

After 40 Years on U O Faculty —

'Jimmie' Gilbert to Retire

By RUBY FRAZIER

Although he has an acre of land waiting to occupy his "full attention" after his retirement at the end of spring term, James H. Gilbert, dean of the college of liberal arts at the University of Oregon, is going to miss teaching.

The University of Oregon is going to miss "Jimmy" Gilbert, too.

40 Years on Job

It's been just 40 years since Dean Gilbert joined the faculty of the University, and excepting Professor Emeritus H. D. Sheldon, he can boast the longest continuous service to the school of any faculty member. Professor Sheldon has been teaching at the university for 47 years, and is currently on a part-time basis.

In 40 years Dean Gilbert has seen the faculty of college of liberal arts grow from 12 or 15 members to at least 150. He began to climb his own ladder of success in 1907 when he joined the faculty of the economics department. He became head of that department in 1920.

In 1925 he was appointed acting dean of the college of literature, science, and arts, and became dean of the college of social science in 1932. His appointment as dean of the college of liberal arts came in 1942, when the college of social science and the college of liberal arts were consolidated.

Science Back
Typically, Dean Gilbert's "most thrilling experience" of his educational career did not come when he was appointed dean of the college of liberal arts. It came when he saw "the best interests" of the

university served by restoration of science to a "major" basis at his school.

"I attended a session of the State Board of Higher Education in 1942 when the decision to restore science to a major basis at the University of Oregon was made," the dean recalled. "For ten years the science department had been starved out on a lower division basis. In a liberal arts college, we had to have the right to offer major work and advanced degrees in science."

Dean Gilbert believes that the most marked change that he has seen in the university, besides the increase in the enrollment and enlargement of the physical plant, is the greater emphasis being put on professional training as distinguished from emphasis on liberal arts.

Favors Liberal Arts

A firm believer in liberal arts training, the popular dean is also a stubborn advocate of courses of broad nature and free from "the taint of departmental specialization."

"I have always believed, too, in small classes as distinguished from the large, unwieldy ones," Dean Gilbert continued.

Should Extend

A university—and especially a state university—should extend its services beyond the campus, the dean believes. Experts in the field of knowledge should be given time to serve business, professional and cultural life of the state whenever the opportunity arises.

Dean Gilbert can look back upon a life of satisfactory and enriching service to the field of education and to the state of Oregon. On his desk lies a book of congratulatory letters—already one of his most prized possessions—written by former students and friends from all over the United States and in Hawaii.

Dean Gilbert still teaches some classes, and points out that he intends to keep right on teaching to the day of his retirement.

Girl to Face City Judge On Firecracker Charge

Police Chief L. L. Pittenger said Thursday that girls would be given no special privileges to shoot firecrackers in Eugene, after the arrest Wednesday night of 21-year-old Annabel McArthur of Alpha Phi sorority, 1080 Hilyard St. She allegedly was using fireworks.

Like boys arrested during the current police campaign against fireworks, Miss McArthur paid five dollars bail and was scheduled to appear in municipal court at 8 p.m. May 14.

Jessie Irene Wescott

Jessie Irene Wescott, Florence, died at her home Tuesday. She was born April 8, 1886, at Kenosha, Wis., and married Elwyn O. Wescott in 1887. He died Dec. 34, 1920. She came to Siuslaw in 1919 and to Florence in 1922.

Surviving are four children, Mrs. Roy Viall and Charles Wescott of Ray, N.D., Clair Wescott, Coos Bay, and Mrs. Ralph Whitmore, Florence five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; two brothers, George Littlefield, Wolf Point, Mont., and Eugene Littlefield, Stockton, Calif.; and a sister, Mrs. Olive Devault, Sacramento, Calif.

Services will be at Campbell Mortuary in Coos Bay Saturday at 11 a.m., with interment in the Florence Masonic Cemetery.

SHOP NEWBERRY'S BASEMENT for LADIES house and street frocks, 966 Willamette.



LETTERS FROM FRIENDS all over the nation were presented in a bound volume to retiring Dean James Gilbert, left, at a recent banquet memorializing his 40 years of service to the University of Oregon. Vice-President Burt Brown Barker of the University, right, is shown here presenting the volume. (Wiltshire engraving).

Music Festival 'Guests' Named

Guests artists for the three-day University of Oregon Festival of Contemporary Music have been announced by Dr. Arnold Elston, Festival chairman. The guests will be presented in the Friday night, May 16, closing concert of the Festival.

Two well-known Portland pianists, Ruth and Henri Arcand, will be featured in the unusual "Sonata for Two Pianos and Percussion," a Bela Bartok composition. Under the direction of John Stehn, associate professor of music, the number "1" will be supported by three student musicians, Elwood Rickman, Eugene, and Rex Stevens, Myrtle Point, percussion ensemble; and Richard McClintic, Eugene, xylophone.

Roger Sessions, one of the outstanding American composers and professor of music in the University of California, will play the piano portion of his own "Concerto for Violin."

Barbara Lull, prominent violinist of Oakland, Calif., will play the Concerto. This composition was written by Sessions in 1937 and

Municipal Court Gives \$200 Fines to 2 Men

Daniel Krieger of Lowell Hotel and Leland C. Ross, Rt. 1, Eugene, were fined \$200 each in municipal court Wednesday, after their arrests earlier in the week on charges of driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor.

The court also recommended that Ross' driving license be restricted to the hours of 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Firm to Build Gravity Filter

SPRINGFIELD — A new anthracite gravity filter, similar to the present filter in the city's system, is being built by the Mountain States Power Co. at a cost of \$14,000.

The new filter will double the capacity of treated water for the area and make it possible to treat 3000 gallons of water per minute as compared to the 2000 gallon capacity of the present plant. The unit is a modern type using five grades of specially treated coal, ranging from a coarse to a very fine texture, as the filtering agent.

The foundation of the concrete structure has already been laid and is expected to be completed before heavy irrigation starts in the middle of July. The new unit is located near the present filter at the Mountain States Power Co. plant.

Building Permit Total Shows \$8000 Decline

SPRINGFIELD—Building permits here for the month of April totaled \$73,200, according to

Postmasters to Meet For Revival of Unit

Lane County postmasters will meet again this week to reorganize their unit of the Oregon chapter, National Assn. of Postmasters, which has been inactive during

the war.

A total of 33 permits were issued, eleven for residential construction, five for business, eleven for remodeling and six for private garages. The greatest amount of money again went into residential construction with a total of \$34,800. Remodeling was next with \$26,700, followed by business, \$8400, and private garages, \$3300.

Postmaster Frank L. Armitage of Eugene announced Thursday that the reactivation meeting would be held Saturday at 1 p.m. in the Osburn Hotel and that officers would be elected for 1947. "There are 51 postmasters in Lane County," Armitage said, "and it's been almost six years since we met." Meetings were discontinued during the war in deference to the gas and rubber situation.

Postmaster-Elect Ethan Newman has been issued a special invitation to attend. Postal Inspector G. M. Booher also will be a guest.

DORENA BIDS ASKED

PORTLAND—(AP)—The Army Engineers Thursday called for bids on painting 30 housing units in the Dorena Dam area. Bids will be opened May 19.

A. L. Smith

A. L. Smith, father of E. Smith, Springfield, died at Eugene hospital Wednesday. Services will be at Newman-Buell Mortuary in field Friday at 2 p.m., with interment in Laurel Hill Cemetery.

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