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-- Letters to the Editor --

"Big Brothers..."

Emerald Editor:
 You are to be commended for your February 1st consideration of the local juvenile problem. The YMCA "Big Brothers" movement appears to be well intended; however, your article suggests that more harm than good will come of these good intentions unless the "Big Brothers" have a deeper understanding of the total situation than do Mr. Briggs and Mr. Wilhelm.

While enjoying the feeling of "being a bit more broad minded" and "being an influence on a person's character," you might benefit from an inward look at the origin of your brotherly motivation. Unless you have a sincere and unselfish concern for each boy with whom you come into contact, all your efforts will be in vain. Your "Little Brothers" will be the first to perceive an artificial sympathy since most of them have spent the majority of their lives actively combatting the insincerity of adults.

If Mr. Briggs and Mr. Wilhelm are sincere in their interests, I find it difficult to understand why they feel called upon to condemn publicly the institution in this county that has accomplished more than any other in the attempt to improve the lot of underprivileged and mistreated juveniles when they are clearly not in possession of the facts. For the enlightenment of these well-meaning "Big Brothers" and those who have accepted their report as factual, here is the correct information on the conditions at the Skipworth Home which, out of ignorance, have been "deplored."

The supervisor, rather than having had "no training in sociology," has a BA in Sociology and Psychology, has completed 20 hours of special studies at the graduate level, worked with Portland psychiatrists in the handling of juvenile cases, and has for some time cooperated with the U. of O. Psychology Department in the handling of psychological care for boys that come to the home. His wife has had an equal amount of training in sociology. The program director taught at the college level for five years and is presently at work on his doctor's degree.

Through the efforts of these people and those they have found to give much-needed assistance, an old machine-shed has been converted into a modern building with a schoolroom, counseling room, five boys' bedrooms and a 30 by 40 ft. gym. Community aid has helped to make possible a home which has been greatly ap-

preciated by most of the boys who have lived there during the past year and a half.

Further assistance is needed, and suggestions for improvements are welcomed by the staff. However, persons who have the welfare of the boys in mind would do well to know something of the present organization and philosophy of the home before they pass flippant judgments that may hinder the work presently being done. If Mr. Briggs and Mr. Wilhelm are interested in obtaining further information about the situation facing them, I welcome an opportunity to be of assistance.

Bruce Anawalt
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Without Fear or Favor

Emerald Editor:
 It has been a source of satisfaction to me to see how you run your news in the Emerald. I have had some experience with other college newspapers and I have yet to see one that covers the police beat without fear or favor.

I am referring, of course, to your seeming policy of running the names of every University student that runs afoul of the law. There is something to be said on both sides of the question. From a professional newspaperman's viewpoint you are to be congratulated. From the viewpoint of some members of the administration, no doubt, you are poking your nose into business which is no concern of yours.

Of course, the issue is not so clear-cut as that, but I gather there are some of the powers that be who would heave a sigh of relief if you would cease and desist your newshawk activities insofar as the police blotter is concerned.

But yesterday you scored a clean beat on those who impute ulterior motives to your straightforward action. I notice you had a small story on page six which included the name of one of your journalism instructors. Surely, you could (if you were slanting your news either by sins of commission or omission) have killed that item. But you didn't. Congratulations!

Name withheld by request

From the Morgue...

20 YEARS AGO

Feb. 5, 1932—Law School students indict co-eds. The defendants must appear at "Barristers' Ball" Feb. 10. Said Dave Epps, general chairman of the ball, "All the 'Lizzy Does' must appear at the ball or have judgment taken against them for breach of promise and contempt of court."

Your EMERALD ...and You

"Why'd THAT story go on page one? How'd you find out about it? Who's responsible?"

Those are only a few of the questions we anticipate each time our phone rings, or when students come to the door with a "May I see you for a moment?"

We're always glad to talk to these people and help straighten them out on our policies and organization.

So we got to thinking the other day that, if people take the time and effort to walk over here, or give us a ring, many others, who we never see or hear, must have the same questions.

We'd like to answer these other questions. So we're going to give it a try under the heading of this column, "It's YOUR Emerald column, "Your Emerald and You."

What'll we say? Things we think you, our readers, might like to know. We'll discuss why some stories are run the way they are, why they're on page one or eight, who's responsible for what's in the paper, and so on.

Who Does What?

For instance, do you know that one person—Phil Bettens, senior in journalism and Emerald managing editor—is responsible for the placement of the news, the size of headlines, the pictures, in short, the general news operation of the paper. He has four what-we call "makeup" (not the lipstick and rouge variety) editors working under him—each taking a 4 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. shift once a week. It's their news judgment that determines whether or not a story is important enough, or will attract enough interest, to hold a page one spot.

News Editor Larry Hobart, junior in journalism, is the man who says what's news and what isn't. He's in charge of all the writing—other than sports and editorial—in the paper. If he doesn't think a story is written according to journalistic standards, he changes it.

If any of you have a news tip or story for the Emerald, he's the one to call or drop by and see.

Did you realize that many of the Emerald's headlines are set—letter by letter—by hand? This, and the all-important job of proof reading (finding and changing the errors in type that comes off the typesetting machines) is in the hands of Chief Night Editor Sarah Turnbull, junior in foreign languages.

And the ads, those revenue-producing pieces of copy that make it possible for you to receive an eight-page daily newspaper, are the responsibility of Business Manager Bob Greenlee, senior in journalism, and Advertising Manager Carolyn Silva, junior in political science.

Sports Side

News of how our basketball team's doing—and all the other sporting stories—come under the jurisdiction of Sports Editor Bill Gurney, sophomore in liberal arts.

These are people most of you don't know personally... you probably never will. But you know them through the Emerald. What you read is the result of their work.

We've taken enough space here to tell you about "Your Emerald and You" column. You'll be seeing it more or less regularly from now on.

The sky's the limit on content... as long as it concerns the Emerald. So, if something's been puzzling you, don't hesitate to tell us. Maybe our other readers would like it explained, too.

A Tribute to Mr. Ickes...

The old Curmudgeon is dead. Long live his memory.

Harold L. Ickes was that rare bird in the public service (or at least it seems so lately) who was scrupulously honest and fearlessly forthright in everything he did or said while serving as Secretary of the Interior from 1932 to 1946.

"Honest Hal" made a lot of enemies during his time. He had a tongue like a two-edged sword and he showed no restraint in the use of it. During the Roosevelt Reign he was administration hatchet man and trial-balloon-sender-upper. Plenty of verbiage which should have been hurled at F. D. R. caught Ickes square in the face—and was returned two-fold.

But we're not going to review his life. Most people know something about this colorful demagogue who may have missed a few opportunities to keep quiet, but never missed an opportunity to do his job as he saw fit, with honesty and energy unexcelled by anyone in the governmental service during the past decade.

We could use a few more public servants cast in the Ickes mold. He was a credit to his country.—B. C.

A Question for Linfield College...

Linfield college has really come up with something new.

We can hardly wait to see who is the queen of the ball there. It was a Sunday Journal story on the candidates for queen of the Intercollegiate Knights' Sweetheart Week that aroused our interest.

The headline on the back of the Journal sports section says: "Six Frenchmen in Contest for Queen of Linfield Ball." With the story is a picture of six freshman girls, but we don't quite see how they fit into the situation. Could be consorts for the Frenchman who is elected queen?—D. D.

A Rose for Mr. Truman...

Our congratulations to President Truman.

Mr. Truman and the press haven't seen eye to eye for a long time. He has what most politicians call a "bad press."

We'd like to reverse the trend.

The President had a very special invitation to hear Evangelist Billy Graham's harangue on the presidential doorstep. Mr. Truman didn't accept.

We're momentarily proud of him. One of the most sensible things he's done this year. Washington may need saving, all right, but we feel the entire nation needs saving from the Graham sideshow.—B. C.

Another for the Administration

We're mighty glad our University administration will come out and say what it thinks—unlike the top officials of a school about 40 miles to the north.

While browsing through the OSC Barometer the other day we came across a story beginning like this:

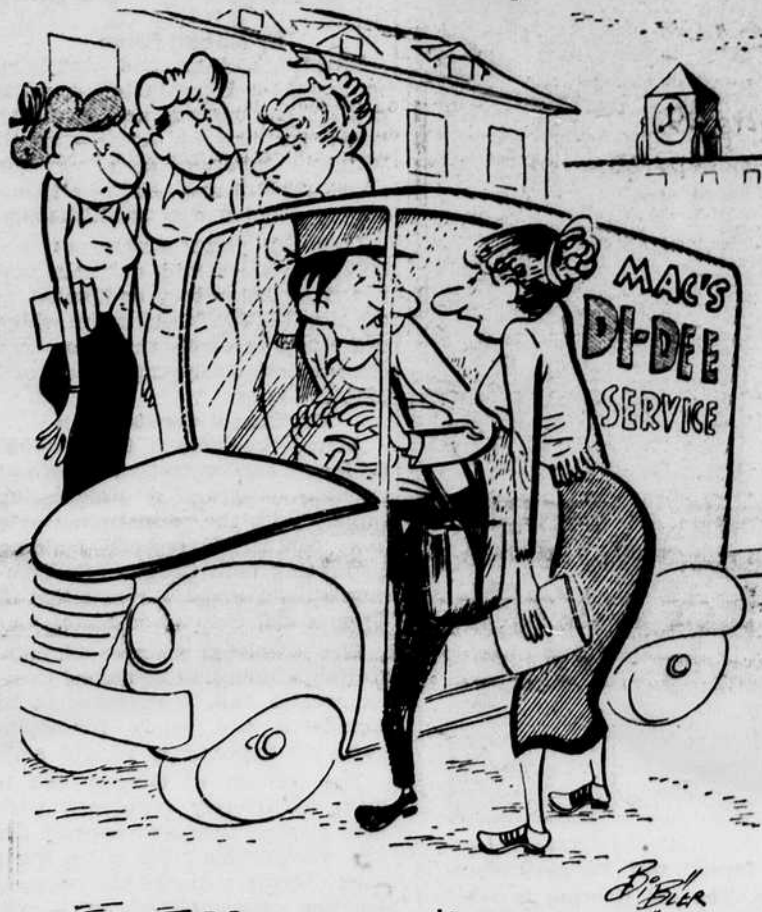
"A disinterested reply was given to the OSC cooperative managers telephone committee by the administration in an answer to the request for the College to state its stand on the phone issue for organized living groups."

The OSC committee asked whether or not the College would permit local houses to connect with the campus switchboard. The dean of administration answered that a decision hadn't been fully considered, but serious obstacles could be recognized. Nothing like hedging around the issue!

Contrast this with our dean of administration's strong definite statement a couple weeks ago before the ASUO senate. Dean William Jones said, "The administration... feels that an appeal of the tariff should be made before the Public Utilities commission."

Not only did our officials decide to say something... they said what we wanted to hear.

Bad Publicity



"If you have to drive this thing to school, do you have to park it in front of our house?"