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NIBBLING AT "BUSINESS AD"
It would be foolish for the University of Oregon, or its friends to be unduly alarmed by the petition of the Portland Retail Bureau to have at least some of the functions of the School of Business Administration transferred to Portland in the post-war (along with pharmacy from the State College). But it is prudent to keep a very watchful eye on this and any similar proposition which may develop.

The proposition does NOT have the support of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, according to information which we consider quite reliable. The Retail Bureau is a semi-independent bureau of the Portland Chamber, operating on much the same pattern as our Merchants Division here. In this matter of grabbing a piece of "Business Ad," the Portland Retail Bureau submitted a report to the directors of the Chamber who declined to ratify. The Retail Bureau then presented the request entirely on its own.

There are some very good reasons why this and kindred propositions affecting either the University or State College should be turned down by the state board of higher education:

1. In business administration or any other major school or department, it is not practical or economical to move courses piecemeal.
2. A student who is making a major in "business ad" or any other line takes relatively few courses in that specialty because his preparation must be "balanced" by background work drawn widely from all the University has to offer.
3. It would not be possible to set up a good school of business administration at Portland without setting up a complete duplication which would be costly and unnecessary.
4. The Portland retailers make much of "service to returning veterans"; under the G. I. "Bill of Rights" just adopted by Congress any returning veteran who wants major work in any field can have his expenses paid at any major institution of his choice.
5. The Portland applicants overlook the vital services of the existing EXTENSION SERVICE which is already well established in Portland and prepared to meet the needs of those who want SUPPLEMENTAL COURSES. (Jack Cramer goes to Portland July 1 to become dean of extension.)

There have always been some persons in Portland who would like to see all major state institutions moved to Portland, but the time is long since past when that was possible, and it is not now desirable. It would be silly to take great umbrage against all Portland because of this move because we feel sure it has little support in Portland.

The problem of all the people of Oregon (including Portland) is how to make the University and the State College and their Extension services truly effective in the post-war, and at least cost or waste of effort. Any effective and economical problem involves:

1. Development of the University and the State College—each in its proper field—for what might be called the "basic training" in every branch of higher learning.
2. Development of EXTENSION in every urban and rural community of the state to meet the great demands for supplemental training. This department and indeed the whole field of adult education has never received sufficient support or attention.
3. Research integrated to the needs of the times and people.

The University is the center for liberal arts and the professions; the State College for technical and vocational preparation; the Teachers Colleges (normals) meet regional needs. These are the "strong points" from which the "field operations" of Extension can reach out to all the people. This state will be unwise if it scatters its funds or its teachers into any far-flung, localized duplications. This state does not need more campuses, nor very many more monumental buildings. It does need TEACHERS AND LEADERSHIP and a purposeful program which will make use of what we have.

If we were to make a criticism of what has been proposed for the post-war in higher education, it would be that there is too much emphasis on building programs and a barren silence on building up faculties, men and women who can put vitality into "higher learning". What are we offering to get the best teachers for the post-war? What funds, if any, are being set into reserve to improve teaching and leadership?

The problem of the post-war in Oregon higher education is not to sputter dribbels of "patronage," but to build up schools that returning veterans and all others will be proud and eager to go to. It is not too early to think what needs doing to recruit great teachers to replace those taken by war or death. Our faculties are "shot to pieces". The first need of the post-war is going to be TEACHERS, the best to be had in every line, and the bidding is likely to be high. For that, we need some preparation.

Things look brighter and brighter as the American troops widen a breach in the Germans' defense line. A breach of promise.

The Senate has passed a bill reducing the cabaret tax to 20 per cent—which still is enough to trip the light fantastic.

WHY WAR REPORTS VARY

"In your paper and in the Portland papers, I have noticed serious discrepancy in the accounts of the fighting in France. One correspondent tells us the German west wall is a myth; another tells of bloody fighting. What are we to believe?"

In the early reports from Normandy, there was considerable confusion. Some reporters found themselves assigned to sectors which proved to be surprisingly easy for the invaders; others encountered the bitterest type of fighting. Each man reported what he saw. It was confusing because in many cases, it was not possible for the reporter to say precisely which sector he was covering.

However, it should be apparent by now that although we have achieved a remarkable success in our landing operations, the victory will not be cheap or easy. The Germans have been bringing up reserves, and it is doubtful if the struggle has yet reached its peak. Nor is it possible to predict that the Battle of Normandy can be won within a matter of days.

Our beachheads have been consolidated on a wide front of approximately 50 miles, but we are still fighting to develop these footholds into a solid front across the Norman peninsula. After a week of fighting the British are still hammering at the German "hinge" in Caen, and our American units farther west are grappling for Carentan and Montebourg.

Until we can control the peninsula and get possession of the big port at Cherbourg, we are under definite disadvantage in bringing up supplies and men. However we have the saving factors of complete superiority at sea and in the air.

It is possible to be deceived by reports that in some sectors the vaunted German "wall" was little better than camouflage, with sham guns and fortifications intended to mislead attackers by sea and air. One correspondent jumped to the conclusion that the Germans were short of men and materials to complete their defenses, and he quoted French natives as telling how the German's area commander had "put it over" when Rommel came to inspect. It is quite as likely that the Germans "planned it that way" and that Rommel was not deceived at all.

In any case, the German defence could be expected to depend on a series of strong points rather than on uniform fortification, and you can be sure Eisenhower figured it that way and aimed to drive through the weak spots in the so-called "wall." The deep penetration of the Allied forces indicates that the commanders knew what they were doing.

There is no reason to feel that censorship is delaying or holding back anything that can be printed; on the contrary the reports from Normandy seem to be unusually free of restrictions. Individual reports may continue to vary. It may be completely quiet in one sector with ghastly carnage a few miles away.

The "overall story" is being written as that line is pushed slowly forward and inland. The cost may not be as heavy as was feared but it is plenty high. We are witnessing one of the great battles of history. The Germans could not keep us from getting ashore. They will not be able to prevent the seizure of Normandy as the base for the final liberation drive across Europe which will follow.

It is difficult to see how the Germans can sustain morale if they lose Normandy because it must be obvious that the establishment of an Allied base in France spells doom.

The honeymoon ends when a couple on the sea of matrimony run into squalls.

OLIVE BARBER'S OBSERVATIONS

BABIES AND HOUSES

A certain philosopher who went about with a lantern hunting an honest man has been given quite a little space in the history books. Also the chap who sought the Holy Grail has had his share of publicity; as have the children of Israel and their 40 year trek. And the hunt for the needle in the haystack still goes on. Yet these are small time stuff compared to the search for an apartment in Seattle.

Now I've just myself to look out for and I'm tough enough to take it. But my heart went out to a young mother I saw today waiting at the Housing Project office for word of some apartment which would give shelter to her and her three weeks old infant. There were dark circles of fatigue under her eyes and I never saw a more helpless look on so young a face.

Her equally young husband looked baffled and defeated. He said that several times they'd been accepted as tenants only to have that acceptance withdrawn when it was learned they had a baby.

Now I can understand the refusal of apartment house owners to admit people with cats and dogs. But I can't understand their rabid antipathy to babies. Babies don't have fleas or shed hair or go on periodic biologic binges. Of course a baby cries once in a while. But a nip of his favorite beverage quiets him which is more than can be said of some adults I've seen. Yet people smile indulgently at a hollering and lurching drunk but go all to pieces when they hear a baby cry. So don't come to Seattle if you plan on having a baby. Get a case of leprosy or yellow fever or the D.T.'s, but don't get a baby. If you do, you'll have to walk the streets until the baby dies of exposure. After that, of course, you'll be eligible for an apartment.

Now I'm curious. Just what is it about a baby which makes it unfit for human society? Is it because its little fists are like crumpled rose buds? Or that it does its hair in erratic little drake tails instead of following the current sausage pattern? Is it the kissable place in the back of his neck which disqualifies him? Just what ails a baby anyway that at sight of him landlords and landladies go pale with horror? Why I know any number of people who started out as babies, got over it and turned out fine.

And then we wonder at the growing practice of birth control!

SOCIETY, WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS

By MARIAN LOWRY

FEDERATION BOARD ARRANGES MEETING

The executive board and committee chairmen of the County Federation of Women's Organizations will gather for a luncheon meeting next Monday afternoon, one o'clock, Penney store balcony. At this time plans will be talked over for the federation's next meeting, July 14, Skinner Butte park, and other items for the coming year's work will be talked over.

OES MEETING TO BE JUNE 23: NOT THIS WEEK

The special meeting for Evangeline chapter, O. E. S., announced in Wednesday evening's paper to meet Friday of this week, will not meet until the following Friday, June 23.

The notice of Wednesday evening was intended for Sunday's paper and by some mix-up appeared in the Wednesday issue. Details of the meeting for June 23 will be announced in Sunday's paper.

PRESBYTERIAN GROUPS

Central Presbyterian Women's union, with sixty-five members attending held its last monthly luncheon of the season Tuesday. Miss Margaret Zimmerman sang two solos, accompanied by Miss Betty Jean Taylor. A review of the last year's work was given by Mrs. Norman K. Tully. This summer each division of the union is giving a tea or garden party for new members and guests. On July 25, the east division will hold a garden party at the home of Mrs. Frank Nombalais. The north division will have a garden tea at Miss Emma Chase's home, July 11. The south division will have a garden tea at the home of Mrs. V. L. Brooks, July 11, and the west division, a garden tea the same day at the home of Mrs. Edward Neuenfeldt.

DUV GROUP

Daughters of Union Veterans held its regular business session Wednesday and plans were made for the Portland convention. Dr. L. L. Baker gave a talk on the American flag and to the members answering the most questions on flags, he presented flag prizes. Those receiving prizes were Mrs. Esta Bier, first; Miss Ada Schuey, second; Miss Dessie Gephart and Mrs. Nellie Hall, tied for third.

PYTHIAN GROUP

Pythian Sunshine Girls had a potluck supper Tuesday evening followed by the regular business meeting. Three new members were voted upon by the twenty-five members present and will be initiated at the next meeting. Miss Mina Zebly will be in charge of refreshments.

MEETING FRIDAY

Winawala encampment will hold its regular meeting in IOOF hall, Friday, at eight o'clock. Plans for the annual picnic will be discussed. All patriarchs are asked to be present.

EXECUTIVE GROUP

The executive meeting of the Degree of Honor will be a potluck lunch at one o'clock Friday at the home of Mrs. George Curtis.

AUXILIARY GROUP

Sons of Union Veterans auxiliary held its regular business meeting Monday afternoon at the Odd Fellows hall with a dinner meeting following in the evening. A new member, Mrs. Cleota Dawson, was voted into the organization. The charter was draped in honor of Mrs. Clara Sovern. At the dinner meeting H. M. Davenport extended an invitation to a wiener roast and pot-luck dinner at his home for the July meeting. The

next afternoon social meeting will be held with Mrs. Will Gilbert. Mrs. Rosina Patrick will be assistant hostess. The organization will meet in Portland June 21-22-23 for the convention.

MISS CHIDLAW IS VISITOR IN EUGENE

A charming visitor in Eugene for a few weeks is Miss Betty Chidlaw of Rochester, N. Y., who is guest of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H. K. Chidlaw, and of her uncle and aunt, Dr. and Mrs. C. H. Michel.

Miss Chidlaw is well known as a contralto singer with the radio and in concert work and opera in her home community. She is a graduate of the Eastman school of music at Rochester, receiving both her bachelor of arts in music and performer's degrees there. She also studied in southern California. Among groups with which she has sung is the Rochester Philharmonic orchestra. She plans to return east in July.

WCTU EVENT

West Eugene union of the WCTU met Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. J. Ernest Brunton, county president for last year, gave a talk to the group. Bible flower readings were given to celebrate flower mission day, and buttonhole bouquets were given to each member present. Coffee and cookies were served.

MISSIONARY GROUP

The First Christian Missionary society met Tuesday for a potluck luncheon and installation of officers.

New officers installed were Mrs. Garland McCoy, president; Mrs. Kenneth Johnston, vice-president; Mrs. Minnie Cornett, secretary; Mrs. Wesley Haines, treasurer; Mrs. Mettie Hockaday, World Call secretary; Mrs. A. H. Fay, librarian. Seven group leaders were also installed: Mrs. A. H. Fay, group one; Mrs. L. E. George, group two; Mrs. Mettie Hockaday, group three; Mrs. W. L. Russell, group four; Mrs. E. Jones, group five; Mrs. R. M. Day, group six; and Mrs. Kenneth Johnston, group seven.

The program was in charge of group four with Mrs. Lilla Woder in charge of devotionals.

SON IS BORN

Announcement has been received here of the birth of a son to Lt. (jg) and Mrs. Dwight A. Caswell in Washington, D. C. on May 20. The baby has been named Dwight Allan Caswell, Jr. He is a grandson of Mrs. Helen Rayburn of Eugene and of Dr. and Mrs. A. E. Caswell, Eugene residents now in Cambridge, Mass. Dr. Caswell of the University of Oregon faculty being on leave for special work during the duration. Mrs. Rayburn returned the past week from Washington, D. C. following several weeks visit with her son-in-law and daughter.

USWV AUXILIARY REPORTS MEETING

United Spanish War Veterans' auxiliary held its regular meeting Monday afternoon and laid plans for the state convention in July. Mrs. R. E. Pearce, president, presented corsages to those who sold carnations for mother's day. Those receiving the flowers were Mrs. Will Steel, Mrs. May T. Moon, Mrs. S. H. Clark, Mrs. Colin MacKenzie, Mrs. Marion Kelley, Mrs. Fred Schweitering, Mrs. Theodore Forcier, Mrs. Harvey Veach, Mrs. E. Judd Stauffer, Mrs. David chell presented a quilt to the convention. The July meeting will be dispensed with.

PICNIC HELD

Fifteen members of the craft group of the Women's club met for a picnic last week at the home of Mrs. A. R. Stahl. Mrs. Emil Strome assisting. Plans were made for next year's picnic and meetings.



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