although there was no actual damage.

It was the defendants' stand that because no damage had occurred, no compensation should be allowed. This stand was shaken by the rebuttal of the council put forth by Bill Tassock.

The judges who decided the case were Judge William G. East, Judge A. Anderson, and Judge John Barber. They were of the opinion that the cases were well presented and the questions put forth were answered with intelligence and knowledge.

The winners of the contest are to receive a set of code books "Oregon Compiled Laws Annotated" donated by the firm of Koerner, Young, Swette, and McCulloch of Portland.

Music Lecture Slated

"Atonality—The Emancipation of the Dissonance," will be discussed by Arnold Elston, associate professor of music, at the first winter term meeting of the Journal Club at 8 p.m., Feb. 15, in room 202 of the new music building.

All interested persons are invited to the lecture and to join in the informal discussion afterward.

All-Campus Dinner Planned Sunday To Start Religious Evaluation Week

The first event of Religious Evaluation Week, Feb. 12 through 16, will be an all-campus fellowship dinner at 5:30 p.m. Sunday at John Straub Hall.

Tickets for the dinner, at 55 cents a plate, are now on sale in the Co-op, in campus living organizations, and church youth foundations.

Living organization representatives are requested by dinner chairman George DeBell to turn in their tickets and money by 5 p.m. today at the Co-op booth.

Newburn to Speak

University President Harry K. Newburn will introduce the principal speaker for the week, Dr. Charles W. Gilkey, at the dinner.

Dr. Gilkey, a nationwide lecturer, will deliver a daily series of five lectures during the week on the general theme "First-Hand Religion." He will be accompanied by his wife, a national leader in the YWCA and the Council of Church Women.

ASUO President Art Johnson will speak briefly at the dinner program. Group singing and special music will be featured.

City to Join Campus

The opening meeting of Religious Evaluation Week will be held at 7:30 in the Music Auditorium. Campus and city will join in a union worship service, with local ministers, and the Eugene High School Acapella Choir participating.

Dr. Gilkey will deliver his first address of the week, "How Long Will Cut Flowers Last?" at the union meeting.

Four additional platform addresses will be delivered during the week. Monday at 4 p.m., Dr. Gilkey will address his audience in the new University Theater; Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday he will speak at 4 p.m. in 3 Fenton.

Other daily events of the week will include morning worship services at 7:30 a.m. in Gerlinger's Alumni Hall.

Bridge Tourney Skeleton Added To Anthro Classes

Oregon contract bridge enthusiasts will have a chance to match card-table skill with other college players in the annual Intercollegiate Bridge Tournament Feb. 23 and 24.

The local tournament is sponsored by the Student Union Board and directed by Mrs. W. C. Balaire, assisted by Phyllis Gardner and Corlista Vonderahe.

Teams interested in competing should turn in their names to Miss Gardner or Miss Vonderahe at the Alpha Phi house before 5 p.m. Friday. If more than four Oregon teams enter, a campus play-off will be held next week, according to tourney directors.

Four top teams from Oregon will then compete in the Western regional mail elimination play-off later this month. Winners of the Western sector, which includes all colleges west of the Mississippi, will be sent to a national championship play-off in Chicago in April.

The Western play-off will be a standard contract mail tournament. Teams will play prepared hands and high scores will be forwarded to tournament headquarters where regional winners will be selected.

City Group Gives Term Scholarship

Deadline for submitting applications for a spring term scholarship offered by the Eugene group of Quota International is Feb. 20, Mrs. James V. Danielson, service chairman, reports.

One University woman student will be awarded the scholarship, which covers fees for the coming spring term.

Application blanks may be obtained from Mrs. Golda P. Wickham, director of women's affairs, in room 201, Emerald Hall. Mrs. Wickham urges women interested to apply immediately.

A six-woman committee from the Quota group will judge applications on six main points. These are scholarship, promise, personality, activities, and financial need.

Winner of the scholarship will be announced Mar. 22.

Dr. W. S. Laughlin's advanced classes in physical anthropology have a new addition. Looking on from the sidelines in the future will be the "fantastically large" skeleton of a gorilla.

Dr. Laughlin, whose classes are taught to measure and compare the sex, race, and age of human skeletons, feels that the new skeleton will be of great assistance in the study of the evolution of human beings.

The newly acquired gorilla will be placed in a collection which eventually will contain examples of all the anthropoid apes. Already included are the skeleton of a chimpanzee and the forearm of an orangutan.

Services Today For Senior Girl

Funeral services for Dora Mae Hohmann, 24, senior in history during fall term, will be held at 2 p.m. today at the Poole-Larsen Funeral Chapel in Eugene. The body will be shipped to Baker, her birthplace, for interment.

Mrs. Hohmann, a four-year student at the University, died Sunday morning. Her newborn baby died Tuesday morning.

Mrs. Hohmann is survived by her widower, William D. Hohmann, whom she married in March, 1946; her mother, Mrs. Lavina Powers, a step-brother, Estel Powers; and a step-sister, Mrs. Madge Francis, all of Baker.

University Life Topic of Speech

Mrs. Golda P. Wickham, director of women's affairs, will speak today before high seniors in Junction City and Halsey on life in the University.

Representatives from Oregon State College, the colleges of education, and the State Board of Higher Education will also talk to the seniors. The group plans to visit high schools throughout the state to give information about Oregon colleges and universities.

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