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EDITORIALS

COMPULSORY MILITARY TRAINING . . .

Through petitions and campaigns, a small number of university students have signified their disapproval of compulsory military training. Undoubtedly they have influenced by various motives.

Today's youth are impatient of discipline, which is the very essence of military training; yet the discipline and cooperation learned through the R. O. T. C. are among the most valuable features of higher education. Students are often misled in their beliefs concerning drill, target practice, horsemanship and all that goes to make up the college military course. Rather than being measures for the promotion of that ever-to-be-hated evil—war—as many radicals preach, they are practices with a constructive aim in view—that of PREPARING THE YOUNGER GENERATION FOR BATTLE IF AND WHEN IT COMES.

Because of our inexperience and lack of a complete knowledge of tragedies that have occurred in wars between nations in the past, we do not realize what it would mean to be thrown into the trenches entirely unprepared to meet the difficult situations that inevitably would arise. To abolish this training as a method of preventing war would be like abolishing the fire department to prevent fires or doing away with the police force to prevent crimes.

Military officials who conduct the courses in R. O. T. C. are not doing so with the hope of promoting war, as radicals would have us believe. No, they, out of all the people in the nation, know that the real meaning of war is. It is they who fought or saw preparation for that last horrible battle; they who fought that there might be peace; they who braved the dangers of the battle front, gave their lives—all for the cause. They are not teaching the young men of the country in the hope that there may be a war in which the students may fight and be forced to go through the terrible pain, anxiety and worry that they, as enlisted men, had to go through 20 years ago. They are supervising students in learning the fundamentals so that if a war should come, the students may be ready better to protect themselves. When war comes,

all men physically fit and of certain ages are compelled to go whether prepared or not. Therefore, isn't it better that the youth of today, who may be forced to fight in the future, learn the art of preparation for war and thus be better equipped if one day they are called to defend their country?

Pacifist sentiment, fostered by "pinks" and, it is more than suspected, by "red" organizations have, perhaps, the greatest influence in bringing about opposition to military training here in Oregon. As distinguished from the very general hatred of war which has been generated in the hearts of Americans, this pacifist propaganda seems to have as its object the destruction of our defenses against foreign aggression and internal disorder. Such a consummation is ardently desired by those who aim to haul down the flag of communism over the United States and stripes and hoist the red States. These reds make no secret of their objective, and while most Americans are disposed to regard their organizations as negligible factors, they take themselves very seriously and are constantly seeking to spread their subversive doctrines. Among the restless members of the new generation they find many disciples; hence the various demonstrations against military training in colleges.

It is not expected that the opposition of students to the R. O. T. C. will be effective. After all, attendance at Oregon's colleges and universities is not compulsory, and it is only fair that young men who accept an education largely paid for by their fellow citizens should submit to the military training which is required as a condition of their education at the public cost.

Every citizen must be ready, at need, to defend his country, and it is right and proper that preparation for performance of that duty should be a part of education, especially in colleges and universities supported by the taxpayers.

The above editorial gives the student view on Required Military Training at Oregon State college. The students should know what they want.

VOTE 309 X NO
—Oregon State Daily Barometer

Dr. Sweeney to Head State Medics

THE DALLES, Oct. 11—Dr. Thomas Wynne Watts of Portland became president of the Oregon State Medical society Saturday. The convention ended Saturday afternoon. Dr. Watts president-elect during 1936, was automatically elevated to the presidency.

Other officers chosen were: Dr. Charles T. Sweeney, Medford, president-elect for 1937; Dr. Charles B. Sears, Portland, first vice-president; Dr. J. O. Handvert, Bend, second vice-president; Dr. W. W. Baums, Salem, third vice-president; Dr. Morris L. Bridgman, Portland secretary, Dr. W. F. Hollenbeck, Portland treasurer.

Councilers elected for a three-year term included Dr. J. C. Hayes of Medford, Oregon.

On each pound of butter you buy there is a New Deal tax of eleven and two-thirds cents, exclusive of state sales taxes.

Schools

Football practice is progressing rapidly and many turn out for practice. Friday, our team will play the Ashland Seconds at Ashland.

Thursday, Oct. 8, Mr. Patree, representing A. R. Dankworth Inc. of Portland, called at the high school. The juniors selected rings, and the seniors, announcements.

A group of boys have ordered belt buckles with C. P. High School on them. They ordered them through Mr. Patree.

On Wednesday, Oct. 14, the civics class conducted an election to determine whom this school elects for president. Returns will be announced next week.

Arline Scott motored to Ashland Sunday. Marie Dole visited school Monday. She is attending Prospect High this year.

Alumni students visiting school last Thursday were Bonnie Settlement and Lauretta Williams.

Helen Wright shopped in Medford Saturday.

Viola Penland, Barbara Koehler, Margaret Dow and Norma Holland attended the show at the Roxy Theatre Friday evening.

Misses Webter and Thompson Hostesses At Surprise Shower

Entertaining with a surprise shower Friday evening Misses Ruby Webster and Ernestyn Thompson were hostesses to a large group of friends of Miss Lauretta Williams and Miss Bonnie Settlement.

The marriage of Miss Bonnie to Mr. Clair Higginbotham and the marriage of Miss Lauretta to Mr. Floyd Lefler will take place in the near future.

Miss Williams and Miss Settlement are both graduates of the local high school and are well-known among the younger set of the city.

After playing various games a "mock-wedding" by Dolores Cox and Rolly Clark was much enjoyed. The ceremony was read by Miss Marie Dole of Postpect.

Refreshments of ice cream and cookies were served to the following guests: Misses Ruby Brood, Ruby Higginbotham, Ila Mae Higginbotham, Hazel Oliver, Alice Case, Lois Speaker, Avys Ayers, Marie Dole, Levon Kiezur, Adalene Cassman, Dorothy Powell, Nelda Ayers, Bonnie Settlement, Lauretta Williams, Ernestyn Thompson, and Ruby Webster.

Mesdames Lucille Higginbotham, Delpha Cox, Ruth Clark and Webster.

The bridegrooms-to-be arrived at a late hour, to be present at the mock wedding.

Dress was both formal and informal.

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Pensioned Prisoner

DEBBRECEN, Hungary—Bertalan Majoros-Troth, who spent 11 years in prison for various offenses, is Hungary's only "pensioned-prisoner"—as a result of injuries received when a girder fell on him in a prison workshop. Recently acquitted of a burglary charge, he cried, and declared he planned to go strait and enjoy his pension, equaling \$12 a month.

Drouth Conditions In Mid West Told by Travellers

(Contributed)

People as a rule wish to know what their next door neighbors are doing. So likewise, Western states would like to keep in contact with Eastern parts. This article will tell what a few of the states are suffering from drouth.

On the 27th of July this writer and family left Arkansas. The leaves and grass were as dry as at Christmas time. Gardens and corn fields were burned so, that there would be very little. The strawberries were mostly all froze out. The peaches and cherries were haled out. Also the apples and grapes were injured and as fruit is the main crop there, it will be very scarce this year. Dry weather finished everything and what there is, there is no price for.

Then came Missouri. It was dry also, but not as bad as some other places. Kansas came next—poor Jay Hawks, they are in a worse condition, only they did have a wonderful wheat crop. Hot winds and grasshoppers sure got the corn there. In places the corn blades were eaten off and nothing but short stubbs left. There were hundreds of acres like this. Grasshoppers were so thick you couldn't see fence posts. Even the leaves were all eaten off of Bodark trees and the hoppers were thick as clouds. The Kaffir corn was about the only crop they didn't bother. People who had never saw the like would hardly believe it.

The temperature in Arkansas and Kansas was 102 to 118 every day. They had no rain from May until the last week in September when they had a 4 inch rain. This relieved the heat situation some. Wells and springs that had never been known

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to go dry, did, and the University in Fayetteville, Arkansas, came very near not being able to open this fall on account of water shortage.

We then entered Colorado. It has many beautiful places, but it has its wind and sand storms same as Western Kansas and some places looked like the Wyoming and Idaho deserts only that people were still trying to exist there abouts. In and around Denver and Greeley the crops were fine and plentiful but only because of irrigation. Wyoming and Idaho are about the same in vegetation conditions—mostly desert except where irrigation can be had and then it is a beautiful place. Crops were lovely, fine peaches, beans, alfalfa and some apples were seen.

Oregon looked good to us. Now we do not mean to run down our sister states, because we saw some beautiful mountains and valleys, stocks and crops, but what we mean is the suffering of the poor people. In the drouth sections of the east there were unbelievable things happening and we read of these things in papers, but when we see them it has a different effect. We could hardly believe our eyes.

This country is a wonderful place but were it not for the irrigation it would look much like its Eastern sisters. These states are beautiful in places and as for scenery they can't be beat. But people can't live on air and scenery and 5 to 10c an hour and three-fourths of the time not even a job is impossible. In Arkansas \$1.00 a day is good wages and

\$1.50 a day is the very best wages possible. In the far west the people should be very thankful for what they have, and keep the good work going, and hope that the drouth sections will soon be as fortunate as they are.

Unless you once lived in the drouth sections and saw for yourself you can't imagine how awful it really is—

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—Ex-Governor GEORGE F. SHAFER, Bismarck, N.D., Aug. 18, 1936.



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