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OSWALD WEST OFFERS A NAME

In a recent communication to the state board of higher education, Oswald West, former governor of Oregon, proposes the name of John C. Peebles to be commemorated in the naming of some suitable building on the campus of the University of Oregon. In fact the still fiery Os West goes so far as to say that Oregon's Deady Hall never should have been named for a man who was "a pro-slavery Democrat and opposed to such institutions as yours."

Change the name of Deady Hall? What-ever Judge Deady may have been we can fancy most of the old-timers shouting—NEVER! But Os West does not go that far. He merely insists that Peebles shall not be forgotten or neglected. Here's the letter:

"Your Deady Hall is named for Judge Matthew P. Deady—a pro-slavery democrat who was opposed to such institutions as yours. He was born in Maryland in 1824, reached Oregon in 1849 and settled in Yamhill county in 1850—ever after living off government. He died in 1893.

"With Deady, in the convention that framed our state constitution, was John C. Peebles—a free-soil Whig (or democrat), whose thoughts turned largely to education. He was born in Pennsylvania in 1826, reached Oregon in 1850, settled first near Fairfield in Marion county, and then a short distance east of Salem—ever after living off the soil and by the sweat of his brow.

"Deady was chairman of the convention; Peebles chairman of the committee on education and, in time, reported out an article carrying, among other things, a provision empowering the legislature to establish a state university, with connected colleges. The matter came up for consideration on Sept. 11, 1857.

"Mr. Deady moved to strike out the section providing for a state university; stating experience had demonstrated that such universities were of little use to anybody, and had better be left to other agencies.

"Mr. Peebles opposed the Deady motion—insisting that in any general system of instruction there should be an institution of such higher order—free from sectarian control; that the universities of New York and certain other states were in a flourishing condition.

"Mr. Deady contended that education should be under the direction of the various religious denominations of the country, and state appropriations prorated to them on a basis of school attendance.

"Deady's motion carried—the provision for a state university was stricken out. Deady, in time, was made a member of your board of regents. Peebles has been forgotten.

"Deady's views on life and government were strongly aristocratic. To him, an ideal life was that of a baronial chief in a feudal castle surrounded by his vassals. Thus it was natural for him to line up, politically, with the great landowners and slave holders of the South. He accepted two classes—the rulers and the ruled—as a natural order of things.

"J. C. Peebles was a man of education, culture and charm. He was one of the few early-day farmers who gave thought to personal appearance when coming to town to trade. He was always the gentleman—in speech, dress and habits. Although a man of small means, his few acres were ever well tilled and his stock well cared for. The old white rose bush which covered the front of his modest farm home, most beautiful in season, bespoke the beauty and sweetness of the home life within.

"So, my friends, wouldn't it be not only a gracious thing, but a proper thing, to preserve in some manner the memory of this worthy pioneer who, sensing the value of an education, fought to make it the birthright of those to come?"

Although we are not very well "up" on the controversies of pioneer days, we believe the petition of Os West deserves some serious consideration. Governor West pays the University of Oregon a real tribute when he speaks of it as an agency of democracy. It has never been rich or powerful (much of the time fighting for its very life) but it has fought many a battle for academic freedom and for the utmost freedom of expression and opinion.

As new buildings are erected, many distinguished names will compete for attention, but perhaps it would be fitting that this pioneer farmer who spoke out against the great Judge should not be forgotten.

NEW TALENT TO THE FORE

The War Manpower Commission has announced that it will conduct an inventory of male labor employed in the vending and amusement machine industry of Greater Cleveland, Ohio, with an eye toward putting the men to work at highly skilled jobs in armament plants.

Anyone who ever watched one of these wizards set aright the highly complicated innards of a cigaret machine or juke box will agree that they could assemble a bomb-sight with boxing gloves on, and that the WMC really has something.

The possibilities are fascinating. Imagine a bombardier over Cologne pressing the button on a gadget turned out by one of these ex-coin machine mechanics. Coincident with the dropping of bombs, Kay Kyser would probably play "I'll Be Seeing You," and then out would pop a package of a leading brand.

In some swanky restaurants only the brave observe the fare.

If you think conditions are crowded here, just imagine Berlin—when the Russians get through.

Jan. 15 tax day has passed—March 15 is coming up. What do they mean, many happy returns?

Let us be the first to mention the first robin. We're looking forward to seeing it!

To be 100 per cent right your cost of living should include the purchase of War Bonds!

WASHINGTON LETTER

By PETER EDSON
Register-Guard Washington Correspondent

SWAN SONG OF THE 1000 CLUB
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 31.—You might as well know the full story of the 1000 Club payoff, and how its 291 members bowed themselves out of the political picture in a big blowout at Washington's new Statler hotel, marking the windup of the Fourth term inauguration lack-of-ceremonies.

Approximately 275 out of the 291 paid up members of the 1000 Club came to Washington for the inauguration, and though they had collected only about third of the million dollars the club founders had hoped to get, they found they still had some \$3400 in the treasury.

When party leaders suggested the money be turned into the Democratic National Committee to keep the party machine running till 1948, the club leaders said nothing doing. They had been told that they were going to throw a lot of weight around, and by golly they were going to make a splurge if they had to pay for it themselves. So the 291 member 1000 club decided to give themselves a banquet and to see what a real 1000 Club would look like if they had one, they decided to invite every celebrity and near celebrity they could rope, tie or otherwise lay hands on, to the number of 1000. No tickets would be sold, the food would be free, and they would build up a lot of good will.

The Check: \$6155
BY actual count, there were 1111 tickets put out. The breast of guinea hen dinner cost \$5 a plate, or \$5555, plus \$375 for the Presidential banquet room and \$175 for the Congressional banquet room adjoining. Sum total, \$6155.

The programs were the size of a news magazine, though not so thick. At that, these menus "cards" were 16 pages plus a four-page bristle-board cover. Printed in blue and gold (the club colors?) and bound by a red-white-and-blue cord, they must have cost at least half a buck apiece and that line, "This book was printed in compliance with wartime regulations on paper conservation," was conspicuously absent.

That wasn't the only thing conspicuously absent about this program. A whole raft of the "Distinguished Guests" whose names and stations were printed in the program were also conspicuously absent. Nine columns of membership list revealed only about a dozen names of national prominence.

Mrs. Roosevelt was there and General and Mrs. Marshall. The new Vice-President was there and on his very first day and night in office got broken in on his long four years of being a distinguished guest and a maker of brief remarks at banquets. Henry Wallace for a change had his first night off and how he must have enjoyed it.

But the Honorable Justices of the Supreme Court stayed away en masse, the Navy was represented by the mere Commandant of the Coast Guard and Secretary of Agriculture Claude Wickard, bless his Hoosier heart, was the only cabinet member so loyal or so innocent that he didn't join those who stayed away.

George Fessenden presided as master of ceremonies and said he enjoyed the dinner because he had been to the White House for lunch and never had so few chickens got mixed up with so much celery. Mrs. Roosevelt topped that one later by saying she was glad to know there had been any chicken at all in that salad because by the time she and Mrs. Truman sat down for a bite after the thousands of invited plate luncheon guests had left, she couldn't find anything but celery.

No Sinatra
FRANK SINATRA was another celebrity who was supposed to be there but wasn't. Weather—not dogs—kept him from flying in but it was no loss because the 372nd Infantry glee club sang war songs and the Star-Spangled Banner much better than Frankie could ever have done. If somebody had started a siren at that \$1000 guinea-hen-in-the-rough atmosphere, there's no telling what might have happened.

There still remains the little matter of finances. If the 1000 Club had only a \$3400 surplus to begin with and this affair cost approximately double that, somewhere, somehow, somebody must have dug down to foot the difference. Si transit gloria 1000 Club and requestat in pace 291 suckers.

OLIVE BARBER'S OBSERVATIONS

A DOG IN THE HOUSE
Reminiscent of Hillside experiences is that which we are now going through in the home in which I'm staying. For the Little Lad's father got him a dog, a silky-eared, blonde brown-eyed Cocker spaniel pup; a pup only time and stern measures will convert to the ways of polite society. In short, a pup which is not yet "house broke."

The little dog was picked up on the streets by the Humane society and after being duly advertised and no owner appearing to claim it, it was sold to the Little Lad's dad. The pup was then bathed, defleaded, and presented to the boy when he returned from kindergarten.

Judged by the actions of both dog and boy, one would have thought they were being reunited after a long separation instead of meeting for the first time. Both were seized with a joyous hysteria and flung themselves about over the house in as mad a neck-risking set of capers as I ever saw. All in all, it was quite a day.

It was also quite an evening for boy and dog being separated, the boy howled in bed and the pup dithered in the garage. "Sandy's lonesome for me!" shriekingly wept the boy. The little dog's wails supported the boy's claim. A compromise was reached; the pup slept in the basement next the furnace.

The next day saw the start of Sandy's education in the matter of certain personal habits. When dark and dampish spots appeared on the living room rug, Sandy's nose was introduced to them with some violence and his little technique paddled. You'd have thought the little dog was being torn limb from limb, the way he howled. But it was the boy who really suffered. He accepted the dog's shrieks at their face value and the streaming eyes in the little grief-distorted face hurt the mother more than she had hurt the dog. The pup, sensing an ally, redoubled his shrieks and rolled hypocritical eyes of suffering at the lad.

I should have known better but I didn't, so I put in my ear and told the boy his mother hadn't slapped the pup hard enough to hurt a flea. The pup understood and his eyes promised he'd get even. He did. Tonight, some clippings left on my bedroom floor were strangely wet. A brown and insolent eye half hidden by a blonde and silk-en ear peered around the door jamb, then disappeared in scratchy-toed haste. The pup was avenged.

SOCIETY, WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS

By MARIAN LOWRY

BREMERTON GIRL JOINS WAC HERE

Miss Grace E. Putnam, niece of Mrs. Eva B. Collins, 973 Hilyard street, Eugene, was sworn into the women's army corps on her 28th birthday Tuesday, Lt. Elsie K. Nedrow, WAC recruiting officer, announced Wednesday.

Private Putnam, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry F. Putnam, Bremerton, Wash., is the third member of her immediate family to join the service. One brother is with the army air forces in Belgium and the other is with the marines on Bougainville. She attended Bremerton public schools and business college.

Her mother, aunt, and several friends were present when she took the oath of allegiance. Mrs. Collins is chairman of the civilian committee in Eugene to aid in WAC recruiting.

SHOWER HONORS CORVALLIS GIRL

A bridal shower was given recently at the home of Miss Virginia Garrett with Mrs. Annie Richardson as hostess, honoring Miss Esther Garrett of Corvallis, who is to be married soon to Harvey White of Pensacola, Fla.

Invited guests were Mrs. Edmund Kathol, Mrs. Henry Shultz, Mrs. Lois Serotek, Mrs. Ruby Morten, Mrs. Jack W. Rubier, Mrs. Ray W. Richardson, Mrs. Alonzo E. Rubier, Mrs. Peter C. Price, Mrs. Sorenson, Miss Juanita Richardson, and Miss Jacqueline Rubier.

Gifts were sent also by Mrs. Iva Zeller of Marshfield, Mrs. Elmer Templeton and Miss Laura Hines, who were unable to attend.

Another surprise shower honoring Miss Garrett was held Saturday evening at the bride-elect's home in Corvallis, arranged by Miss Mildred Moore, Miss Virginia Garrett of Eugene attended. Games were played by the party of eight.

BRIDGE CLUB HONORS PAIR

Cheerful Bridge club, meeting recently at the home of Mrs. William L. Subbauer, held a double shower after its card session, honoring two members who are soon to be married. Gifts were presented to Miss Myrtle Porter, whose engagement to Lester Daggett has been announced, and to Mrs. Loree Ridgeway, who will be married to Nelson F. Whipples.

The gift packages were placed upon small tables which were ranged side by side, both tables decorated appropriately. Refreshments were served by the hostess.

The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Harry L. McAdams.

WORLD PRAYER EVENT FEB. 16

The World Day of Prayer, which will be celebrated February 16, on the first Friday of Lent, will be observed in Eugene with special services at one-thirty o'clock at First Methodist church. It will be a union service, sponsored by the Eugene Council of Church Women.

The program committee for the event is today meeting at the home of Mrs. R. M. Day, chairman, to make further plans for the day.

Sgt. Guy Haynes Jr. Now In New York Hospital

Mr. and Mrs. Guy W. Haynes, 1070 Tenth avenue west, Eugene, who recently had been advised that their son, Sgt. Guy Haynes, Jr., of the 104th (Timberwolf) Infantry division, had been hospitalized in England, received a joyful surprise Wednesday at hearing his voice over long-distance telephone from New York City.

Sergeant Haynes, who saw action in Holland and Germany with the 9th and 1st armies, was twice hospitalized in France, subsequently being transferred to England last Christmas day, suffering with "trench feet."

His telephone call Wednesday was first notice his parents had received that he was in this country. He told them he expected to be sent to some western hospital soon.

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CORRINE BARROWS ORCHESTRA MEMBER

A Eugene girl, member of the women's army corps, is the newest addition to the Austin, Tex., symphony orchestra. PFC Corrine A. Barrows of Eugene, a music student since the age of three, will be playing cello at the next concert given by the Texas orchestra.

Private Barrows plays piano, string bass, cello and guitar. A graduate of the University of Oregon, where she minored in music, Private Barrows has had fifteen years' experience in symphony orchestra work.

Her mother, Mrs. Corrine Combs, also an accomplished musician, gave her piano lessons from the age of three until she attended college.

Private Barrows played in the University symphony orchestra here; also the Colorado Springs and the Pueblo, Colo. symphony orchestras.

Joining the women's army corps last July, she was sent to Bergstrom Field in September, where she was assigned as a technical supply clerk.

She often borrows a guitar from Lt. Cella McCellan, WAC commanding officer, and entertains the girls in her barracks by playing and singing all their request numbers.

COBURG—Mrs. Bertha Smith entertained, Sunday, at her home with a party honoring the eighth birthday anniversary of her daughter, Marilee. Games were played with Marjorie O'Neill and Darlene Tolman winning the prizes.

Refreshments were served to the guest of honor, Marilee Smith, Marjorie O'Neill, Carolyn Hurd, Darlene Tolman, Diane Smith, Jewel Joslin and Corrina Crowmover.

MEET AT SCHOOL

The Association of Childhood Education will meet at the Lincoln school Thursday afternoon at three-thirty o'clock. There will be a panel discussion on the topic "Factors Which Facilitate Child Development," by principals of elementary schools.

DELPHIANS THURSDAY

The Delphian society will meet for regular study Thursday morning at nine-thirty o'clock, at the Eugene hotel.

ART GROUP MEETS

Art study group of the American Association of University Women will meet Thursday afternoon at three-thirty o'clock, at the Art museum, when Mrs. G. S. Beardsley will give a report on oriental ceramics.

SYMPOSIUM TEAMS

Two more engagements for symposium teams from the division of speech and dramatic arts at the University of Oregon were made this week. Beverly Carroll and Sue Slater, both of Portland, and Marjorie Silvis of Eugene, will discuss United States co-operation with Russia in the post-war period at the North Bend Methodist church Thursday evening, Feb. 8.

Alice Harter, Eugene, Margery Skordahl, Nampa, Ida, and Carolyn Jacobs, Portland, will discuss the Dumbarton Oaks plan for world peace at Knappa-Svenson high school in Clatsop county Monday afternoon, Feb. 12.

SECOND SPANISH FILM

The second in a series of Spanish movies shown in Eugene under the sponsorship of Sigma Delta Pi, Spanish honorary at the University of Oregon, was brought here last week. An effort is being made by the honorary to have one a month for the remainder of the school year.

The movie, "El Medico de Las Locas," a murder mystery involving a psychiatrist and some of his patients, was an adaptation of a French story and was made in Mexico.

Catholic Priests Meet In Eugene

The Eugene Deanery of Catholic priests gathered today at St. Mary's Catholic rectory with a meeting commencing at 10:30 a. m., luncheon at noon and the continuation of the discussions in the afternoon.

The following priests were present for the meeting: Fathers Francis P. Leipzig, Daniel P. Curley and Albert Rodakowski, all of Eugene; Louis H. Sohier, Cottage Grove; John Walsh, Monroeville; Louis A. Sander, Corvallis; John Waters, Albany; Martin Bohrofen, Lebanon; Beatus Barr, S. D. S. and Michael Dilmore, S. D. S., both of Jordan.

Papers were read by Rev. Beatus Barr of Jordan and Rev. John Waters, of Albany and Rev. Louis A. Sander, Corvallis.

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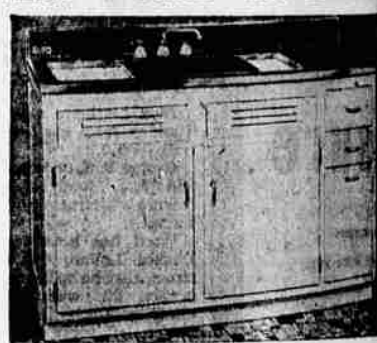
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