

Biggest Graduating Class in History Of SOC Honored

Ashland — The greatest number of four-year degrees ever conferred at Southern Oregon college were awarded to 118 seniors Sunday afternoon. The traditional ceremony was held in colorful Lithia park and attended by approximately 1,000 friends of the college.

Degrees of bachelor of science in elementary education were awarded to 76 of the 118, as congratulations were extended by Dr. Elmo N. Stevenson, college president, Marshall E. Woodell, dean of men, presented the certificates.

Twenty-eight of the 63 candidates for three-year certificates attended the ceremony and four of the nine candidates for two-year junior certificates were introduced.

Four of the four-year students were recognized for achievement of a 3.5 grade point average during their college course. Honor students were Ida J. Bowman, Dennis Ray Hassell and C. Wesley Lewis, Ashland, and Nancy Jeanette Hunter, Central Point.

Dr. Cornelius H. Siemens, president of Humboldt State college, charged graduates in a commencement address to assert individual freedom of thinking. He called such freedom of mind "democracy's greatest challenge," noting that leadership is vested in ideas and not in men.

Dr. Siemens said today's graduate faces the danger of depersonification unless such freedom is developed. He pointed to trends in totalitarian countries where independent thinking is stifled. Graduates were urged to resist tendencies to become automatons and to appreciate the integration of knowledge taught during four years of studies.

Graduates Wined. In a baccalaureate address, the Rev. Paul W. Harms of Grace Lutheran church, Ashland, warned graduates not to become self-centered, but to recognize in the example of Jesus Christ the need for dedication to mankind as a whole. He said that the recipients of degrees were going into life occupying one of the most influential positions in the modern world as teachers.

Greetings of the State Board of Higher Education were extended by Frank J. Van Dyke, Medford, who welcomed graduates into the Oregon community. Band music was directed by Glenn T. Matthews and the college choir appeared under the leadership of Oscar C. Bjorlie, both assistant professors of music. Miss Edna Dougherty presented organ music as degrees were conferred.

Earlier, the Southern Oregon College Alumni association elected Arthur Phillips, Ashland, as president to succeed Robert Baccus, Ashland. Other officers named were Floyd Lewis, Peedsport, first vice president; Joe Scallon, Roseburg, second vice president; and Esial E. Branley, Medford, secretary-treasurer.

Alumni Banquet. The Rev. George R. V. Bolster, rector of St. Marks Episcopal church, Medford, was main speaker at the alumni banquet attended by about 50 graduates and faculty members. Roland L. Parks, principal of Ashland high school, was master of ceremonies.

Dr. John D. E. McAulay, associate professor of education, outlined future prospects of the

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Lonely GIs in Korea Write Asking for Mail; Newsgirl Gives Them the Lowdown

New York — (U.P.) — Three letters: Letter No. 1— To the Editor: Sir:

My friend and I both wishing correspondence have come to the conclusion that the only way is to advertise in the paper. We are both G. I.'s in Korea and both for some reason receive few letters.

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Thank you very much. Pfc. Fred G. Meade RA16334603 425th Trans. Traf. Reg. Gp. Care 712 Trob. A. P.O. 301 P.M., San Francisco, Calif.

Pfc. Edward J. Bolger, US51098644 Co. B. 712 Trob. APO 301 Postmaster San Francisco, Calif. Letter No. 2—

To privates first class Meade and Bolger: Gentlemen:

Okay, and what's more, I'll get you started in the right way. Read the following letter and let me know if it's what you had in mind.

I asked the prettiest staff correspondent I have to write it.

With every good wish. The Editor, United Press.

Letter No. 3— Dear Fred and Ed: It's been a busy spring for us girls, fellas.

teacher education program asking for an experimental school, seven years of teacher training and recognition of teacher training as one of the leading professions. Dr. Stevenson reviewed campus progress and asked graduates to do all possible to uphold the standing of Southern Oregon.

We've been crying quite a bit lately for one thing, on account of Johnnie Ray, the sobbing singer who's hit the feminine heartstrings harder than anything since Frank Sinatra.

Then there have been the panty raids. Some of the college girls discouraged the college boys raiding their dormitories by throwing water and wielding dust mops, and others cheered. But either way, it cut into letter writing time.

The girls who are graduating have jobs to worry about. The Government just revealed that more wives are working now than during World War II, so a girl figures she might as well hunt for a job she'll enjoy keeping for a few years.

Budget Problem Trying to balance the budget is adding a few premature grey hairs to the working girl's head. We're adding a few more on our own, from plastic bottles that spray silver or gold streaks on forelocks. Streaks are newer than poodle cuts, and they can be washed out.

Bathing suits always take up quite a bit of time around now, what with trying to decide whether you can fit into last year's suit and still attract attention from any of this year's life guards. I don't like to sound discouraging, but the Bikini suit definitely is old fashioned now. The girls seem to be contented to cover more.

Men Not Asked I guess nobody asked the men what they preferred, which won't surprise you. Girls are still dressing to follow the fashion and not their boy friends' advice.

You would see a lot of strapless dresses, both before and after dark, if you were around this summer. And ruffled petticoats. Maybe for pinup purposes

you fellows would like to see a girl wear something slinkier, but those petticoats make a girl look mighty pretty at a party.

Something must be making girls more appealing these days. The Census Bureau says we're getting married younger than ever. The average age for brides now is just past 20. Ten years ago it was 21 and 60 years ago it was 22.

Should Be Good Sign This should be a good sign for you two, since there must be plenty of 19-year-olds who haven't located anything likely on the home front and would like to line up something eligible before they're too often bridesmaids.

You don't need to worry about coming home to any drastic changes like a woman president. None of the girls has so much as hinted that she'd like to get in the presidential race this fall. And Marilyn Monroe gets her picture in the papers more than any of the lady politicians.

Hope you two get home soon to see all this for yourselves. Sincerely, Elizabeth Toomey.

Man's Missing Wallet Found in Bale of Hay

Woodland, Calif. — (U.P.) — Harold Braden will agree with you that \$72 "ain't" hay.

Two years ago Braden lost his wallet containing \$72 while working in a hayfield near here. After a long search for the missing purse, Braden gave it up as lost.

John Duncan, of Sebastopol, Calif., some 50 miles away, returned the wallet, after finding it in a bale of hay. The money was in the wallet when it was returned.

QUEEN TO GET RECORDS

London — (U.P.) — Square dance calls may echo through Buckingham Palace's ornate halls. Several hillbilly tunes recorded by the Canadian Broadcasting Corp. will be presented to Queen Elizabeth to remind her of her square dancing with Prince Philip at Ottawa last October.

Women's Page of Salem Newspaper Best in Country

Omaha — (U.P.) — The National Federation of Press Women awarded Marian Lory Fischer of the Salem, Ore., Capital Journal first prize for the best woman's department in a daily newspaper in the United States.

Elizabeth Salway Ryan of Oswego, Ore., received second place honors for her editorial on Mother's day which appeared in the Portland Oregonian.

Second Best Photo Mrs. Theresa H. Cox of the Prineville, Ore., Central Oregonian won second place in national competition for the best newspaper picture taken by a woman and published in a weekly paper.

The awards were made at the annual meeting of the federation in Omaha. There were 302 national entries.

The three Oregon newspaperwomen were among the top winners of awards made last month by the Oregon Press Women's association. Announcement of the Oregon winners was made by Margaret Thompson Hill, publisher of the Parkrose, Ore., Enterprise and president of the Oregon organization. She attended the four-day meeting as a delegate.

Presbyterians Oppose Sending Envoy to Vatican

Albany — (U.P.) — The General Assembly of the United Presbyterian church was on record Tuesday as emphatically opposed to sending an envoy to the Vatican.

The nationwide organization, in its fifth day of business Monday, adopted a resolution saying the group was "unequivocally and unalterably opposed to any type of representation at the Vatican, whether in the status of an ambassador or personal representative of the president."

Contrary to Ideology The contention of the recommendation, sent to federal officials in Washington, D. C., was that an official representative at the Vatican would be tantamount to recognition of the affiliation of the church and state, which the group said was contrary to American ideology.

The Presbyterians also learned that members contributed to their church during the last fiscal year \$9,054,836, an average of \$41.60 per member and \$4.68 per each actual contributor.

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Publications at SOC Will Have New Editors

Ashland — Appointment of editors to two student publications at Southern Oregon college has been announced by Peter G. Soderlund, Medford, president of the student body.

Richard L. Carter, Medford, will serve as editor of the college weekly newspaper, The Siskiyou, next year, and ElRene C. Axtell, Grants Pass, will supervise publication of the Raider, college annual.

Carter is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Carter, 816 West 11th street, and was graduated from Eagle Point high school in 1947. He has been a consistent honor student and has served as newspaper reporter for the past year. He has been a member of the choir and the Theater Guild as well as being active in college radio work.

Rosemary A. Ring, Ashland, is retiring Siskiyou editor. Co-editors of the Raider have been Andrew O. Castello, Ewa, Hawaii and Gloria Robinette, San Jose.

Sentence Too Tough; Judge Reduces It

Gaffney, S. C. — (U.P.) — A 27-year-old prisoner got only five years in jail after telling the judge his original 10-year-sentence was "too tough."

Circuit Judge Steve C. Griffith sentenced Jack B. Harrill to 10 years for armed assault. While awaiting transfer to the penitentiary, Harrill asked Sheriff Julian B. Wright to tell Griffith, "you were too tough on me."

"Well, I might have been," said Griffith and chopped the sentence in half.

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