

## Byrne Reports Fewer Enroll

Student Population  
Drops Spring Term

PORTLAND—(AP)—A drop of 11.6 per cent in spring term enrollments in the Oregon State System of Higher Education from the same period last year was reported Tuesday to the State Board of Higher Education.

Chancellor Charles D. Byrne said the drop was less than occurred in the fall and winter terms and was slightly below what was predicted at the time of the 1951 Legislature.

"WE HAVE reached what appears to be our post-war low ebb," Dr. Byrne said, "... if military manpower needs do not change abruptly..."

A 46.6 per cent reduction in veteran enrollment accounts for most of the decrease this year, Byrne said. Total number of veterans now enrolled is 1,707 which compares with a spring term high in 1947 of 8,970.

System-wide enrollments total 11,470, which is 28 per cent above the highest pre-war spring term figure of 8,942.

SPRING TERM campus enrollments are: Oregon State college, 4,417; University of Oregon, 3,982; Dental school, 293; Medical school, 475; Nursing and Medical Technicians, 270; Oregon College of Education, 270; Southern Oregon College of Education, 568; Eastern Oregon College of Education, 414; and Portland State, 844.

## Pedestrians Blamed For Traffic Troubles

DETROIT—(AP)—An insurance official says all communities should toughen up their pedestrian control laws because pedestrians are responsible for many automobile accidents.

Walter E. Otto, president of the Michigan Mutual Liability Company, says many pedestrians are careless or reckless.

"They cross against red lights, step from between parked cars, or without waiting for a reasonable traffic opening," Otto says. "Pedestrian control legislation, adequately enforced, is the only answer."

Dogs were used for military purposes by all the major nations involved in World War II.



ACTRESS JOAN FONTAINE follows her former husband, William Dozier, television producer, down the courtroom corridor at Santa Monica, Calif., and pleads with him. Dozier had previously obtained a restraining order to prevent Miss Fontaine from taking their 3-year-old daughter, Deborah, with her on a motion-picture-taking trip to Spain. Miss Fontaine was attempting to have the order set aside.

## Man Spies Boy, Watch

Springfield police Wednesday morning reported an oddity:

Sometime during Tuesday night, the house of Morton L. Bristow, 410 E. St., Springfield, was entered. Missing were three watches, two silver dollars, a pocket knife and a jar full of pennies.

Wednesday morning, after reporting the theft, Bristow was driving along a street when he spotted a boy with a familiar-looking watch dangling on a chain. Bristow stopped the lad and found the watch was one of the three stolen.

The boy reported he had found it down the street. Further questioning by the Springfield police failed to shake the theory. But Bristow has his watch back.

## Capital Battles Noisy Starlings

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The latest battle in man's struggle against nature is taking place in Washington.

The battle has been brewing for the last 20 years or so. During that time, Washington buildings have become the roosting places for approximately 14,000 members of the family icteridae or starlings.

These fat little black birds have become a complete nuisance.

Science has come again to the aid of suffering humanity. A "bird-proof" wire has been devised which makes things "hot" for these twittering pests.

The device, described by its inventor as "an electronic system of parallel wires run into areas where birds roost, nest, or congregate," gives the bird a mild "hot foot" when it attempts to pause under an eave, on a ledge, or in a cornice.

## NEWS BRIEFS



CONTINUED WARM

U.S. Weather Bureau Forecast: Eugene and vicinity: Increasing cloudiness Thursday. Western Oregon: Same, with occasional rain on coast Thursday afternoon, spreading to interior Thursday evening.

Local Statistics: Highest temperature Tuesday, 64; low Wednesday, 34; rain in 24 hours ending 10:30 a.m., none; total for month, .88 inch; normal for month, 2.07 inches; stage of river at 7:30 a.m., Wednesday, -.03 feet; wind at 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, calm; prevailing Tuesday, N-E.

Sunrise and Sunset (PST): Thursday, 5:15 a.m., and 7:07 p.m. Friday, 5:13 a.m., and 7:08 p.m.

OPPOSITION to the council-manager plan of government for Lane County will be explained at a Friendly House meeting Friday at 8 p.m. Frank Reid, representing the Lane County Committee for Democracy, will address a free public gathering at the community house, 2445 Kincaid St.

FRED A. LAFORGE, 757 E. St., Springfield, reported to Springfield police Tuesday afternoon a bag with \$90 in cash was taken from his house Monday evening. The money belonged to the American Legion and had been deposited in LaForge's refrigerator.

MRS. ELIZABETH Waechter will speak to the religious education study group of Unitarian Church at 8 p.m. Thursday on the psychology of the pre-school child.

A PUBLIC MEETING will be held at Bailey Hill Grange Saturday at 8 p.m. for discussion of the proposed council-manager plan of government in Lane County. The regular grange meeting will follow the open discussion period.

SPENCER BUTTE Lodge 9, IOOF, and Eugene Rebekahs will gather at the Presbyterian Church at 10:45 a.m. Sunday to attend services as a group.

THREE STUDENTS from Eugene have been named chairmen of the annual Engineers' weekend at Oregon State College May 5: Dale Shuey, senior banquet chairman, and Bob Wendlandt, publicity chairman, both seniors in chemical engineering; and Jim Colburn, picnic chairman, freshman in general engineering.

OREGON COLLEGE of Education, Monmouth—Theta Delta Phi, men's scholastic honorary, took seven neophytes into full membership recently, including Robert Benson, junior, Eugene.

SPRINGFIELD Lions Club Monday noon saw a movie on modern home refrigeration. It announced that R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer, will speak to the club on May 5.

DONALD ALEXANDER, Sweet Home, was one of 42 applicants whose names were drawn from a pool of 3000 persons seeking priority to full-time Columbia Basin farms in Othello, Wash., Monday. The Associated Press said the drawing was the largest ever conducted in the basin by the reclamation bureau. Another drawing will be held May 31.

BAYARD RICHARD, 73 W. 17th Ave., Eugene, student at the University of Wisconsin, was recently elected secretary of the men's Dolphin swimming club at the State University.

## Edmund Eugene Hunter

Edmund Eugene Hunter, 88, died at a local hospital Tuesday, April 22, 1952. He was born in 1868 in Springfield, Wis., and had lived in Oregon since 1909 and at Veneta since 1913. He was one of the founders of Veneta. His wife, Cinderella, died in 1945.

Survivors include two sons, Edwin and Waldo, both of Veneta; six daughters, Mrs. Cella Walrod and Mrs. Merle Faulhaber, both of Veneta, Mrs. Fern Conant, Santa Clara, Mrs. Lela Horn, Whittier, Calif., Mrs. Veneta Vincent, after whom the town of Veneta was named, and Mrs. Genevieve Bimford, Lawn Dale, Calif.; 20 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

Services will be in the Olivet Baptist Church, Veneta, Friday, April 25, at 2:30 p.m., with the Simon-Lounsberry Mortuary in charge. The Rev. Charles Dunham will officiate, with burial in West Lawn Memorial Park.

## North Douglas Mills Sold

The North Douglas mills at Sutherlin were sold to representatives of the Viking Lumber Co. and Clinton Mills, Inc., southern states timber operators, recently.

Einer Holmberg, president of both parent companies, acted for the new owners.

His brother, Edwin Holmberg, will have charge of the planing mill and supervise sales. Jasper Herrod, Clinton, La., will handle the sawmill and log buying, and Maurice Stratton, Sutherlin, will be superintendent.

## Woman's Body Found; Youngster Still Missing

MEDFORD—(AP)—The body of Mrs. Russell Graham, 28-year-old wife of a Shady Cove grocery store operator, has been recovered from the Rogue River near here.

Jackson County sheriff's deputies said Mrs. Graham had been missing since early Tuesday with her three-week-old son. The youngster was still missing.

Sheriff's deputies, residents of Shady Cove and Boy Scouts were called out Tuesday morning to look for the mother and her son.

Mrs. Graham disappeared about 6 a.m. Her family said she apparently left the house while the rest of the household was sleeping. She is the mother of two other children.

Jackson County Coroner Carlos Morris said evidence indicated that the drowning was a suicide.

## \$50,000 Fire Hits Portland Firm

PORTLAND—(AP)—Fire in the pattern shop of Commercial Iron Works, on S.E. Grand Avenue, caused an estimated \$50,000 loss Tuesday.

A cloud of black smoke was visible in all parts of the city when the fire broke through the roof at 6:15 a.m.

Ed Casey, company president, made the loss estimate.

## MACHINE BEATS QUEEN'S HUBBY

TEDDINGTON, England—(AP)—The Duke of Edinburgh, husband of Queen Elizabeth, played tick-tack-toe with an electronic brain here Tuesday—and lost.

The defeat was no disgrace to the duke. The brain at the national physical laboratory never makes a mistake, and the best any human can hope for is a draw.

Edinburg drew several games with the machine, but at last he made a mistake and his electronic opponent won the final game "hands down."

## Arrests Here Are a Treat

LELAND, Miss.—(P)—Getting arrested about noon on Thursday is one of the nicest things happening to motorists passing through this Mississippi Delta town these days. Some unwary couple traveling with out-of-state license plates is pounced on by Police Officer W. G. Ray.

"You're under arrest," Ray announces. "Why?" the motorists ask in bewilderment.

Parrying the question, Ray asks if they are in a hurry. Most always the worrying couple says "No" and off to "trial" they go. Destination is not the jail house but the Leland Lions Club's weekly luncheon. The couple are told that for "punishment" they must enjoy the luncheon and accompanying shenanigans.

Afterwards, "sentence" is pronounced—the couple must promise to "come back this way again."

## They Get Ideas

PARIS—(P)—Paris taxi drivers said Wednesday they want gangster films banned.

Such movies, said the Taxi Drivers' union, give people ideas about beating up drivers and robbing them. There has been a growing number of such attacks on drivers here.

## Marines Plan Reunion

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Marines of the Fourth Marine Division, which fought on the Iwo Jima and Saipan, will have their fifth reunion in San Francisco, July 10, 11 and 12.

Col. Melvin J. Krul (USMCR), New York attorney, one of five veterans on Iwo Jima who also fought in the first at Belleau Wood, is president of the association. Chairman of the reunion is Capt. Louis B. (USMCR), now editor of Col.

Headquarters will be at the Marines' Memorial Club, a 12-building bought after the first convention to be held at the West Coast and a couple extra features will be a delegation from post exchange from Hawaii, where the Marines regrouped after the Pacific assault, and a group of 30 Indians who served in the Marines as signallers.

There will be a parade, a Marine Corps band from the West Coast stations joining.

## Collision Results In Police Charge

A collision at the intersection of 15th Ave. and Mills St. Tuesday resulted in the death of Nelson Lester Durkin, 1412 Pearl St., for failure to yield the right of way.

Durkin's car struck one by Henry Marion Cox, 13th Ave., whose car received estimated \$75 damage. Durkin's car received \$150 damage, according to police reports.

There were no injuries.

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