'Mr. Chips' Tells of Willamette Campus As He First Glimpsed it 50 Years Ago

By DR. JAMES T. MATTHEWS

September, early September, in the year 1883, I reached Salem by the mid-morning train from Portland, inquired of the agent at the station how to get to Willamette university, and

The campus was enclosed with a five-board fence. So I walked round to the front to find a gate. I had the feeling that it would be irreverent to climb a university fence. There was no gate, only a gap guarded with posts - reminders of an early culture, when even the cows had to be restrained from coming to college. The spaces between the posts looked encouraging, even inviting; so I passed through and stopped to look around.

Only one building on the campus, the tall stately edifice that we now call Waller hall. The university year book for the academic season, 1882-1883, the catalogue that had bewitched me into coming to Willamette, showed two excellent cuts of this noble structure. One cut called it College of Liberal Arts, the other named it University hall. But I did not hold this against the university. You see I was used to plain and humble fare. This was the first college or university hall I had ever seen, and for all I knew the gods and goddesses of science and classics might hold sacred carnival there, drinking divine nectar and eating the ambrosia that confers immortality.

Van Scoy Was Head

I found President Van Scoy in a little office on the west side of the first floor. (At that time the chapel had no east and west bays. President Doney caused would be just outside the chapel.) He took my tuition, asked me a few questions and then placed me in my studies. I was a Willamette university student.

And now I perceive that I must be careful to obey my pedagogical canons. Being a teacher and compelled by virtue of that office to speak topically, I shall try to discourse analytically with heads - as old-fashioned preachers used to say. Be it understood,

In my time as student it was

them to be built. So this office One more year and Dr. James T. Matthews will have rounded out a half century as professor of mathematics at Willamette university, values, his alma mater. Shown here in the study at his home on South 12th street, Dr. Matthews is renowned among past and present Willamette students for his philosophical chapel talks. He was born in England and came to Oregon, an immigrant, in 1872.

later it was glorified with the grammar school. name Lausanne hall: and during the Doney regime was torn down to make way for the present elegant Lausanne.

except two when I was absent, years of my teaching here, Waller could look from the attic down common dining room. As I gaze tempt to give a picture of condi- partments of our university ex- But I had come to Willamette upon our present home for the When I entered the univer- scarcely large enough for an ad- roundings was I, that I felt thrill- lived in. When I matriculated, he hundredfold under war pressure. library, and class rooms for the of this instruction covers the six- our bookstore is now.

with tower and basement. Still college, the academy, and the

Waller's Stairs

from the first floor to the attic, from its beginning and was albut the original stairs, the ones ways filled in the college year. But during all my student days my feet used to press, were of President Van Scoy and his

Recitations in the languages and mathematics were very formal, so arranged and combined as by the consent of the faculty to leave students almost entirely to their own resources, Mostly, if a student's answer missed the mark, he could go back to his books to try again.

year period of my story.

In ethics and psychology and the like opportunity for brief explanation and discussion was afforded. But never until the student had answered a question as best he could. Never. That unwritten law was inexorable. The student would be interrogated, must be, and if his reply revealed need of further help, that was promptly given.

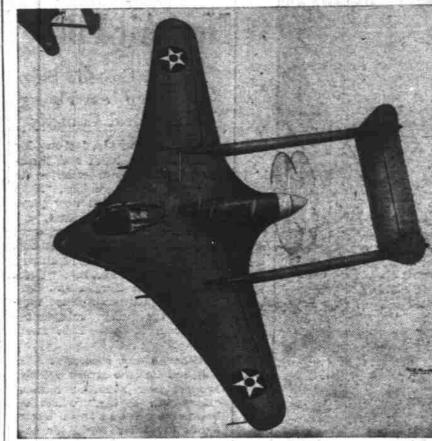
How well do I remember this incident. In my senior year. Professor: "What is reasoning?" Student: "Oh, that is when you just get in and dig." Spontaneously the professor at some length revealed the real nature of reasoning. Here is another incident that I recall. Lasted through two recitations. The problem concerned the possibility, the legality, the propriety of dividing by zero. I smile every time I think of it.

Faculty Was Small

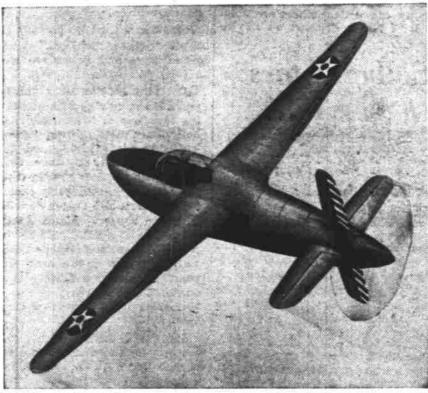
Faculty. A sonorous, resounding, majestic word. But ours was pitifully small. Those wonderful teachers taught many hours and many subjects. I wish now and have wished for a long time that there had been more professorsof equal caliber. But, after all, all education is self-education. Students learn by their own efforts, not by "being sprayed with ideas," and if an earnest learner is wisely directed to the great books and along the highways of science and philosophy, he cannot fail to gather knowledge and mental strength and a sense of

Let me mention a few odds and ends. I loved the chapelcompulsory and formal though it was. And I had one college year of dormitory life. President Van Scoy established a dormitory for men on or near the present site of the cider and vinegar works south of Waller As at present stairs extended hall. The place was popular

Hints of Future Aircraft



This "bat" (above) is a single-engine airplane with the motor submerged and having the advantages of an enlarged center section wing with a relatively thin percentage characteristic... It is one of the trends being explored by American designers for war planes of



Propeller at the extreme rear is a feature of this design which would eliminate turbulent or rough air over the entire airplane. The "windmill" is a single-engine design with a thin wing. (Official US army air corps photos.)

Radical Air Models May at once, that I was to study at But during all my student days my feet used to press, were of President van Scoy and his Willamette for the next six years, here and through the first fifteen the corkscrew species, and one family lived here and ate in the Result From Experiments

WRIGHT FIELD, Dayton, Ohio-The turn of this year, Anno if it is full of disease and pests sional trees is urged-not only as tions at Willamette during that cept law (established the year I to study and to learn. And so presidents as they come and go, Domini 1942, presents one of the world's strangest paradoxes. then-disregarding sentiment - it a measure of better looking trees time, as well as some account of came), and music and medicine. far from seeing faults and blem- I reflect on the humbler habita- On the one hand we have the whole automobile industry of the should be removed. If, however, on the lawn but also as a pre-That means that in this house, ishes and defects in my new sur- tions that President Van Scoy United States, not only the world's greatest but expanded many it can be saved to provide shade vention of disease and pest breed-

New Edmonds

In New York

By JOHN SELBY

"YOUNG AMES." by Walter D.

Edmonds (Little, Brown; \$2.50)

The peculiar and deceptive

simplicity that always has char-

acterized Walter D. Edmonds'

books is very palpable in "Young

Ames," which is the novel from

which certain episodes have been

chipped for the recent stories in

the Saturday Evening Post. Often

this process is not too good for

the finished product. In this case

it seems to have done no harm

beyond leading Mr. Edmonds to

include one or two incidents

which might as well have been

omitted. Such as the scene in

which Young Ames first meets

the girl he must, according to

sity, the dormitory for young ministration building for a mod- ed and satisfied and delighted dwelt on Court street in a two- swinging into mass production on women stood on Court street, ern city high school, was space with everything. Especially with story box house. Later he carved the world's newest major automo-It was called Woman's college, for a large chapel, two rooms for the instruction. And remember, out of Waller hall's unpromising tive vehicle—the airplane; on the the literary societies, a fair sized kind reader, that my description basement a suite of rooms where other, Air Corps Materiel division other, Air Corps Materiel division design engineers vying with the Novel Lies world's air laboratories and drafting rooms for the purpose of accomplishing the greatest aircraft advancement possible in a constantly changing picture.

Mass production and experimental design! Paradox indeed! The tendency of the first to freeze upon an approved form, that of the second to flout existing form for the purpose of obtaining results beyond anything in the existing picture. And both foremost air force objectives.

The production airplanes upon which the nation's factories are to concentrate at the rate of turning out an ever increasing number each year rank with the world's best. Not frozen models, they are constantly under the study of engineers and technical experts for the incorporation of improvements which are planned and arranged for sufficiently far in advance, "sneaked in" so to speak, so as not to interrupt the steady flow of the production line.

Nevertheless the United States dare not rest upon such laurels. For locked away in the laborapauper." The best pal I ever had tinizing the production procession, was like that: just his own self, their own and their neighbors', always. I had some "influential are groups of scientists, who look friends," and was anxious to have upon the most successful of curthem meet him, for he wanted rent aircraft as already obsolesa better job - as who doesn't cent. Sound aerodynamists, the The boy had talents, and I thought whole field of modern design is they'd probably offer him some- to them finger-tip knowledge. thing worth while. But he drank Their job is to conceive and create too much wine at dinner, and from the apex of present design when we went in for a few hands achievement, the airplanes which of bridge, he said if we didn't are to fly higher, faster, farther,

It is a fascinating privilege to be permitted to peer into this airplane future as embodied in the advance designs of the design development unit. Many pusher propeller types are noticeable. Pushers offer benefits in speed of climb. Likewise the pusher propeller does not have the limiting effect upon the speed of the air-"We learn practically nothing plane in the approach to the zon. It will light up unknown re- from victory," reads another speed of sound possessed by the

There are "swelled" wings and

There are bombers mounting eight engines, obviously for long range, whose gas tanks are virtually invisible. There are six and four-engine types with combinations of pusher and tractor propellers.

A tailless (Pterodactyl) fighter has wing tip rudders, and pilot and gunner seated back to

Fish, swallow and bat may be demonstrated this superiority in suggested in some of the shapes the past. The work of the design shown, but it should be recalled development unit may well be Japanese tag found in Alaska that man has far excelled nature looked upon as most important for waters during the summer sea- in the speed, range, height and insuring our national superiority efficiency of flight. Man has often in flight for the future.

Features

Salem, Oregon, Sunday Morning, February 1, 1942

Neglected Fruit Trees May Be Reclaimed by Pruning and Cleaning

By LILLIE L. MADSEN

"How old should a fruit tree be before it is discarded?" is a question that came to me during the past week.

I really do not know what the correct answer should be, but my guess would be that it would depend greatly upon the care the tree had been given .-

family orchard.

taken care of. There is really no reason why

trees, which have been neglected and so have falled to bear, should not be made to bear just as well as extra vegetables planted where there were no vegetables grown before.

ages is demonstrated in many of air are kept out. In pruning a our pioneer orchards. At the peach tree, the general practice Davenport home in the Waldo seems to be to keep the centers Hills is still the remains of an old open to the sun. The shoots thus fruit orchard which was originally restricted to the main branches planted from seeds brought across are headed back by pruning to the plains. Here and there through- branches growing outward. Inside out the Willamette valley are such branches are also best thinned out bits of old orchards.

Spread Diseases

Because caring for home orchards has become somewhat of a chore in recent years when so much spraying for disease and pests has become necessary, orchards have not been cared for and now many a remnant of an old apple, pear or prune orchard stands around suburban homes, full of diseases and pests, scattering these to nearby trees which may have had better care. Now that work around the home is to

In reclaiming any tree, one of the first moves should be one for sanitation, All dead or sickly branches should be removed. Gather up all fallen branches and burn. If the trees have long been neglected there is likely much dead wood which should be removed. Also there is likely to be much brush-growth which will serve the tree better off

than on.

If you cannot have the services of an experienced orchard or tree man, then do the best you can yourself. It is well to bear in mind the actual definition of pruning: Youth Administration center at "The methodical removal of parts the 101 ranch near here it soon of a plant with the object to im- stopped being funny. The four, prove it in some respect for the leaving for duty on the 13th of purposes of the cultivator." This the month, were No. 13 in order may keep you from hit and miss and the figure 13 appeared four

Another questioner wants to has analyzed the subject which know if there will be a shortage is to be pruned. There are certain of fruit during the war-time and principles that are general. The if one should "reclaim" an old wounds should be as small as possible and should be made to heal Again my answer is that I do quickly. Thin out weak, imperfect not know, but if an orchard is to and interfering branches. How be left at all it should be "re- much or how little to thin is a claimed" if reclaiming means special question that almost always has to be answered by illustration on each tree as an individual.

Let in Sun, Air

But sun and air help keep a tree healthy. Branches should not That trees will live to great old be so interwining that sun and on sour cherries. Even heading back the main branches occasionally, seems to give stronger growth and better fruit.

> Use a dormant disinfecting spray such as lime surfur solution. Follow the directions on the container. But a cleanup spray, before growth starts, is very essential. It might be well to remember that lime sulfur sprays react strongly to house paint, and care should be taken that it does not come in contact with the paint on the house.

some extent going to take the These notes are not intended for place of weekend trips during the the commercial grower of fruitswar-time period, it might be well not even for his reading. They are to look to these orchards or to just aimed at a group of questions the occasional fruit tree which received from the owners of occahas been left standing. If the tree sional fruit trees on the home is to continue to be neglected and grounds. But care of these occaas well as fruit, it should be given ing places from which other trees may become infected.

For those who want more detailed information on spraying and pruning orchards (this is for F. L. in particular) consult your county agent. He has all the information at hand and he is willing to serve.

That No. 13 Pops up Again

PONCA CITY, Okla (AP)- The number 13 figured so prominently in the induction into the army times on the sheet containing It is rather impossible to give their instructions. The train on any advice for pruning until one which they left had 13 cars.

First 100 Years In the Making

Feb. 1. 1942 - Willamette university, then known as Oregon through a board of trustees. There is unbroken legal continuity from that day, four 1930 - Million dollar endowyears before Oregon's allegiance was decided.

Aug. 13, 1844 - Oregon Institute opened to students on the present campus in three-story frame

1845 - University trustees laid out the city of Salem and started sale of lots.

tered by the territorial legislature as "Wallamette University." Institute became the preparatory department. 1867 - Waller hall, then known

as University hall, ready for use. Bricks made of clay excavated for the basement. 1867 - Medical college estab-

Combined with University of Oregon medical school in 1913, accident victim to the hospital. 1883 - College of law organized. 1891 - Waller hall roof burned. 1905 - Medical college building erected. Now the music hall. 1906 - Kimball School of Theolegy organized and housed in

1909 - Eaton hall completed.

veloped.

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1919 - Interior of Waller hall

destroyed by fire. 1920 - New, brick Lausanne hall replaced the frame building by

the same name. institute, came into being 1923 - New gymnasium construcshortly before.

> ment campaign completed. 1938 - Library building finished. to campus to house college of

1941 - Collins hall completed to house all science departments. graphs.

War-End Prophecy, Jan. 12, 1853 — University char- Not Guaranteed

offered to tell his fortune.

you carry a dead man in this In the Raw truck," was the reply. A few days later, on January lished, first in the northwest. 9, the truck was commandeered a screwball, when it comes to

The victim died in the truck.

Two Things at a Time

NEW YORK -(AP)- Manhattan Kimball hall. Continued until Girl Scouts hike not only for 1912 - Sweetland field was de- how long it takes to get an in- epidermis. I like my tomes in the jured person from specific areas raw. 1913 - Half million dollar en- to the nearest first aid station dowment campaign completed. which can be a hospital, a clinic 1916 - Willamette academy clos- or an emergency first aid set-up.

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WISE... or Otherwise

By ETHAN GRANT

Something I can never understand is why people make ted to replace the one burned pencil marks in library books. I read a book recently that had sentences and sometimes whole paragraphs underlined. I don't know who did it, and I wouldn't be at all interested in meeting the gentleman, but I would like -

to know why. If he was doing it use my newly acquired talent 1939 - Former postoffice moved for my benefit he wasted his was during an argument with a time, for it so happened that I Boston, Mass., taxi driver. It wasn't particularly interested in turned out that he also had those marked sentences and para-

Marking in books is, I presume, some stitches in my face. a habit with some, like biting the

It so happens that I'm sort of by Delaware police to take an books. Oh, yes, and everything ple, whether they be prince or tories of all leading nations, scruelse. But books is the subject. Now take those paper book covers. I didn't used to mind them, for they protected the pretty bindings. But when they started putting cellophane on to protect the paper covers that protected the bindings, I rebelled. Now the health but to survey the borough first thing I do when I buy a these days. They're finding out new book is yank off the double

And since I own the book, as I read I mark, and to my heart's content. I mark everything the book contains that I think worth rereading. Here are a few examples, from a priceless little volume I've had for years:

"If you would succeed, deep down in the very fibre of your ing is this camera and my toothbeing you must light an urge that can never be put out. It will catch this side of your life, then that side. It will widen your horities for living and growing. . . remember comes from defeat." And to its blazing glory a thousand other lives will come for reason why I am endowed with

light and warmth and power." what is called an "excellent mem-When I first read that, I lit ory." the fire and went out onto the street to watch the multitudes gather around to get warm. But guess it was only heartburn, as With Fins, eh? it attracted only a poor bloke who wanted a dime for a cup of coffee. And coffee was only a nickel.

"The reason your talents lie buried is that you haven't the courage to dig them up and use them." The author wasn't talking to me, for I did have the courage to dig up my tal-ents. I took boxing lessons, and the very first chance I got to

some talent - and half an hour later I had a black eye and

"The mind of man is an emerfingernails, only worse. A fellow gency organ, which relegates evcan bite fingernails, because they erything possible to other funcbelong to him. But you never saw tions of the body as long as it SALISBURY, Md. (A)- "When a fingernail biter biting someone is able. And when the old order will the war end?" a truck driver else's fingernails, did you? Then of things won't work any longer, asked a gypsy hitchhiker who why can't they mark their own it gets the job." Like putting off books, and leave those that be- writing the column till the very "Nine months from the day long to somebody else alone? last minute. Or does it take a mind to write a column?

Be Your Self

"Be your own self with all peomind he'd take a snooze on the or more effectively, one, two, or lounge. When the guests left at five years hence. 2 a. m. he was still snoozing.

One day he decided to take a trip to Europe. I took him to the station and asked if he'd remembered to have his baggage checked. "Baggage?" he said. "All the baggage I'm takbrush." He was gone two months, and he hadn't even worn a hat.

serves and discover new capaci- passage I've underscored. "All we tractors. And that, I think, explains the very thin wings.

Fifth Columnist

chum salmon, bearing a Japanese-marked tag with the legible number 1547 and a string of Japanese characters, was caught in the Kobuk river last summer. It was the second such

JUNEAU, Alaska -(AP)- A

modern fictional technique, marry in the end. Young Ames comes to New York in the 1830s from upstate. He is really just a boy, but he charms, within reason, the powers that be in Chevalier, Deming and Post, and he becomes their junior clerk. For the purposes of novel making, Young Ames must rise by varying degrees, but steadily, to a partner-

reader on the -way. It is a kind of social study of early day New York, for one thing, influenced and inflected as it is by the business methods of

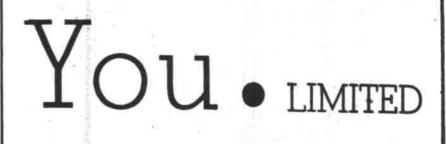
ship in that old and respected

and wealthy firm. He must do

it fast, and be winning to the

There are moments, too, when the reader is reminded of Dickens. This is partly because the period is approximately that of which Dickens first wrote, but there are tangs and flavors in the writing of Mr. Edmonds that fit the comparison - Mr. McVitty, the chief clerk, if character out of Dickens if there ever was one. And Young Ames' beloved, whose name is Christine, has the likeable but vague outlines of some of Dickens' "good" women.

Finally, Mr. Ames has sucked up into his narrative a good many historical incidents, and has integrated and employed for legitimate purposes the political and business framework of the time-even the Five Points gang, the fire companies, and such things. It gives the novel a feeling of solidarity and hides the fact that Young Ames himself is not, as the children say, "such a much."



Maybe you've been going on the assumption that you are made of some sort of indestructible material. Well, "it ain't so." You have your physical limitations. Be sensible and admit it: To tell the truth, haven't you been feeling a bit under par lately? Why not do the smart thing and go to a good Physician-now, while there's noth-ing seriously wrong? It may save you much trouble later You'll agree that this is good advice, even if we are a hit prejudiced. Yes, of course, we'd like to fill the prescriptions your Doctor gives you!



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