

Willamette Professor Back From European Tour, Study Under Fulbright Scholarship

From monastery to microfilm in 14 centuries—and still being studied—is the history of some of the documents examined by Dr. Norman Huffman of Willamette university in Italy during the past nine months.

Dr. Huffman and his wife, Ruth, received two of the 20 Fulbright scholarships granted from the United States for research in Italy last year. Huffman's work included the comparison of printed Greek texts and manuscripts of the gospels, while Mrs. Huffman studied modern Italian art.

Dr. Huffman, professor of religion at Willamette, returned to Salem last week. His wife will not return to America until mid-November.

During the course of his research into the Greek manuscripts, some dating from the fifth century, Huffman acquired microfilms which he will continue to study here. He studied some of the earliest fragments of the New Testament and his findings will be incorporated with those of an international group of scholars into the work "Evidences for the Greek Text of the New Testament," which will be published by the Oxford University Press which has headquarters in Chicago.

At Vatican Library
While in Italy Dr. Huffman studied principally in Rome where he had access to the Vatican library which he calls "the best in the world." He also studied at Milan and Venice.

Of particular interest to him was one of the last remaining Greek monasteries, the Grotto Ferrata, which is situated about 10 miles from Rome.

This monastery represents the point farthest west and north reached by the monks in their flight from the Arabs in the ninth century.

"Although this monastery has now become a part of the Roman church," says Dr. Huffman, "the monks still cling to some of the ancient traditions and dress of their order, wearing beards and curious hats which resemble stovepipes."

Writing in Silver, Gold
Among the many texts studied, some of which had not been studied previously, said Dr. Huffman, were two of particular interest. One had been used by the Bishop of Bulgaria in the 11th century and the other, studied at Zurich, Switzerland, was "one of the most beautiful I have ever seen."

This manuscript of the fifth century, containing the psalms and selections from the New Testament, was of purple vellum with the writing in silver and gold.

According to Huffman, the works he studied in Italy were largely importations from Palestine, Greece, and Egypt—notably Cairo. They were collected during the Renaissance period by the great art-loving families such as the Medicis and the Bourbons.

Research Available
The Fulbright scholarship on which Dr. and Mrs. Huffman studied provides for travel and living expenses and those who obtain it are assisted in every way by the government of the country in which they study. Open to them are many of the sources for research closed to other students.

The scholarship, named for its instigator, Senator Fulbright, is a method used by foreign governments to pay for surplus war materials received by them during the war. Since they are unable to pay in American dollars they open their countries to selected scholars and make available to them the facilities for research and teaching.

Dr. Huffman reports that Italy is well on the road toward recovery after the devastation wrought by the last war. The many priceless manuscripts and art treasures of Italy were removed to safe

Microfilm Aids Research



Dr. Norman Huffman, Willamette university professor of religion, contrasts a roll of microfilm containing images of volumes of manuscripts to a reproduction of two pages of manuscript. Dr. Huffman brought the microfilm with him after research in Italy on old Bible manuscripts. (Statesman photo.)

State's Traffic Deaths Climb

There were 34,479 traffic accidents in Oregon, resulting in 6,460 injuries and 191 deaths, during the first six months of 1951, the state traffic safety division reported here Friday.

During the same period in 1950 there were 33,756 accidents, resulting in 5,411 injuries and 144 deaths.

Twelve counties succeeded in reducing traffic accidents during the first six months this year.

Six counties, Baker, Gilliam, Hiver, Lake, Sherman and Wheeler, had no fatalities.

Chinese cultivation of oysters is reputed to go back 5,300 years.

Civil Defense Staff to Meet

Getting better acquainted with Marion county's civil defense program and with co-workers in it is the aim of the first workers' meeting of the fall, set for Wednesday at 8 p.m. in the Senator hotel Capitol room.

Work due for the fall and winter

will be outlined by deputies for the various activities, according to Capt. Wallace S. Wharton, county director.

The meeting is jointly for the county and Salem defense organizations, with registered workers in all other communities invited to participate.

Except for a few waterfalls and rapids, the Congo river is navigable by river steamer for nearly 4,000 miles.

Schools to Hear Radio Program

First classroom broadcast of the season for Salem public schools will be aired October 8 from KOAC when "Musical Portraits of Famous Americans" will present the life of Benjamin Franklin.

All Salem classes hear some of the 15 weekly programs presented as features of the radio station's Oregon School of the Air, said Harry Johnson, assistant superintendent of Salem public schools.

Other programs will be built around the lives and times of Thomas Jefferson, John James Audubon, John Paul Jones, Washington Irving and others. Music, supplied by Carmen Dragon and his orchestra, ranges from simple folk tunes through selections from grand opera.

Albany Men Jailed After Loot Found

Two Albany men, Jimmy D. Hooker and Robert Joe Yokum, both 22, were being held in the city jail Sunday charged with possession of stolen property.

The youths were apprehended while they were placing a chain saw, reported stolen from Lebanon earlier this month, in the trunk of their car after attempting to sell the saw to a westside Salem logging supply company Saturday, police said.

Detectives said a serial number tab, removed from the saw, was found in the trunk of the auto. A

check with Albany officials established that a saw bearing that serial number was recently reported stolen from James A. Crockett, Lebanon route 3.

Both youths signed statements admitting theft of the equipment, police said.

AMBUSH IN ISRAEL
TEL-AVIV, ISRAEL, Sept. 23—(P)—A military spokesman said today five Israeli soldiers were wounded, three of them seriously, in an ambush south of the Dead Sea last Friday. The spokesman said Arabs from Jordan territory were believed responsible for firing on the Israelis, who were in a

Public Records

MUNICIPAL COURT
Ivan Wilfred Miller, Aumsville, charged with driving while intoxicated, held in lieu of \$250 bail, to appear September 24.
Jimmy D. Hooker, 22, Albany, charged with possession of stolen property, held in city jail.
Robert Joe Yokum, 22, Albany, charged with possession of stolen property, held in city jail.

Field Artillery Battalion Plans Open House

Operations of a field artillery battalion will be graphically displayed for Salem area residents Wednesday night when the 929th FA Bn. of the 104th division holds open house at 7:30 p. m. in the new reserve armory.

Following the hour and a half "county fair" program of demonstration and movies the big armory proper will be thrown open to square dancing for the public, reservists and friends.

Functions of the various elements of the battalion from sighting of target through computation of firing data to the guns will be shown at the combination exhibit and social evening.

Combat films of recent Korean action will be shown as well as basic equipment of a field artillery unit. A howitzer section composed of reservists will demonstrate its operation in preparing for action, movement and firing of the 105

mm howitzer, basic weapon of the Salem unit.

Interested citizens will be given an opportunity to fire the .50 calibre rifle on the armory's indoor rifle range. All facilities will be open to inspection by the public.

Besides the 105 howitzer, carbines, rifles, machine guns, pistols and bazookas will be on display, and bazookas will be on display, coffee will be served.

Music Students Get Master's Degree

Two Marion county music students have received master of music degrees from the University of Michigan recently and are soon to return to Ann Arbor, Mich.

They are Geraldine Louise Schmoker, 883 N. Cottage st., and Wallace S. Bjork, S. Siverston. Both are 1948 graduates of Willamette university. Miss Schmoker is a violin major; Bjork a theory major.

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