

They're a 'Dedicated Group'— Ham Operators Swap Stories

The fellow in the red bow tie who talked two electric lights into being winked on and off, and the inscription "I'm a ham" on his shirt, seemed to think there was something unusual about his performance. In fact, he could be heard above a babel of queries. The occasion was scheduled as a regular part of the convention of the Oregon Amateur Ham Operators which is meeting here from Friday through Sunday nights.

More than three hundred persons had registered by Saturday evening and OARA officers were expected.

THE HAMS are a dedicated lot who come from all walks of life. Their conversation is somewhat of a jargon to a non-ham; wives and children are designated "QSO"—which is derived from the word "query." To QSO is "to ask." QRS means "slow down." These letters are "Q signals," part of a long list of designations which hams say are understood by their cousins the radio men.

W. N. "Winky" Wintler, long-time ham operator, says that ninety-nine per cent of all hams are English but that quite a few conversations can be carried on through Q signals. Even the Russians use and understand them but Wintler says hams made it a policy for years to give nothing but garbled, inaccurate information to them. "They're nothing but propaganda stations," he says. "They try to pump information about your area out of you."

Trans-Atlantic messages, or "traffics," is becoming a big thing with hams. Some of those at the convention have relayed many messages between families and Japan-based servicemen.

Saturday afternoon, in a short, welcoming address, Police Chief Ted Brown attested to the value of hams in an emergency. Hams have a nationwide organization which is set up to handle messages in case of an emergency. One member said messages can be transmitted to any part of the country in a "matter of minutes."

WHAT MAKES A HAM? They can't answer. Some find the fascination in logging distant operators, some like to build the sets and continually tinker with them, and others just like to talk to friends.

This leads to another interesting aspect of the convention. Conventioners refer to one another by call letters and many of those attending the convention were chatting with old friends they have talked to for many years but had never before seen.

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20th Portland Fatality

PORTLAND—(AP)—Phyllis Rachal, about 45, of Portland became the city's 20th accident fatality of the year when she was struck by a mail truck at a downtown intersection Saturday.

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Price to Spend Summer On Chicago Daily News

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Price will work on the Chicago paper's news editing desk. He is going to the Daily News in connection with a program sponsored by the Association For Education in Journalism whereby university teachers from time to time may join publications and do work in their specialized fields.

This will be the third time that Price has done summer work on leading metropolitan papers. In 1951 he was on the foreign and general news desks of the Buffalo (N.Y.) Evening News and in 1944 on the state desk of the Des Moines (Ia.) Register.

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University of Oregon News

Two Addresses By Toynbee Set

Noted Historian
Speaks Tuesday

Arnold J. Toynbee, British philosopher and one of the world's foremost historians, will be on the University campus this week to deliver two lectures.

On Tuesday, April 29, his topic will be "Encounters Between Civilizations," and on Thursday, May 1, it will be "The Lessons of History." Both lectures will be at 8 p.m. in McArthur Court.

TOYNEBEE is director of studies in the Royal Institute of International Affairs and research professor of international history at the University of London. Probably his best known work is "A Study of History," of which six volumes have been published so far. He is currently in the United States to continue work on "A Study of History" at the Institute of Current Study at Princeton University.

He was on the British delegation to the Paris peace conference in both 1919 and 1946. From 1943 to 1946 he was director of the research department of the British foreign office.

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Nine High School Newspapers Win Awards for Improvement

Nine high school newspapers were announced as winners in the 1952 Oregon Scholastic Press high school newspaper improvement contest here Saturday, and five more received honorable mention.

Dean Gordon A. Sabine of the Journalism school here announced the winners at a luncheon in conjunction with Duck Preview Weekend, the weekend when high school seniors throughout the state visit the University campus.

Awards to the winners will not be made until next fall when the annual high school journalism conference, sponsored by the OSP, is held here.

Competition in the contest, which was based on the business side of the newspapers this year, was divided three ways — for mimeographed newspapers, printed newspapers for small schools, and printed newspapers for large schools. Points on which most stress was placed in the judging were advertising copy, layout, typography, originality and selling appeal.

WINNERS OF the Harris Ellisworth awards for mimeographed newspapers are:

First—"Sand Dole's," St. Paul High School, Florence, Bucky Miles, business manager, Miss Jean Ann Potts, faculty adviser.

Second—"Digger," Camas Valley High School.

Third—"Hi-Life," Taft High School.

HONORABLE MENTION—"Grown," North Marion Union High School, Aurora.

HARVEY W. SCOTT award winners for printed newspapers in small schools are:

First—"McMinnville," McMinnville High School.

Second—"Lantern," Pendleton High School.

Third—"Crater Comments," Crater High School.

HONORABLE MENTION—"Whirlwind," Albany High School.

PRINTED NEWSPAPERS for large schools receiving the C. S. Jackson award are:

Co-winners—"Blotter," Cleveland High School, Portland; "Sentinel," Springfield High School, Springfield.

Co-winners—"Marine," Marine High School, Astoria; "Globe," Gresham High School, Gresham.

HONORABLE MENTION—"High-O-Scope," Corvallis High School; "Milwaukee," Milwaukee High School.

DOCTORS NAME LEADER

PORTLAND—(AP)—Dr. Charles E. Palmer, Ontario, will be president of the State Board of Medical Examiners in the coming year.

Discussion of Agates Scheduled Wednesday

"Agate Fantasies," a projection of agate transparencies with the lantern and a discussion of these colorful semi-precious stones, will be given in the Browning Room of the Erb Memorial Union Wednesday night, April 30.

Lloyd W. Staples, professor of geology at the University, will show the slides and talk on the minerals, and the discussion period following will be led by Don L. Adams, president of the Eugene Mineral Society.

Time of the lecture-discussion period is 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Wednesday night. The meeting is open to the public.

William Clothier Takes Publishing Firm Post

William Clothier, a March graduate of the University Journalism school, left Eugene this week to accept a job with the Meredith Publishing Co. in Des Moines, Iowa.

88 New Casualties

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The Defense Department Saturday identified 88 more casualties in Korea. A new list No. 551 reported 33 killed, 53 wounded, one missing in action and one injured.

Navy Pilot Killed

CORPUS CHRISTI, Tex.—(AP)—A Navy F8F fighter plane making a run on a rocket target failed to recover from its low altitude dive and crashed into the Gulf of Mexico. Its pilot was killed instantly.

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