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OREGON HAS A NEW PRESIDENT

Tremendous tasks face Dr. Harry K. Newburn, who on July 1 will assume office as the seventh president of the University of Oregon. However, at 39, Dr. Newburn has the youth and vigor requisite and his years as dean of the big College of Liberal Arts in the University of Iowa have given him excellent administrative experience. Those who met him and talked with him on his visit to this campus say that he has the breadth and boldness of vision necessary to inspire and vitalize education.

The remaining essential is the wholehearted cooperation of faculties, students, alumni and friends of the University of Oregon. It has been more than a year since the University lost Don Erb. In the interim, Orlando Hollis has served ably as acting president, but he did not have the full power to proceed with many of the problems which are waiting for answers. When President Newburn takes over, we may expect a period of action.

Of President Newburn's plans or "philosophy," little is known, except what was gleaned during his brief stay here. But he did make it very plain in those conversations that he believes a strong University must be built around people—teachers and researchers of distinction. He made bold to say that if support for education is insufficient, then the matter must be taken to the people of the state. It is his belief that the people want nothing less than the best.

Whenever a new man takes over the presidency of any big university or college, there are usually two patterns of attitude toward him—intense enthusiasm and deep skepticism. In recent weeks we have been aware of both of these patterns with regard not only to Dr. Newburn but all others "mentioned" for the presidency. There are those who tend to accept any man from (sufficiently) afar as a world-beater. There are others who look upon such things as Dr. Newburn's "school of education background" with grave misgivings.

We expect neither "world-beater" nor "hopeless pedagogue" but another man who has pinned his own hopes of a future on what he believes to be the future of the University of Oregon. Under the limitations of our Oregon System, these presidencies are not very attractive jobs. At \$7,700 and a house, the remuneration is not as much as some of the larger schools pay deans. With the System go many fetters on free action. To be a president in the Oregon System involves all the usual "rassling" with faculty and student committees, alumni groups, state board frustrations, and the presidents we have known have all had their share of sleepless nights and aggravating days between the "fishin' trips" which restore after the endless "receptions." But Oregon is a young state, and eager, and worth the effort. (And the Buggy Ride will always save a seat for Hank, you may be sure.)

Dr. Newburn brings to Oregon a fresh approach to our problems of higher education. Some of his ideas he may have to adjust and we may have to adjust many of ours. He will be the leader. The University has needed a leader, but the job to be done is one in which all must share.

COMPLIMENT FOR CONDON SCHOOL

A great many nice things have been said about what the youngsters of the Condon school did last week for the Park and Playground Fund. The children did this thing for themselves. Every child had a part. When the pennies and dimes were counted there was the surprising total of \$45.51. All these achievements have been duly praised, but from our old friend Burton M. Wyckoff, in Springfield, comes the keenest comment on what this sort of effort means:

"These school children have demonstrated the principle that the intrinsic values in life are not found in reaching a goal but in striving for perfection."

When all of these 340 boys and girls of Condon school are grown men and women, with children of their own, there will still be this Park and Playground Fund "for the benefit of the community" and community includes not only Eugene but Springfield and all the area within 12 miles. When the Amazon flat and other desirable areas have been saved for parks and playgrounds—and developed and put to use—there will be a continuing work of development and improvement in which everybody, young or old, rich or poor, can have a part.

There are, of course, some practical reasons for setting up this Park and Playground Fund for "free will support." The tax resources of our cities and school districts are strictly limited, and there are so many urgent needs for sewers and sanitation, and streets and fire and police protection, and

school buildings, that without some special provision for park and playgrounds we might have years of waiting during which many desirable park and playground opportunities would be lost.

But the building of this Park and Playground Fund, out of the free will of all citizens, does have a principle far more important than the "practical considerations." As these parks and playgrounds are created, thousands of citizens young and old will say:

"These parks and playgrounds belong to me. My name is on the roll of those who have made this possible. I have had some direct share in making this town a better place to live and work in. Maybe the job will never be quite finished, but my children and their children will add something in their time."

In time, this Fund should be just as much help to Springfield's Infant Park District as to Eugene and to all of the communities inside or outside the city limits where there is need of playgrounds or parks. When every citizen gets the feeling "this is my town and I can help make it a better place" you have democracy at work. There will be a use for large and generous gifts, but the poor man's dollar or the child's penny may be equally important.

One day, standing on a high place and looking off across the valley and the rivers to the beautiful hills which encircle Eugene and Springfield, somebody said to Mahlon Sweet:

"Wouldn't it be swell if some super-millionaire were to dish up a big wad of dough and tell people to fix this place up the way it ought to be?"

Mahlon considered the idea and then he said:

"Nope, it wouldn't be good for us. We wouldn't appreciate it. If we worry along and do it for ourselves, it may not be perfect but it will be our own, and that's more important."

In a few weeks the Park and Playground Fund has acquired 717 "shareholders." It has close to 45,000 "prospects," each in his own way, his own time, for whatever he sees fit.

From the summit of the Cascades to the farthest reaches of Route F come questions as to why the RG hasn't carried any stories that were in the air this week. Uncle Sam says: "Don't touch!"

Washington Big Shots are doing a lot to make the people realize that this is total war, but McGurk says it won't be total till they get to regulating women's hats.

That Jap admiral who was planning to "dictate peace in the White House" may get a free ride to Washington with our "Bull" Halsey, if he runs out of ships.

OUT OF THE WOODS

By JAMES STEVENS

Red Ball Fir ...

Thousands of LCMs, LCVPs and other "small boats" made of lumber from these woods of ours saved the European invasion for our forces when the hurricane that roared upon the heels of D-day wrecked hundreds of the larger craft. The soldiers on the beachheads had to have supplies. The small boats delivered the goods. In a week the weather cleared and the big LCs returned.

In the first hundred days of the invasion a million tons of supplies and a hundred thousand vehicles were unloaded in Normandy. Then the supplies had to roll. The progress of the war depended absolutely upon the transportation corps and its equipment. General Patton's breakthrough was a miracle. But a greater miracle was the transportation follow-up which provided all that his armored forces needed to keep going. It was heightened by the fact that the general took over the trucks of his own 3rd army supply trains and used them to carry his infantry along with the tanks. The transportation corps then had to roll supplies right up to the front lines.

The job was done on the immortal Red Ball Express highway's "red ball" being the traditional symbol for high priority freight.

That follow-up supply job from the one open Port, Cherbourg, had to be done mainly by motor truck, because the railways of France were shot to pieces. Trucks were so blasted near the front and chewed up by the grind of the Red Ball express that the average life of one was only days. Giant demands for replacements struck Detroit. These branched out, in orders to Akron for more truck tires, and also in orders to western Washington and Oregon, the Douglas fir region, for more lumber of a grade to build military truck bodies.

It struck the lumber industry here as the first wave of what has become a storm of new requirements for war lumber. Lumber of truck body grade is superior to steel for the purpose. Hardwoods are preferred, but the hardwood industry cannot begin to supply the needs. The only softwood in large supply that can meet the specification is the king tree of our forests. A slew of logs has to be brought out of the woods for every one that has up-to-snuff truck body lumber in it—the red ball grade of Douglas fir.

And that is just one of a number of reasons why the army is tearing its hair over the lack of key loggers on the job in the west coast woods—rigging men most of all. Trucks are not trucks without bodies. And truck bodies take timber.

The Public Is Alarmed
Highly dramatic but official accounts of transportation on the invasion of Europe and the great offensive through France are in the January Harper's—"The Far Shore," by Lt. Cmdr. Max Miller, and "Trucks and Trains in Battle," by Pvt. Irwin Ross. Our lumber is not cited, but the woods-wise reader can see it fighting in just about every paragraph.

Our lumber, in fact, was first in the fight. Minesweepers that preceded the invasion and the PT boats that followed them were built out of northwest forest products. The supplies that were dumped on the beachheads and carried on the Red Ball express were boxed and crated mainly in wood from the west—pine, hemlock and fir. We've got to keep it up. For the transportation corps to deliver the goods we've got to deliver the woods.

This should help. At last the public is growing somewhat alarmed over the manpower shortage in the forest industries. Not for fear of a shortage of supplies for the military forces, however, but because grocers have begun to ration tissue. Now one hears really serious talk about the need to procure more logs for the pulp mills and sawmills. A tissue shortage—oh, NCM

SOCIETY, WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS

By MARIAN LOWRY

SPINSTERS MEETING TO BE WEDNESDAY

Spinsters club is to meet Wednesday evening, seven-thirty o'clock, home of Miss Joyce Clark, this being the regular semi-monthly gathering for the group.

ALUMNAE HOSTESSES TO SORORITY PLEDGES

Delta Delta Delta Alliance members entertained last week at a party for pledges of the active chapter of the sorority, the party being at the home of Mrs. Frederick K. Davis, thirty-five attending. Mrs. Blaudie Benton and Mrs. Janice Lutz were co-hostesses with Mrs. Davis. Mrs. Ralph Christensen had charge of the entertainment. Games were played, singing enjoyed, Mrs. E. W. Ellis showed colored slides of New York City, Mexico City, and Oregon scenery; art Navarre Davis gave acts of magic. Refreshments were served. Next meeting for the Alliance will be a dinner gathering at the home of Mrs. T. M. Lundy.

CANTON HOVEY AUXILIARY INSTALLS

Officers were installed at a recent meeting by the auxiliary to Canton Hovey. Mrs. Henry Dittler, who holds membership in the auxiliary at Newberg, was installing officer, assisted by Mrs. W. M. Wohlander, who is a member at Klamath Falls. Both live here.

Officers installed included the following: President, Mrs. J. H. Starr; vice president, Mrs. Clarence Draper; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. August Goettsche; chaplain, Mrs. Rosina Patrick; officer of the day, Mrs. Bertha Dunbar; officer of the guard, Mrs. W. A. Gilbert; right aide to president, Mrs. R. A. Denney; left aide to president, Mrs. N. Gautier; right aide to vice president, Mrs. Martha Littlefield; left aide to vice president, Mrs. J. F. Inman; sentry, Mrs. Georgina Svarverud.

A past president's jewel was presented to Mrs. Starr, who was re-elected, and a gift also was presented from the auxiliary.

It was announced refreshments will be served after the next meeting, the committee to be Mrs. Wohlander, chairman, Mrs. Gilbert and Mrs. L. L. Baker.

MEETING CHANGED

American Legion auxiliary members will meet on Friday instead of Wednesday at the Red Cross offices to do sewing. It was found that arrangements had been made for another group to do sewing on Wednesday. The auxiliary members will meet there at ten o'clock to work all day, each member to take her sack lunch.

BOOK GROUP MEETS

The Book section of the Eugene City club met Monday evening, with an attendance of thirty-eight, at the home of Mrs. V. A. Riasanovsky. The program was given by the hostess, telling of her late New York adventure, and of being the guest of Pearl Buck; also of her trip to Boston. With record music she described a cycle of Russian music, some of which have been handed down from the ninth century.

The treasurer, Mrs. George Scott, submitted names of the following who joined: Mrs. Alta M. Frazier, Mrs. Paul Campbell, Mrs. E. N. Cocklin, Mrs. Alice Davis, Mrs. Sylvia Yearwood, and Mrs. Stanley Williamson.

The next meeting will be Feb. 5 with Mrs. R. B. Houser.

L. O. E. EVENT

Ladies of the Elks will hold their regular semi-monthly party on Thursday afternoon, Elks temple, two o'clock.

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Miss Wilma Lyon, Junction City 4-H club member, make such good use of her needle that it landed her a scholarship, one of twelve national awards in the 4-H club clothing achievement contest.

She is shown here modelling one of her own dresses. Miss Lyon attended the Chicago national 4-H club congress, having won the trip as clothing winner from Oregon. She has carried on a clothing project every one of the nine years she has been a 4-H member.

Plus her sewing activities, she finds time to sew for the Red Cross and Russian war relief, take on canning, gardening, and livestock projects, as well as be leader for younger 4-H club girls. (Wiltshire engraving)

COUNTY P-TA'S MEETING THURSDAY

The county P-TA organization is to meet Thursday, Fairmount Presbyterian church, Fifteenth Avenue east and Villard streets, starting at ten-thirty o'clock. A paid luncheon is to be served, and the group will adjourn at three o'clock.

All units are asked to have representatives there, reports to be given from the various schools.

A nominating committee is to be named.

L. C. Moffitt, county school superintendent, is to speak on duties of the school boards.

The Goshen unit recently affiliated with the county organization, and officers of the Goshen group will be installed at the Thursday meeting, Mrs. A. R. Fredericksen, regional vice-president of the P-TA officiating.

Mrs. James Pierson will preside at the Thursday meeting as county president.

TRAINING PROGRAM LAUNCHED BY SCOUTS

An extensive training program for adult Girl Scout workers has been scheduled for the remainder of January, starting with a training session for council and committee members Wednesday, January 17. This will be an all-day course at the Frank Graham farm near Jasper, starting at ten o'clock and ending at eight-thirty o'clock.

Mrs. John W. Lewis is in charge of arrangements. Miss Marjory Stewart, executive, and Mrs. C. H. Michel, council member, will lead the training discussion, which will include the responsibilities and duties of a Girl Scout council. The evening meal will be prepared and served as a typical Girl Scout "cook-out" dinner, with the group to be divided into work-patrols.

On January 18 at eight o'clock a training course will be held for new Brownie leaders at the Girl Scout office. A training course for new leaders of intermediate troops starts January 23 at eight o'clock at the scout office.

Miss Stewart is conducting both courses, which consist of four two-hour sessions, to be completed in February.

Miss Stewart has announced that these will be the last training courses offered this year, and all leaders are urged to attend if they have not received their training.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Credit Women's Breakfast club met Tuesday morning, Osburn hotel. C. A. Eberhardt of the United Airlines talked on safety of aircraft. Miss Dorothy Boyce was a guest. Twenty-two members attended.

Eugene, Springfield Third In Safety

Astoria, The Dalles, Newport and Warrenton were first in traffic safety in the 1944 Oregon cities traffic safety contest at the end of November, leaving just one-month figures to be computed for the final year's standings, according to Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell, sponsor of the contest.

In the first division, Astoria was followed by Medford in second place with Eugene third. In the second division, The Dalles was followed by Corvallis and Baker in second and third places while in the third division, Newport was followed by Coquille and Springfield in second and third. In the fourth division, Warrenton, winner of the 1943 contest, was followed by Sheridan and Enterprise in second and third positions.

Cities are judged according to current accident experience compared to their own previous three-year average experience. Each city is classified according to population and grouped for the contest.

When December accident figures have been compiled and analyzed, final results for the year 1944 will be announced. Winners receive certificates of award and highway plaques to be erected alongside the highway at city entrances.

Carpenters Initiate

Five men were initiated into the union at the regular meeting of the carpenters local 1273 in Eugene Monday night. The new members are Lester A. Abbott, Luther Engstrom, Clayton Lewis, H. S. Thompson and C. M. Burgerson. C. L. Sarr was initiated on Jan. 2.



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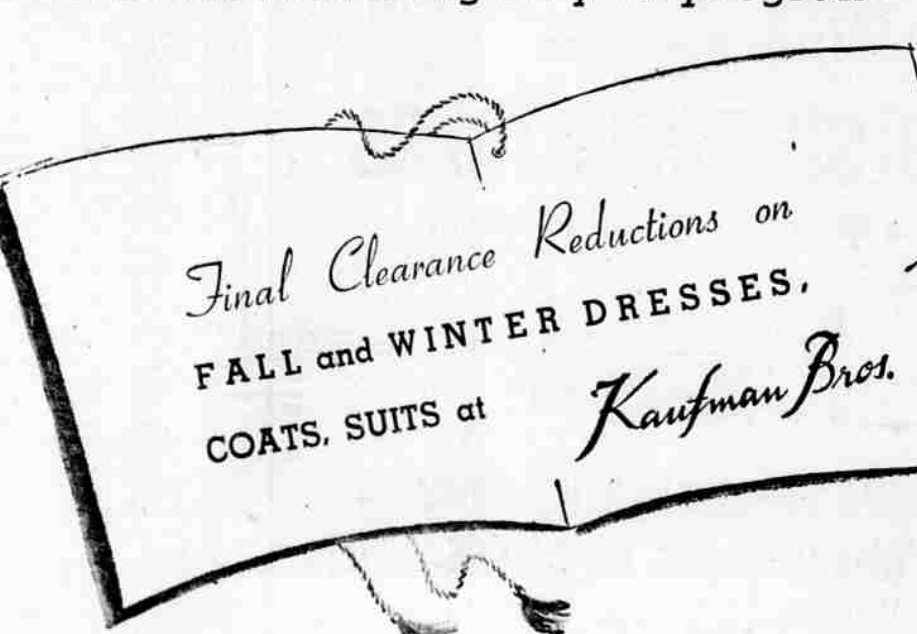
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