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ANNUAL REPORT OF Y. W. C. A.

Retiring President Submits Review of Year's Activities in Association

In reviewing the past year's work of the Young Women's Christian Association of the University one of the good things to be remembered is the student conference October 15, '08, which came to us in the nature of a surprise party from Pullman. During the conference Idaho had for the first time the honor of entertaining a national secretary, Miss Bertha Conde of New York. Other special meetings besides those of the conference were held during the Week of Prayer in November and on the Day of Prayer for Colleges, February 14th. In all, thirty-four meetings are reported by the Devotional Committee since last March. Of these the banner meetings of the year in interest and attendance were: One given by Prof. Vaughn on Japan with stereopticon views, Nov. 4; the joint meeting with the Y. M. C. A. addressed by Miss Conde on the subject of Prayer; and the recent one of February 11th, when Miss French gave a talk on "A Women's Mission" to over 40 girls at Liszt Hall.

In the matter of Bible and Mission study this year has been the best in the Association's history. Particular mention should be made of the class on "The Challenge of the City" in home missions led by Mrs. Terrill, with its enrollment of 9 and average attendance of 8; and of Mrs. Eldridge's class in "The Life of Christ," with its enrollment of 10 and average attendance of 8. The bible study committee reports four other classes organized as follows: Life of Christ, Beta Sigma, House, leader, Mrs. Terrill. Enrollment, 7. Acts and Epistles, leader, Mrs. Frandson. Enrollment, 5. Old Testament History, leader, Mrs. Axtel. Enrollment, 6. Preparatory class in the Book of John, leader, Ruth Hunting. Enrollment, 5. Total enrollment, 42.

Besides the joint reception to students and faculty, three other events of a social nature have been given to girls alone: an informal reception to new girls, Liszt Hall, September 20th; a reception in honor of Miss Hopkins, the student secretary, Nov. 24; and a Bottle Party at Ridenbaugh Hall, November 27.

The membership committee reports a total list of 36 members, 19 active, 3 associate and 14 honorary.

Last June there were sent three delegates to the Northwest Conference, accompanied by Mrs. Louise C. Ely as a faculty member. These were Laura Williamson, ex-'09; Marguerite Schick, '12, and Gertrude Byrnes, '10. At present the treasurer reports a total of \$32 in the conference fund, and it is hoped that Idaho will be represented by at least five delegates at the coming conference at North Beach, Washington, June 18-29. These dates will be a distinct advantage to Idaho girls over those of last year when over a week intervened between commencement and the opening of the conference. The Association feels that on a good delegation to this conference will depend much for the permanent establishment of any progress that has been made during the past year.

LECTURE ON SOCIOLOGY

Prof. Beach of W. S. C. Discusses Labor Question Before Large Audience.

On last Friday afternoon the Idaho Sociological Club held its third open meeting when Prof. Beach of Washington State College spoke on "The Menace of Unskill." Besides the members of the club many townspeople and other University folk attended.

Prof. Beach showed that the great need of modern times is more skilled laborers. The two great classes of laborers are the foreign born and the low bred natives. The first class, of which we are receiving over 1,205,000 from the poorer sections of Europe alone, make up at least 95 per cent of the slum population of our larger cities. They are ignorant, without ambition or means, and consequently become a drag or parasite on the national life. Over 83 per cent are unskilled even if they did desire to work, and the native born class is very little better. Of it 33 per cent is in unskilled trade, 65 per cent in low grade trades and the remaining 2 per cent finds its way into the high grade guilds.

The result of these conditions gives rise to the most serious of sociological questions. What shall we do with the immense floating population which unskill necessarily creates? Unemployment breeds degeneracy. The solution of the problem remains the most difficult task of sociology.

THREE GAMES TWO VICTORIES

Idaho wins From Walla Walla Y. M. C. A. and Weston Normal--Loses to Whitman

The Idaho basketball team won two of the three games played while on its trip last week. Despite the fact that Idaho's team had not been together since playing Whitman on February 9 the boys played excellent ball in all three games.

In the first half with the Y. M. C. A. Idaho was sadly off color and allowed her opponents to roll up a score of 10 against 3. In the second half Idaho worked the floor accurately and hard and when time was called the score was 19 to 19. In playing off the tie which took several minutes Curtis got a three throw and a basket, making the final score 22 to 19. The floor was small and it took the boys some time to get used to it.

LINEUP

Idaho	Y. M. C. A.
Curtis	Forward
Lundstrum	Forward
Montgomery	Center
Edmundson	Guard
Edmundson C	Guard

Score—Curtis, one basket and five fouts. Montgomery, one basket. W. C. Edmundson, one basket. C. S. Edmundson, one basket. Felthouse, two baskets. Steele, four baskets and five fouts. Thorn, one basket. Referee, Blanchard of Whitman. Fouls called on Idaho, ten; on Y. M. C. A., nine.

In the Whitman game Idaho played the best game she has played during the entire season. It was fast through-

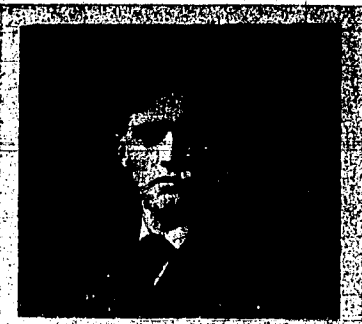
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Y. M. C. A. BUSINESS MEETING

Association Adopts Constitution and Elects Officers For Next Year.

Last Sunday was the day for the annual business meeting of the Young Men's Christian Association. The two principal items of business were the adoption of a constitution, and the election of officers for next year.

For several months the cabinet has been working on the articles of the constitution and Sunday the production was read and formally adopted by the Association. Following this was the annual report of the president, an extract of which appears in this issue, and lastly the election.



RAY PEEBLER

Ray E. Peebler was the unanimous choice for president. During his freshman year he was a member of an inter-collegiate debate team, has been president of his class for one term and has been prominent in Y. M. C. A. circles during the whole of his college course. In Mr. Peebler the Association places much confidence and looks forward to a successful year's work.

Mr. D. C. Petrie was elected to the office of vice-president and Paul C. Durrie will keep the minutes of the organization. R. J. Lyman is corresponding secretary and Alvin Hunting treasurer. Upon these men falls the duty of completing the cabinet by appointing the various committee chairmen. Adjournment followed the singing of a song.

Assembly

The students were addressed at assembly last Wednesday by the Reverend Mr. Watson of the Episcopal church. He announced that he would speak about some of the encouragements that young people have to live useful lives. A good act, he insisted, has three elements: It is infinite, it is universal, and it is immortal. The power of a good act has no bounds, either of space or time; it is unlimited and all-reaching. It is also immortal. A good act never dies. John Hies was burned at the stake but his influence has not perished to this day. Reverend Watson is a forceful and interesting speaker. The good which the students derive from such addresses cannot be questioned.

English Plays.

The English Club is preparing to put on two plays within the next month or so. Miss Sonna is managing "The Maneuvers of Jafe" and Prof. Moore "Her Own Way." Both are three or four act comedies of no little merit, the latter being dedicated to and presented by Maxine Elliot very successfully. A great deal is expected from both.

THE WORK OF THE Y. M. C. A.

Annual Report Tells of Last Year's Progress and Includes Recommendations.

The work of the last year's cabinet has been largely one of organization. The first item under this head was the lining up of representatives to the annual summer conference of last June. This work was formally started by a "bean feed" held in Morrill Hall about the middle of the last semester of last year. Fully forty men both faculty and students gathered at this event and discussed the proposed convention with the result of Idaho's being represented by seven men—one faculty member, one graduate and five under classmen. Of the effect of the conference on the men we cannot say definitely. There is no gauge by which we can measure men's inner nature. We can judge only by externals which may or may not be genuine.

However, the delegation did arrive at several conclusions which have crystallized into definite form. The first was the adoption of a constitution. For several years this step has been considered but hitherto has always been dropped. We can now call ourselves a member of the National Association and are entitled to a voice and vote in any of its meetings.

The second idea which the delegation to the Breaker's conference conceived was the organization of an alumni council the rules of which has been incorporated in the constitution. This provides for a direct connection between the local organization and the graduates for a period of three years. The alumni thus may have a part in the work of the association both in a religious and financial way. Hitherto Commencement Day marked an abrupt break between the Y. M. C. A. and the men who probably had been its main strength during their college days and men who could still be a power and would gladly, if there was an avenue through which they could work. It is hoped by the organization of this council that a union may be preserved between the two which will be beneficial to both.

But by far the greatest result of the conference was the placing of two men on the Student Volunteer list, and some rather serious thinking on the part of several more. This part alone was worth the effort of securing a delegation and those who contributed towards this end can be assured that they never before placed money which brought better returns than that which they donated to the conference fund. Idaho can justly point with pride to the fact that she has two men within her walls who are so devoted to the cause of Christianity that they are willing to place their lives anywhere in the service of the Master.

But passing on to the actual work of the year we take up the accomplishments of the various committees.

First as to the work of the Religious Work Committee. The original plan of the chairman in working up to the objective of a religious campaign has been interrupted by several causes. Both the visits of Mr. Mercer and Mr. Weatherford, on whom the chairman had depended to conduct the meeting,

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Calendar.

- Mar. 4, Thursday—Prep-Lewiston High debate, Moscow.
- Mar. 5, Friday—Prep-Blair debate, Spokane.
- Mar. 12, Friday—Sophomore Frolic, Gymnasium.
- March 19, Friday—Interclass Indoor meet.
- Mar. 26, Friday—Triangular Debate, M. E. Church.
- May 21, Friday—Interstate Oratorical Contest, M. E. Church.

THIS ISSUE

Some years ago a former editor of the Argonaut after graduation in writing his successor said: "Advertise the Young Men's and Young Women's Christian Associations more. There is nothing like it for drawing students." While in college this same man was not a member of the Y. M. C. A., and in fact was rather hostile towards it, yet when he went out to associate with the fathers and mothers of prospective students he found that they always asked concerning the moral status of the institution. Hence he advised future editors to give more space to this phase of student life. And so we are devoting several columns of this issue to the Association work in the hope that we can dispel a little of too often erroneous belief that a state university is an immoral institution.

THE WORK OF THE Y. M. C. A.

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have been unavoidably broken into. But despite these facts the committee has provided for a number of good meetings, both student and outside speakers. Meetings were held during the Week of Prayer and a joint meeting with the Y. W. on the Universal Day of Prayer, both of which were good. Altho the attendance has not been as high as in some former years and as we shall expect in future years, yet on the whole this phase of the work is commendable.

The Bible Study Committee has likewise been faithful in the performance of its duties. Altho laboring under difficulties, the principal one being the lack of leaders, yet it has upheld the reputation of Idaho in enrolling more men in Bible Study than there are members in the association. Something like 67 men are studying in 6-8 classes, and several more classes are being planned.

The next committee deserving special mention is the Missionary. Beginning early in the year this committee has kept steadily at work with the result of securing two classes—one in Home Missions and one in Foreign—comprising in all about twenty members. In addition to this they have raised more money for the support of missions than has any previous committee.

We may mention briefly the work of the other committees. The Membership Committee has secured something like forty names for the rolls. The Social and the Finance Committees have

each performed the usual duties falling to their lots in a commendable manner. Their work is not yet complete and we shall expect a fuller report later.

The Establishment of a Reference Library is another act which this cabinet may report. For a beginning we already have on hands books to the amount of \$12 and a provision for a yearly addition to this. In the matter of Bible Study books we shall leave to our successors something like \$60 worth.

This covers the year's work and I shall now proceed with some recommendations.

Recommendations.

First I would remind the association of the real objective of its work. The work of a Young Men's Christian Association is not a large number of names on its rolls, or enormous Bible Study classes, or large delegations to conferences and liberal donations to both State and National Work; but the real objective and the only one for which they have a right to exist is the "Leading of Young Men to Christ." All these other items are simply steps in the accomplishment of this one act. And so I want to posit before you a few of the most efficient methods of working with college men.

The first I would mention is more consistent Bible Study. Statistics show that more men the world over have been converted thru the means of the Bible than by any other one method. Now the Bible Study chairman reports an insufficient number of leaders. My suggestion is to begin right now on the training of leaders. Organize a normal class this last semester for your prospective leaders of next year.

Socials are another method of reaching men. I do not mean so much the formal ones like the Stag Social or Joint Reception, but little informal feeds in the fellows' rooms after which you can cock your feet on a table and talk to a man on the deeper things of life. A plan of a series of house parties the first two weeks of school would be an excellent way of getting acquainted.

The plan of carrying on some sort of extension work is a most excellent method for the training of the younger members so that during their upper classmen days they may be a power among college men. By extension work I mean the carrying on of a large club in the town, a Sunday School in some out-of-the-way district or an occasional Revival Team say during the Christmas Holidays or Spring Vacation.

And lastly I would mention the time worn subject of personal work. This means nothing more than the telling to your room mate, your locker partner, or your friend in the class room your Christian experience. And for efficiency it has not been surpassed. It is the method of the politician for securing votes; it is the method of the careful tutor, and it is the method of the greatest preachers of the day. Moody, I think it was, said he always hurried thru with his pulpit services to get down into the congregation for the little after sermons. This is the one element which must permeate the Bible Study Work, the Social or Extension Work if the best results are to be attained.

Now the mere statement of these methods is easy, but the performance quite a different task. I had these in mind before I was elected to the office of president and you men know how utterly I have failed. And I cannot justly expect that you, on whom the burden of the work is now to fall, can do all of them. In fact no college man has time for so much work. A Y. M. C. A. man who stuffs his class work is a hindrance to the organization. They give rise to the statement that most

Seniors Elect.

At a class meeting last Monday the Seniors elected the following officers to guide their ship of state thru the last semester: President, R. O. Jones; vice president, Arthur Pauls; secretary, Icy Curtis; treasurer, Elisha Vance; sergeant-at-arms, Jesse Fuller and Frank Thomas Noble. The following committees were appointed: Cap and gown committee, Jewett Matthews, Ruth Hunting and Icy Curtis; committee to interview faculty on exemp-

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Dr. MacLean left for Boise last Saturday.

Precious Ross was out of school last Friday on account of illness.

W. C. Ireton left college for his home in Payette Tuesday morning.

Prof. and Mrs. Terrill entertained a few friends at dinner on Friday evening.

Earl Hall missed a few classes the first of the week on account of a sore foot.

Miss Lottie Works was confined to her room last Wednesday on account of illness.

Misses Smith and Maynard entertained the Whist Club last Tuesday evening.

The Edmundson Brothers expect to leave soon for their pre-emption claims in Montana.

The poems last week were unsuitable, so the contest will begin this week instead.

Orah M. Howard '09 has just returned to college after a week's visit at her home in Lewiston.

Graham's hair cuts are always the latest, try one.

Prof. Shinn returned from his tour of lecturing with the Institute Special last week and Dean Elliott joined it at Caldwell.

We are glad to report that Wayne De Voe is very much improved in health and will soon be able to leave the hospital.

Prof. Soulen has been asked to act as a judge in the debate between Lewiston State Normal and Wallace High School on next Saturday night.

The Y. W. C. A. meeting last Thursday was led by Daisy Mason on the subject "The Habit of Happiness." It proved to be an interesting meeting.

The Kappa Sigma Fraternity called 'en masse' at the Alpha Delta Pi Sorority house on last Sunday afternoon. All concerned report an enjoyable time.

Misses Caldwell, Kiefer, Minnie Kiefer, Wood, Messrs. Thomas St. Clair, and Prof. and Mrs. Hulme attended the grand opera in Spokane last Friday and Saturday.

Allen McKenzie of Wallace, Idaho, has registered in the University. He is a prominent baseball man of the Coeur d'Alene country and may make good on the Varsity team.

Dean and Mrs. Eldridge entertained the Professor's Bible Class at dinner last Friday night. After dinner the boys spent a very pleasant social hour in the parlor and report a most enjoyable evening.

Visitors day at the mill drew much attention from students and townspeople. Prof. Terrill and the upper class miners were kept busy on last Friday afternoon showing the visitors over the mill and explaining the machinery.

Later reports state that it was the death of Miss Mary Clay, who had been taking domestic science work in the University, that called home Miss

Minnie Clay and Carrie Campbell. The mistake was no doubt due to a misunderstanding over the telephone.

Law Lectures.

Attorney Wm. Morgan last Friday concluded his series of lectures to the cadets on land law. This week he explained the different ways of taking up land. All land is divided into two divisions,—mineral and non-mineral. Any non-mineral land, which is not reserved, may be taken as a homestead, even though it cannot be used for agricultural purposes. But only that land which is more useful for stone or timber may be taken as stone and timber claims. There are two ways of taking up homesteads,—by commuting or paying the government a small price per acre for it, and by working it and acquiring title without paying for it. The latter way is most important because it is the way most land is taken up. Most homesteaders are poor men. If the homesteader conforms to the law, lives on the land and engages in agricultural pursuits, or if he shows that he took up the land in good faith with the intention of conforming to the law, his right cannot be contested. If it becomes necessary for him to leave his place on account of sickness, he can still show good faith and can hold his claim. But if anyone shows that he has failed to conform to the law, then the land is returned to the public domain subject to successful contestant right to it. The speaker also explained the laws relating to timber, stone, and desert claims.

Mr. Morgan is a very clear talker. He never fails to hold the attention of his audience.

Indoor Track Meet Soon.

Track Manager Ernest Griner has scheduled the annual indoor track meet which is held between the classes for March 19. The banking of the running track in the Gym will be finished this week making possible the distance runs.

A great deal of interest has always been shown in the inter-class contests in the past. Last year handsome ribbons were given to those winning first, second and third places in each event. The same system of giving prizes will be followed this year.

The events are as follows:—25 yard dash, high dive, long dive, rope climb, standing high jump, running high jump, fence vault, high kick, shot put, dips and pull-ups, mile and half mile runs.

This is an excellent opportunity for new men who wish to do something in athletics to try themselves. Practice will begin every evening with the exception of Fridays at half past four.

News of the Battalion.

By special order number forty-two of the War Department four officers have been detailed to inspect the military departments of educational institutions at which officers of the army are detailed as professors of military science and tactics. Captain Julius A. Penn is one of the four; but it is not yet known whether he will visit Idaho again or not. Captain Penn is the officer who inspected the University cadets last year.

Special Order No. 4: Feb. 24, '09. University of Idaho. The following appointments in the battalion are announced to take effect today:

To be cadet corporals and assigned to Co. "A," Cadet Privates McWilliams and H. C. Gray, vice H. Johnson left University and Foster transferred to band.

To be cadet corporal and assigned to Co. "C," Cadet Private Williams,

R. D., vice Dodge, left University.

Lieutenant A. S. Smith has been asked to judge the intercollegiate rifle match which is described as follows:

SECOND COMPETITION

The inter-collegiate championship gallery match for 1909 will be shot on local ranges at any time within the period between March 15 and 27. Targets to be used in the match will be issued from the office of the National Rifle Association on request to those colleges expressing a desire to take part in the competition. The Association will also appoint a judge to be present when the scores are fired. Conditions of match: Open to teams of ten students from any university, college or institution conferring degrees.

Distance: Fifty feet.
 Target: N. R. A. target with a one-inch bull's-eye.

Number of shots: Twenty for record; two-sighting shots and ten shots for record at the standing and prone positions. To be shot in strings of five. The entire team must shoot at the same time.

Positions: Standing, offhand, body free from all support; prone, head toward target. Shot without use of strap.

Rifle: Any 22-caliber with the sights in front of the hammer.

Ammunition: 22-caliber short.

Eligibility: Competitors shall be in full academic standing in the undergraduate years of the institution represented. Certificates to be furnished by some duly authorized authority.

Entrance fee: No entrance fee from institutions having a rifle club affiliated with the National Rifle Association. All others, \$5 per team.

Prizes: The championship trophy presented by the Forest, Fish and Game Society of America, to be held by the college or university represented by the winning team for one year, when it will again be in competition by the National Rifle Association of America; and medals to the individual members of the team.

The trophy will become the property of the university or college winning it three times, not necessarily in succession.

Won in 1908, for the first time, by the Columbia University of New York. For further information address: Lieut. Albert S. Jones, secretary of the Association, Hibbs Building, Washington, D. C.

Alpha Delta Pi Party.

The Alpha Delta Pi girls had a party and feed on Saturday the 27th ult., at their home for Miss Edna Price who has left college and will soon go with her family to Seattle. The affair was a great success and did not break up until after midnight with the singing of college songs. Miss Price is a '11 girl, has lived in Moscow for several years, gone thru the Prep department and will be sadly missed by the many friends she has made during this time.

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associationmen are flighty and without bottom. We must be both students and association men.

But I am going to make a suggestion by means of which I think most of the foregoing work can be done. This is by employing a secretary. At first that this may seem rather ethereal, but I think that within two years it can be done. The idea is not to hire a man to do the work but to direct it. In other words be an advisor.

Idaho is probably not yet large enough to use a secretary on full time but I may suggest two plans either of which is entirely feasible for securing a man on part time.

The first is this. There has been some talk of a city association in Moscow. The college could hasten this movement and employ one of the city men part on time. Or a man could be used on half time between W. S. C. and Idaho. Either of these plans seems feasible and without further discussion I will leave the matter with next year's Cabinet.

These plans are not wholly my own but have been given to you after consultation and approval by various faculty members. If any of these suggestions may be useful I will feel fully repaid for the effort.

THREE GAMES, TWO VICTORIES

Both teams played excellent ball and rarely fumbled. At the close of the first half the score stood 4 to 3 in Idaho's favor. Curtis and Lundstrum each threw a field basket while Whitman got three free throws. In the second half A. Belt and Felthouse each threw a basket and Belt threw one foul making 9 for Whitman. Idaho only got one foul in this half making 5 in all. The rooting of the Whitman team was continuous from the time Idaho came into the gymnasium until the game was over.

They used tin cans, horns and cow bells. It was impossible for the men to talk to each other or even hear the referee's whistle.

No one man could be picked as the Idaho star. All played hard and consistently.

LINE UP.

Idaho.		Whitman.
Curtis	Forward	A. Belt
Lundstrum	Forward	W. Belt
Montgomery	Center	N. Borna
Edmundson	Guard	Cushman
Edmundson C	Guard	Felthouse

Fouls called on Idaho eight, on Whitman three. Referee, Applegate, Walla Walla Y. M. C. A. Final score 9 to 5.

In the Weston Normal game the subs were given a chance to show their ability. The line up in the first half was Curtis and Smith forwards, Cooper center, W. C. Edmundson and Hockett guards. In the second half Curtis and Hockett played forwards, Montgomery center, Lundstrum and C. S. Edmundson guards. For Idaho Hockett was the star. He got four field baskets the first half and one the second, Curtis got three baskets and two fouls, C. S. Edmundson three baskets and Montgomery two baskets.

Fouls called on Idaho seven on the Normal two. Final score 28 to 15. Referee first half, C. S. Edmundson of Idaho; second half, J. Keefe of Harvard.

Lecture on Speaking Voice.

Dean French is delivering a series of lectures before the English 4a class on "The Speaking Voice." The introductory lecture, given last Monday on "The Power of the Human Voice," attracted much attention from those outside of the regular English course. The time now scheduled for these talks is 2:55 on Mondays but Miss Sonna announces that the hour can be changed if a sufficient number find another period more convenient.

Sophomores Elect.

At a class meeting last week the Sophomores elected the following officers for the last semester: President, Elmer Williams; vice president, James Gwinn; secretary, Arthur P. Beckner; treasurer, Earl Hall; monitor, Harry Daus; sergeant-at-arms, Chester Stoddard and Alfred Kettenbach.

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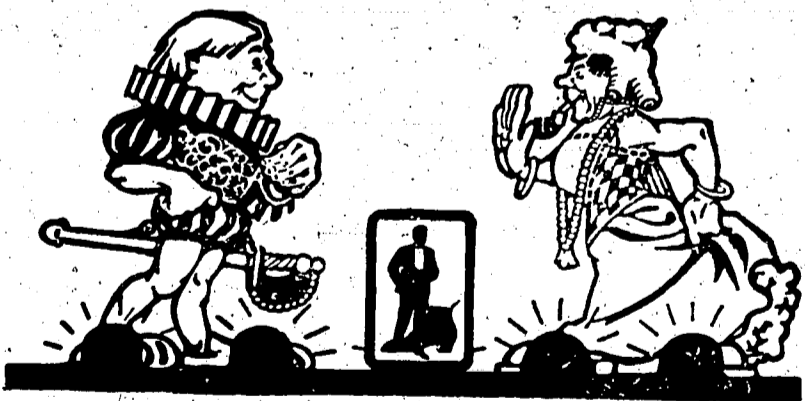
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