

### Choral Society Is Making Party Plans

As a bid for more members, the Salem Choral Society, a mixed chorus of fifty voices, will give a hard times party at the Parish House of St. Paul's Episcopal church next Monday night. Each member of the society has been asked to bring one or more prospective new members with the object of raising the membership to one hundred voices.

Professor R. W. Hans Seltz, formerly director of the Salem Apollo club, the May Festival chorus and the Salem Symphony orchestra, is director of the Choral society chorus. Miss Margaret Blumenberg is the accompanist. Officers are Mrs. A. N. Bush, honorary president; Frank G. Deckebach, president; Mrs. A. Scott, vice-president; and Albert H. Gille, secretary-treasurer.

The society meets for rehearsal at the Parish House each Monday night, and has just begun work on a number of classical and semi-classical selections. A court is planned for early spring.

The invitation to Monday night's affair is extended to all musically gifted men and women who love singing, especially choral music. A supper will be served. Special stunts and dancing will be provided by the members for their guests. Prizes will be given both women and men for the most appropriate and the most comical costumes.

### War Mothers to Meet With Mrs. Mark Skiff

Mrs. Mark Skiff will be hostess to the War Mother's for a social afternoon at her home on Court street, Tuesday afternoon.

The club is expecting to have Mrs. John Kubanks, state war mother, and Mrs. Garver, national Gold Star Mother with them as special guests from Portland. In addition to these special guests the club has invited the Albany chapter to be with them as well as other guests from Portland.

### Girl Reserve Group Elect Officers

A Girl Reserve group was organized recently at the Washington grade school. Officers elected included: president, Betty Dotson; secretary, Eurnice Hanks; treasurer, Kathline Rook; advisor, Miss Florence. Members of the organization are Sophie Hughes, Marie Trotter, Hazel Trotter, Virginia Scott, Barbara Crites, Vivian North, Virginia Coates, Annabelle Potter, Eloise Elliott, Betty Dotson, Eurnice Hanks and Kathline Rook.

### Eagles Auxiliary Sponsor Card Party

The Eagles Auxiliary will sponsor a bridge and "500" party Wednesday afternoon at the Fraternal Temple. Playing will start at 2 o'clock.

A feature of this party is that there will be an instructor in art of cards present to teach anyone not knowing how to play and desiring to learn.

For reservations for tables call Mrs. Earl Chapel. The public is invited.

### Etokto Club With Mrs. R. Erickson

The Etokto club will be guests of Mrs. Richard Erickson at her home on North Liberty street Tuesday afternoon.

Miss Fern Golding will give a special lecture of interest to the club members. She will discuss public health work.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary society of the Leslie Methodist church will meet Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home of Mrs. E. T. Borkus, 839 Saginaw. Mrs. H. C. Leavenworth will be leader for the devotional while Mrs. B. E. Otjen and Mrs. A. C. Bohrstedt will have the lesson hour. A report of the "Mystery Box" contest will be given at this meeting. Mrs. Borkus will be assisted as hostess by Mrs. Henry Humphrey and Mrs. Frank Rook.

The Ever-Ready Birthday club will meet Tuesday afternoon for their regular meeting. This meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Mary Neyhart, 850 Electric avenue.

### Wants Values Taught



Mrs. Edith McClure Patterson, budget expert of Dayton, O. She has studied the problem of the consumer both from the standpoint of the housewife and the sales person.

### FROCKS ARE WIDE, BUT COAT LINES ARE SLIM



Width, in the skirt at any rate, is one of the marked features of the up-to-date frock, but coats generally maintain the slim line. Illustrative of which is the unusual two-piece street frock worn by Helen Twelvrees, cinema star, left. It consists of a wide, pleated black crepe-back satin skirt and a velvet jacket cut in vest fashion. Fastening the latter are five white buttons, while a little pocket, such as is inserted in a man's vest, is used to display the white silk "hanky." The slim, smart coat, right, worn by Kathryn Crawford, also of the films, is made of black broadcloth with contrasting scarf collar and deep, flaring cuffs of chinchilla. With it Kathryn wears a small black felt hat and rhinestone ornamented black suede bag.

### W. U. GRADUATING CLASS IS SMALL, BUT LOSSES FEW

University Registrar Graphs Attendance to Study Cause of Withdrawals

By Wendell M. Keck  
Although the class which will be graduated from Willamette university in June this year will be the smallest since 1923, it has had a smaller proportional loss of members than any class since 1919. The present enrollment of the class is 68, according to R. A. McCully, university registrar. Throughout its four year course at Willamette its numbers have been as high in proportion as classes in universities all over the United States, when its records are compared with those compiled by registrars in other schools. Whereas the average mortality between entrance and graduation is 61 per cent for the country at large, this class has had a loss of 62 per cent.

**Sophomore Loss Low**  
At the beginning of its sophomore year, the present senior class had lost 30 per cent of the membership it had at entrance the year before; this compares favorably with the average loss of 46 per cent in the colleges of the United States, as computed by the American Association of Collegiate Registrars. The loss between the second and third years was 35 per cent, which is the average in most schools. The loss between the junior and senior years was 16 per cent. Mr. McCully stated that the records of the present senior class seem to indicate that a class with the selected membership has a lower mortality from year to year than

classes taken in without any restrictions. This theory has been fairly well substantiated by the records of other schools of higher learning.

**Men Average Well**  
The ratio of men to women in the present graduating class has been exceptionally high during all four years. In the first year the men outnumbered their sisters by a half-dozen, with a total of 93 to 87. In the second year the men had a heavy loss and were outnumbered in the ratio of 68 to 57. In the junior year the number of men and women was equal, with 41 for each. This year there are 33 men and 35 women. The number of women is now 40 per cent and the number of men 35 per cent of what they were at the beginning of the class history.

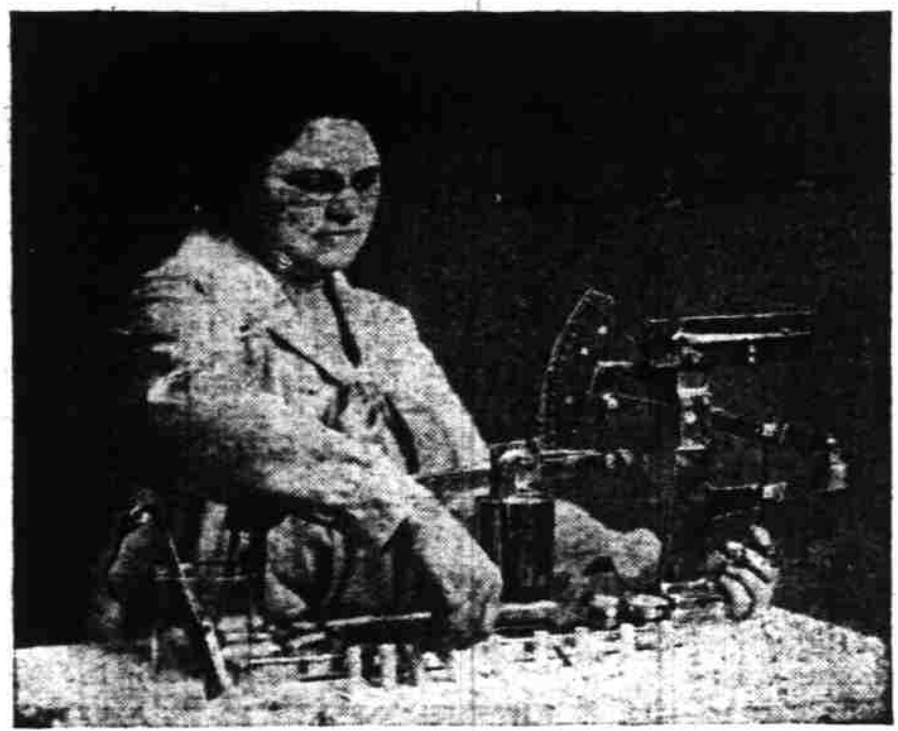
"The history of classes at Willamette university compares favorably with that of classes in other institutions, and in some points our classes show up better," declared Mr. McCully, who has recently completed histories of all classes since 1919.

**Outside Influences Show**  
Several interesting sidelights of university history were brought to light in the figures recently compiled. As an example, there is the matter of the exceptionally high freshman mortality of 66 per cent in the class of 1920. The class entered the university in the fall of 1916; the following spring

came the call for volunteers for the American army, and when the class of 1920 returned for its second year, it had a loss of about 50 per cent over the normal loss expected. On the other hand, the classes from 1923 to 1927 had losses of between 49 and 51 per cent between their first and second years according to Mr. McCully. This low variation indicated that things were getting back to normal in the world of college attendance. More than that, these classes were all large, which is partly accounted for by the fact that they entered during a period when the university was making some effort at getting publicity, and when the Forward Movement was beginning.

**Lowest Loss Charted**  
The figures compiled by the Willamette university registrar have been incorporated into a series of attendance graphs. The loss of the present graduating class is the lowest of that of any class now in school, with the exception of the freshman class, for which figures are not yet available. The present junior class lost 36 per cent of its members the first year, and the present sophomore class lost 45 per cent. Classes from 1920 to 1922 showed gains of from 13 to 33 per cent in their enrollment. These gains have also been interpreted as an indication of adjustment following the war, for it was a

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### PORTLAND REALTOR DROPS FROM SIGHT

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 11.—The strange disappearance of G. H. Barnes, Portland real estate dealer, and his business transactions prior to his sudden departure from this city, were today made the subject of a joint investigation by the district attorney and state real estate commissioner's office.

Barnes was reported missing last Tuesday, Thursday, however, Inspector Craddock of the missing persons bureau, received word that Barnes was on the Admiral Benson bound for San Francisco. A note Barnes left at first led officers to believe he had ended his life.

The chief complaint against Barnes was received by Deputy District Attorney Stockman from Mrs. Hulda Shaver. She informed him that Barnes had represented her in various business and real estate transactions since 1926 and that he failed to make an accounting to her for about \$8,000.

Mrs. Shaver said she first demanded an accounting about De-

ember 24, but failed to receive it, she went before the grand jury. Lacking information, however, the grand jury refused to consider her case.

period when many who had left college halls for training camps were coming back to complete their formal education. The class of 1923 showed a loss of 11 per cent for its senior year, but classes from 1924 to 1926 had gains decreasing from 22 per cent to four per cent; the classes of 1927, 1928 and 1929 have shown losses for their last year.

**Variety of Causes**  
American registrars have been studying the problem of loss of enrollment for years, and the causes for the losses are varied. Approximately 20 per cent of the losses come during the school year. Sickness of students, sickness and death in the family, and financial difficulties all take their toll. Lack of ability to do college grade work is given the leading place among the causes of students quitting their books, and is given as the reason for 45 per cent of the total losses.

Babe Ruth's trust fund from which he plans to live after his playing days are numbered, now totals \$130,000. This assures an annual income of about \$10,000.

Joe Guyan, great Indian athlete and for years a player in the American Association league, has been added to the coaching staff of Clemson college.

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