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Here Comes the Class of '39

Cap and gown will be proper attire in Eugene today, as they were in Corvallis a week ago and will be across State street from the capitol in Salem next Saturday. The class of '39 is receiving its sheepskin. Next week it will be out looking for a job—and then neither cap and gown nor the sheepskin itself will seem very important.

The Portland Spectator asked five Oregon editors, "What is in store for graduates?" The responses naturally approached the subject from different angles. Marshall Dana of The Portland Journal observed that the educational system has done its part in preparing the young people but that in the matters of vocational guidance and actual placement much was left to be desired.

C. E. Ingalls of The Corvallis Gazette-Times and E. E. Brodie of The Oregon City Enterprise emphasized the value of practical, vocational training and Ingalls pointed to definite evidence that the state college technical schools' graduates are for the most part already placed. On the other hand E. Palmer Hoyt of The Oregonian and Merle R. Chessman of The Astorian Budget minimized the money-making value of collegiate training—Hoyt quoted income figures to back up his point—and stressed instead the cultural and citizenship values.

From various other sources comes agreement that the job outlook for the class of '39 is brighter than that which faced the classes of '37 and '38—but in view of the fact that not all will be placed in suitable jobs, there will be considerable picking and choosing, which boils down to the "survival of the fittest." And who are the fittest? The goldfish-gobblers, the campus queens, the athletic heroes or the "grizzly grinds"?

None of these, according to a survey conducted among the collegiate officials to whom inquiries come from prospective employers. These inquiries show a decided preference for the well balanced, all-around student who learned something, took part in campus activities—and especially for the one who earned his own way through college!

It is necessary to bear in mind that these inquiries from business leaders seeking employes—reversing the almost universal present order of things in the employment field—were sent out in quest of young men and women capable of becoming business executives. They placed first emphasis upon character, followed closely by scholarship and not so closely by personality, adaptability and leadership. There was little inquiry about special technical training, and still less about athletic ability and campus popularity.

A Lifetime in the Army

It was shortly after the United States had entered the World war, and all the able-bodied male students of Willamette university who hadn't already joined the colors were drilling under the tutelage of Coach Bob Mathews—who had tried to enlist—all of them in the full expectation that they also would be in uniform soon, an expectation that came true for most of them.

Mathews was explaining the intricacies of guard mount when "Frosty" Olson, now one of Salem's leading florists, spoke up.

"It seems to be an awful waste of time," Olson ventured.

"Never mind," Mathews responded. "When you get in the army you'll waste all of your time."

The coach's observation was of course an exaggeration based upon fact. Either in peace time or in wartime, a great deal that soldiers are called upon to do has no practical or productive value. They sometimes suspect they are being kept busy to keep them from thinking too much.

The private soldier's life is largely mapped out for him. He doesn't even have to worry about what is proper dress—someone higher in rank determines that and informs him in no uncertain terms. An officer's life is different; it is devoted largely to mapping out the lives of his subordinates.

Both officers and men in the ranks have difficulty in adjusting themselves upon return to civilian life, but most of them manage it somehow, maintaining a sound viewpoint about life and its realities. The attitude of General Charles H. Martin, recently governor of Oregon, was somewhat different from that of the lifetime civilian, but at least it was realistic.

Viewing the spectacle of General Van Horn Moseley plunking down his views of Americanism before the Dies committee and nervously refusing to drink the water that was set before him for fear it might be poisoned, one is inclined to wonder what he had been thinking about, all those years that he sat in a headquarters office and dictated in large measure the lives of a varying number of human beings.

The word "regimentation" is of military origin. Apparently Moseley's experience has led him to believe that only through regimentation is it possible to maintain law and order; and he would extend it to civilian as well as military life. Perhaps he had bad dreams about the things those soldiers might have done to him except for the restraint of rigid discipline.

Be that as it may, the spectacle of Moseley's appearance before the Dies committee confirms the conclusion recently expressed here, that the American people will not take this particular fascist movement seriously.

Contrasting Submarine Disasters

In sharp contrast are the outcomes of the two recent submarine mishaps. The United States submarine Squalus sank to the bottom of the ocean, 40 fathoms down—a depth at which the pressure probably would have been too great for any means of rescue other than use of the diving bell to be effective. Twenty-six men died because the portion of the ship where they were stationed soon filled with water; but the 33 others were saved.

In the British submarine's unexplained accident in the Irish sea, only four escaped and 93 died of suffocation, making it the most costly submarine disaster in history, although the mishap occurred in only 130 of water and when first discovered, part of the ship was above the surface.

The British navy, like that of the United States, had developed devices for escape, but in some manner not yet explained, they failed after the four had left the ship. The obvious inference that the American device is superior to Britain's has not yet been demonstrated to be a correct inference. Something went wrong temporarily with the diving bell during the Squalus rescue. If it is found that England's rescue method was fundamentally inefficient, improvements are sure to follow.

In underwater navigation as in aviation, it is often said that disaster victims do not die in vain; their tragedy points the way to avoidance of similar disasters in the future. It may sound like an empty claim—but the S-4 tragedy of 1927 did provide the inspiration for inventions which saved the 33 lives in the case of the Squalus.

Aside from the indictment of Fritz Kuhn, head of the German-American Bund, other progress has been made in New York state against fascist activities. Governor Lehman has just signed a legislative bill forbidding the wearing of any "uniform similar to that of the official or semi-official forces of any foreign nation, or participating in drill formations, salutes or other practices of any foreign organizations,

Bits for Breakfast

By R. J. HENDRICKS

The "lonely grave" of 6-4-39 Anson Burlingame's mother was on the Berry claim, a mile and a half from Lyons:

(Concluding from yesterday.) The Bertha Lang, of the story, "France Adoree," was represented by Miss Tarbell in her story as having unique experiences with C. Bonnet and his wife Louise, while she was taught how to speak Parisian French by the couple each evening, after their working hours.

Bonnet became ill; grew worse; died. Louise, the widow, had his body taken to Pere Lachaise, famous Paris cemetery, where she provided for its final rest, at the cost of half her life's fortune; a large sacrifice for the proverbially thrifty French woman.

Then, the story goes, she went each day to spend hours at her dead husband's grave. She was dying by inches, and Bertha Lang, to save her life, urged her to go to America, where most of her relatives lived, and where she might establish herself in the business she and her husband had carried on in France.

But she would not go; protested that she must not, could not for no one would be left in Paris to take care of her dead husband's grave in case she went away.

Bertha Lang gave her verbal guarantee that she herself would see to that duty. So it was arranged and Bertha saw the widow off to America from the same time. Bertha and Scott prided themselves on their cynicisms, their contempt of romantic things.

But here was a situation in which she must confess her weakness in pledging the widow to care for Bonnet's grave, for she must go back to America, to Illinois, and she could not do this without finding someone to take her place in performing that duty.

Well, she told Scott the whole story of her connections with the Bonnets—and he surprised her by agreeing to take her place in the duty of caring for the Bonnet grave. Nor did she confess to her blindness for a moment; he blind bargain at St. Sulpic, or his housing of the lame cat in his fifth story studio.

"France Adoree" is worthy of full publication in this column; but many things here for space here. So the reader will have to be satisfied with the most sketchy and incomplete description above.

One finds many interesting things in this May, 1939, number of Scribner's Magazine. In the first place, its typographical appearance and general style stamp it as of a former generation.

"The Children of the Poor," well illustrated, is the first article in this number; by whom? By Jacob A. Ritis, the then great friend and helper of the poor.

"Rapid Transit in Cities" is another. But electric lines were not then in use, and the automobile age had not begun; was just about ready to emerge.

The 22nd chapter of "The Wrecker," by Robert Louis Stevenson and Lloyd Osborne, appeared in that number.

There was an article on "The First News Message by Telegraph." The advertising pages look strange, compared with those of the present popular magazines. A New York jeweler was advertising a new style gold hairpin, price \$20. The Pope (Turn to page 6, col. 1.)

907 Wandering Jews

The plight of the Jewish refugees from Germany aboard the German liner St. Louis, denied entry into Cuba but buoyed up by a falsely-inspired rumor they would be admitted to the United States, dramatizes once again the problem of this persecuted German minority. Whether the ship captain was justified in raising false hopes to avert mass suicides, is a finely-drawn problem in ethics which each newspaper reader may decide for himself. Practically, the answer depends upon whether a solution eventually is found.

Various groups including the spokesmen for some of the patriotic organizations have argued strenuously against the admission of any German Jews into the United States—even children whose adoption might be arranged in advance. The argument is that sooner or later the admission of these people will add to unemployment here.

This attitude appears to be narrow and short-sighted. With respect to the children, they would be adopted in most cases into childless homes, by couples which could afford to support them. For the time being, the effect would be to add to consumption and markets. Eventually these children would enter the unemployment market, but the goods they would consume would largely balance that factor. The same would be true of adults admitted. The population of the United States has not reached the saturation point. In fact the increase in population since 1929 has resulted in increased production beyond the volume of that pre-depression period; present unemployment of employables is less than the gain in population.

However, the still thinly-populated South American countries are in better position to absorb these refugees than is the United States. It will be a sad reflection upon civilization if no door is opened to them and they are forced to return to the "prison" from which they have escaped.

Yes, the Ham and Eggs issue is going on the ballot in California unless the courts rule otherwise, and there's a possibility that a recall for Governor Culbert Olson, who advocated a special election, will be on the same ballot.

Chips That Pass in the Night



Radio Programs

KSLM—SUNDAY—1360 Kc.
8:15—Organizational.
9:00—Christian Alliance.
9:30—Salvation Army.
9:45—Invitation to Waltz.
10:00—Summer Picnic, Pianist.
10:15—Romance of the Highways.
10:30—Masthead.
10:45—Alice Blue, Pianist.
11:00—American Lutheran Church.
11:20—Music from El Paso.
12:30—Father Flanagan at Boys Town, Nabr.
1:00—Good Will Hour.
1:30—Long Distance Swing.
2:00—My Lucky Break.
2:30—Author, Author.
3:00—Help Thy Neighbor.
3:30—Carl Ravazzo's Orchestra.
4:00—American Forum.
4:45—News.
5:00—Old Fashioned Revival.
5:30—Bussard's Band.
6:00—Thrills of Patrol.
6:30—Music by Faith.
7:00—Anthr. Anthor.
7:30—Jack Teagarden Orchestra.
8:00—Tonight's Headliner.
8:30—Star Myra's Orchestra.
9:00—The Back Home Hour.
9:30—New Flashes.
10:00—Leon Mojica's Orchestra.
11:00—Good Night.

KOW—SUNDAY—630 Kc.
8:00—Sunrise Program.
8:30—Chicago Round Table.
9:00—Spelling Bee.
9:30—Dinner at Aunt Fannie's.
10:00—Waltz Hour.
11:00—Sunday Drivers.
11:30—Name the Place.
12:00—Serenade Serenade.
1:30—Alice Joy.
2:00—Clare.
2:30—Songs We Remember.
3:00—Poetry Play.
3:30—Night Play.
4:00—Charles McCarthy.
4:30—Wagon Wheel.
5:00—Album Familiar Music.
5:30—The Circle.
6:00—Winchell.
6:15—Irene Rich.
6:30—Jack Nelson.
7:00—Hollywood Playhouse.
7:30—One Man's Family.
8:00—Nightly After Hour.
9:15—Gronch Club.
9:45—Orchestra.
10:00—Waltz.
10:15—Bridge to Dreamland.
11:00—Orchestra.

KEX—SUNDAY—1180 Kc.
7:00—Down Melody Lane.
7:30—Family Hour.
8:00—Music Hall.
8:30—Quiet Hour.
9:00—Radio Tips.
9:30—Magic Key.
10:00—National Vespers.
10:30—Tapestry Music.
11:00—Family After Hour.
11:30—Bookman's Notebook.
12:00—Wagon Wheel & Jettam.
12:15—Singer.
12:30—Radio Guild.
4:00—Orchestra.

KEE—MONDAY—1180 Kc.
7:15—Venezian Service.
7:30—Financial Service.
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2:15—Ma Perkins.
2:30—Your Navy.
2:45—Organ Concert.
2:55—Science on the March.
3:00—FHA Topics.
3:15—Financial Guild.
3:30—Bible Study in Rhyme.
3:45—Hour of Charm.
4:00—Harriet Miller.
4:15—Covvey Rambler.
4:30—Dance or Fals.
4:45—Academic Recount.
5:00—What's the Big Idea?
5:15—Music for Men.

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On the Record

By DOROTHY THOMPSON

Some Pre-Campaign Thoughts
Reading last week the various speeches on policy—that of the president, and two Senators Vandenberg and Minton—leads one to think that the failure of American recovery is not being correctly analyzed in any political quarters.

Dorothy Thompson A year ago our economy was in the depths of a severe depression. "Federal Reserve" was euphemistically called. I think there is no question—it is now generally agreed—that this depression was a curtailment of "federal spending, plus other deflationary measures undertaken by the government. One must gather that the government itself had been listening to the opposition, which was painting large the menace of inflation.

The opposition and others also criticized at that time the tax on undistributed profits as punitive, and held it partially responsible for the depression.

Since then the tax on undistributed profits has been reduced to a mere shadow. The government resumed deficit spending, and during the decline of March, 1939, the economy began to recover.

That our economy in some measure, and possibly in considerable measure, is a reflection of deteriorated international relations seems indicated—and this in spite of the fact that our export trade has not relaxed but has matured itself excellently, while financially we have been attracting European capital, and that capital has not been liquidated.

The facts do not speak well for all the criticisms which exist against the administration. The facts would seem to indicate that too great importance has been attached by the opposition to the surplus profits tax, that a drastic reduction in the rate of investment and spending did, and would bring about another recession, and that the constant advice to the president to leave Europe alone and to mind our own business indicates that we do not always see just where our business lies.

Had the president not made it very clearly known to the world that we were not disinterested in the shock after shock emanating from Germany, it is nearly certain anything can be that we would have had a whole