

THE NAME ON MAC COURT

'Firsts' Record Of Noted Album

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McArthur court, Oregon's basketball pavilion, has an interesting history, but it will never be more impressive than the story of the man for whom the court is named.

Built in 1925, the court was at first scorned as a "white elephant," and the men responsible for its construction were called "crazy." However, many uses soon were found for the building. At different periods in its history Mac court has served as a theater, circus arena and registration center, in addition to its function as a basketball pavilion.

A remodeling job on the court, one of the West's largest basketball pavilions, was completed in December. Mac court originally had a seating capacity of 6,000. It now seats approximately 10,000 fans. Mac court's contributions to the University have been many.

First ASUO President

The contributions of Charles McArthur from the time he entered the University in 1896 until his death in 1923, also were many. By his graduation in 1901, he had served as Oregon's first student body president, first editor of the Oregon Weekly, campus newspaper, and organizer and manager of the first debate team.

Advocating a strong athletic program in his editorials in the Oregon Weekly, McArthur earned for himself the title "father of athletics" at the University. He participated in football and track

in 1896, 1897 and 1898. In 1900 he managed the track team.

This also was the year he drew up the University's first student body constitution and by-laws. Oregon students adopted both and then elected McArthur their first ASUO president.

Active Alum

McArthur's enthusiasm about the University of Oregon and its athletic program remained strong even after he graduated from the school. He served as alumni representative on the athletic council until 1909.

Although his jobs with the Portland Oregonian and the Associated Press wire service kept him from active participation in politics, he was interested in state government. Finally, in 1906, he became secretary of the Oregon Republican state central committee.

Successful Politician

The Oregon alumni was elected to the state house of representatives in 1909 and 1913. He served as speaker of the house both terms. In 1915, McArthur became a US congressman and served for four sessions. He was one of the strongest backers of the construction of a naval base at Astoria. Before his death in December 1923, he conducted an unsuccessful campaign for US senator.

And when Oregon's basketball court was built in 1925, it seemed only natural for University officials to name it after Charles McArthur—the man who had contributed so much to Oregon and its athletic program.

Seine Floods Paris Bridges

PARIS (AP)—The normally peaceful Seine bucked and tore at bridges and parapets Sunday. It flooded tens of thousands of acres around this city and sent hundreds of damp Parisians scampering to upper floors.

In some places the water raced along two feet or more above street level, held in check by barricades of steel and concrete erected in years past and now being raised to meet still further increases in the river level expected Sunday night and Monday.

Paris' great buildings are not in danger but water has flooded into the Palace of Justice, in one tower of which Queen Antoinette was imprisoned. A few bridges had to be closed to traffic.

The river rose about 10 inches during the night and was expected to go up another several inches by morning. It is already at the highest level since 1924.

Streets of hundreds of villages and towns in France are full of water, for the flood is not confined to the Seine itself. There is high water on every major river system, from north to south.

An estimated 200 factories, with a total of 50,000 workers, will not be able to open Monday because of flood conditions.

The Marne, which pours into the Seine above Paris, has spilled over its banks, spreading over thousands of acres of lowland and forcing thousands of villagers out of their homes. The Oise, which enters the Seine below Paris, has also overflowed its banks.

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Sophomore Cabinet Sponsors Dessert

The Sophomore cabinet of the YWCA will sponsor a dessert at Pi Beta Phi Thursday, according to Nan Hagedorn, chairman.

All sophomore women may attend. D. P. Hatch, instructor in art, will be guest speaker.

Admission price is 10 cents, and refreshments will be served. The dessert will be held from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

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