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Such Popularity Must Be Reserved.
 The University of Nebraska is full to the brim with fence straddlers who hang fire on every issue that arises, fearing to risk their popularity by taking a definite stand on anything. One active college man or woman with ambition, ideas, courage and convictions cannot hope to have the friendship of everyone in the university.
 Popularity plays an important part in all campus activities. It is the element that enables the students to become outstanding on the numerous organizations which tend to control student life. It can be achieved by the personality plus man who thinks nothing, says anything and tries to do everything.
 Lack of individual thinkers in the younger generation is appalling. Some writers blow on and on of the independence of modern youth, but they are on the wrong track. A casual scrutiny of the things worn by college men, said by college women and done by both will refute any argument concerning individuality.
 Many students are afraid to state their beliefs for fear they will offend someone. If one has beliefs, the expression of which will cause him to lose his friends, it is a case of keeping his self respect or the surface friendship of his fellows.
 True friendships are not thrown on the rocks by differences in political views. Friendship is something that must be cultivated. It cannot be born and ripened in the course of a warm handshake and a "glad da meteba."

Inhaling, Imbibing, Indulging.
 Shooked at advertisements of the college girl whiffing on a dainty (?) cigaret, dismayed at tales of wild and wet parties as extra-curricular activities, and horrified at park petters on byroads and side streets, the mother of the vivacious freshman coed worries and asks, "Is my daughter safe at college?"
 Rita S. Halle attempts to answer this maternal query in the September issue of Good Housekeeping, first by admitting candidly certain irregularities in collegiate deportment and concluding by pointing out that the criteria of the university girl's conduct may be found in her home training.
 As always, Miss Halle points out, the dear public becomes incensed over extreme cases yet fails utterly to note the general attitude and actions of the average college boy or girl. Parents, says Miss Halle, are chiefly to blame in a number of these unusual instances. Instead of pointing out the evil in the world and showing the better policy of following the good, many push reality into the background so that when life is met squarely by the young miss, she is astounded at its unrevealed complications and endangered by her ignorance.
 Few girls "go wrong" who obtain a comprehensive view of life before entering college. Some may take high fliers to gain false popularity and insincere admiration of the male species. But as recent alumni demonstrate, such is not a permanent condition. Fickle youth gives way to sensible and stabilized maturity.
 Daughter is safe at college if she has had sound home training, if she possesses a rational view of how things really are in addition to one of how they ought to be. If sincere parents have provided this and inculcated high ideals in the minds of their children, they need not lie awake in fretting over either son or daughter away at college.

Convocations and Students.
 At convocation last week a nationally known musician and student of Indian melody, and the young pianist who performed with the Passion play, provided entertainment for a group of approximately one hundred students. In his opening remarks the speaker commented upon the size of his audience.
 His observation draws attention to a situation that does not reflect favorably upon the student body, from whatever angle it is viewed. Why do so few people attend convocation? The artists and scholars selected to give the programs are at least entitled to such respect that the Temple theater should be filled at each performance.
 There is such a great variety in the programs that every student will find some particularly appealing to him in the course of the year—programs of such quality that they could not be witnessed gratis if presented elsewhere. They provide the student with free entertainment of the highest type, and the lectures which are given from time to time are of highly informational value.
 Of course, attendance at convocation is not compulsory; it should not even be regarded as a duty. The student should deem it an advantage to be permitted to attend these excellent performances. He is not making the best of his opportunities, and he shows lack of appreciation if he does not occasionally avail himself of this privilege offered to the students by the university.

A Student Looks at Public Affairs.
 By DAVID FELLEMAN.
SENATOR NORRIS and former Governor McKelvie had a rather unpleasant set-to last week. Mr. McKelvie's nomination to the federal farm board was up for confirmation before the senate. Mr. Norris opposed the ex-governor on the ground that McKelvie had violated a political trust during the last presidential campaign.
 The state presidential primary had gone for Norris, so that the Nebraska delegation to the republican convention was morally bound to vote for Norris, at least on the first ballot. But Mr. McKelvie, who was elected as a delegate to the convention, refused to vote for Norris, even on the first ballot. This, our senator asserts, was political treachery.
 The altercation was heightened, however, after the governor's nomination was confirmed by the senate. Senator Norris had refused to vote on the confirmation because, he said, his objections to Mr. McKelvie were personal ones. Then the governor issued a statement in which he branded Senator Norris' refusal to vote as a cowardly act. Mr. Norris, he said, was not man enough to vote his convictions.
 We think that Governor McKelvie was both unjust and ridiculous in making this charge. Norris had made his position perfectly clear; he had concealed nothing. The issue could not have been brought out more clearly even if he had yielded.
 It is really laughable to "hear one accuse the bravest man in the senate of cowardice. Senator Norris has been accused of many things, but never, even by his most enthusiastic opponents, of moral weakness.
 Senator Norris' little coterie of progressive republicans who are running the senate to suit themselves, to the severe dis taste and discomfort of the president, has recently acquired a new face. The new convert to the cause is Senator Bronson Cutting of New Mexico.
 Senator Cutting is a wealthy easterner, a Harvard Phi Beta Kappa man, who had to move to New Mexico for his health. He then entered politics, and was sent to the senate. Of late he has been voting consistently with the progressive bloc. Mr. Cutting appears to be a very interesting man; his career is worth watching.
 THE progressive farm bloc of the senate put another one over on the president when it combined with the democrats again to write the export debenture plan of farm relief into the tariff bill. This is the third time the senate has approved of this highly controversial form of farm relief. In the face of the president's strenuous objections and sure defeat in the house.
 This clause, championed by Senator Norris, was attached to the tariff bill as a "rider." The general consensus of opinion seems to be that this amendment will fail in the house, as the last one did. The wisdom of the senate's tenacious insistence upon this scheme, in the light of what has already happened, is highly questionable.
 THE United States is celebrating the golden anniversary of the invention of the incandescent electric light by Thomas A. Edison. Throughout the country arches of triumph have been erected to herald the splendid achievements of this eminent American.
 Fifty years ago, when the invention was first announced, Edison's electric light was considered incredible. The New York Herald wrote in 1879: "This light, the inventor claims, can be produced cheaper than that from the cheapest oil. Were it not for the phonograph, the quadruplex telegraph and the various other remarkable productions of the great inventor, the world might well hesitate to accept his assurance that such a beneficial result had been obtained. But, as it is, his past achievements in science are sufficient guarantee that his claims are not without foundation."
 Men are far too sophisticated today to express such amazement at new scientific advances. The other day a giant twelve motored airplane took 150 people on a hour

More Than His Duty.
 It often happens that a man's best work is such that it is not done directly in the line of his ordinary duty, but in adding an extra measure of interest to his work.
 Edward Price Bell, London correspondent for the Chicago Daily News, added that extra measure. It was he who first grew alarmed at the increasingly strained relations between America and England, and it was he who instituted the negotiations that led to Ramsay MacDonald's visit to America.
 That bit of work was not, strictly speaking, in the line of his regular duty. If he had not done it, he would not in any way have been scamping his job. But, being an alert and conscientious man, he saw a chance to do something for his country—and did it, even though there was no obligation resting upon him.

Echoes of the Campus.
 Letters from readers are cordially welcomed in this department, and will be printed in all cases subject to the common newspaper practice of keeping out of all libelous matter and attacks against individuals and religions. For the benefit of readers a limit of 250 words has been set. The name of the author must accompany each letter, but the full name will not be published unless so desired by the contributor.

It Is to Laugh.
 To the Editor of The Nebraskan:
 The Nebraskan does not confine all its laughs to the inside pages. Readers last Wednesday got quite a chuckle from a sentence in an article headed "Anti-Saloon League Announces Contest." After explaining that the prize essay on "Ten Years of Prohibition" would be recognized by giving the writer a prepaid trip to Detroit, the article added that "students could take either side of the question and treat it as they saw fit."
 Are we to understand that the chances are fifty-fifty that the Anti-Saloon league will resort to Detroit the author of an effusion entitled "Ten Years of Prohibition or Why I Am Raising My Son to Be a Bootlegger" by A. Soak? Would the writer of the article have us believe that "Ten Years of Prohibition—An Exclusive Anthology of Home Brew Recipes" would be given consideration equal to that accorded "Ten Years of Prohibition or Why Our Jails Are Empty?"
 It is too much to expect. Why should the Anti-Saloon league be expected to reward efforts which directly oppose its ideals? Everyone knows that its desire is rather to encourage the creation of literature in harmony with the Anti-Saloon principles. And it is very fitting that it should be so.
 The only conclusion, then, which we can draw is, that some budding journalist is kidding us and perhaps himself when he nonchalantly warbles about "either side of the question" in connection with the Anti-Saloon league.
 The Nebraskan joke section has moved.
 R. M.

Just Get By.
 To the Editor of The Nebraskan:
 Quarterly examinations at the University of Nebraska have come and gone. The reports based primarily upon the results of those examinations will be issued this week. Numbers of so-called students anxiously await these reports to see whether they "got by" and may, as a consequence, sluff for another month. Amid semesters the same situation is in evidence.
 The youth, on first coming to Nebraska, has had impressed upon him the wrong attitude toward his college courses. Too many brothers, sisters and classmates inform him that he need not study each assignment that cramming and cribbing for examinations will suffice. Not only do they suggest the latter to him, but they even go so far as to teach him the "best" methods—the most effective ones.
 Files of questions and returned papers in many courses are accessible. Lucky is the person who takes one of these courses. He has only to read the questions and memorize the answers. What a blow it would be to him—and his associates—pride and grade if some instructor chanced to make out a new set of questions!
 In courses where that is likely to occur or if the student has little time because of his social duties, adequate crib notes are quickly and easily prepared. A cuff, a sweater, a silken clad knee, or the palm of the hand furnishes a safe and convenient hiding place for those crib sheets.
 He of the bolder nature carries his notebook or textbook with him when he appears for examination. Bravado and a thumb index enable him to find what he needs without too much turning of pages. He copies the necessary information, and, Good Samaritan like, he passes it on to his neighbor.
 Some students are above such actions—their ideals were firmly fixed ere they came to college and they withstood the temptation. But, far too many followed the path of least resistance. Nebraska has its proficient cribbers.
 C. H.

A poll of the colleges of the country will show that a large majority of presidents, deans, professors, instructors and students are on the side of the home, the church and the school.—Logan, O., Republican.
 Our idea of the biggest campus pest is the guy who gets up at fraternity meetings and precludes his remarks with: "Now, listen, fellows," and then doesn't say anything that is worth hearing after all.
 Five men were given the honor of representing Nebraska in the Rhodes scholarship race. They will go to Oxford, which is just another shoe to some of the heels around here.
 If the student realizes how little he knows after attending college or university, his training has been a success and half his battle is won.—Nedigh, Neb., News.

Cobs Meet Tonight For Missouri Plans
 A meeting of Corn Cobs, men's pep organization, will be held tonight at 7 o'clock in the Temple. According to Stanley Day, president of the organization, it is of vital importance that every Corn Cob who expects to make the trip to Missouri be on hand for this meeting. The organization will take no one who does not appear for this meeting, according to the president.
 trip over the lakes in Switzerland, and the papers gave it just an ordinary news story in one of the less strategic columns of the front page.
 We hear of the efforts to fly airplanes and direct ships by remote control of the radio, and other similar mechanical wonders, without so much as the batting of an eye. We are getting accustomed to a world of change.
 The president paid fitting tribute to Mr. Edison at the golden jubilee celebration held in Dearborn by Henry Ford. Said President Hoover: "The country can well pay its honor and is proud to demonstrate through Mr. Edison today that their efforts of scientists are not unappreciated."
 Every American owes a debt to him. It is not alone a debt for great benefactions he has brought to mankind, but also a debt of honor he has brought to our country.
 "Mr. Edison by his own genius and effort rose from modest beginnings to membership among the leaders of men. His life gives renewed confidence that our institutions hold open the door of opportunity to all those who would enter."

FOR the past few weeks the front pages of America's newspapers have been filled with dispatches from a Los Angeles courtroom, where multimillionaire Alexander Pantages is on trial on charges of a statutory crime preferred by one Eunice Pringle, dancer.
 As a matter of fact, the world series, combined with the reports of this world famous and history making episode, almost relegated "the Ramsay MacDonald stories" to the second pages of the papers.
 That this particular criminal offense should fill each morning's papers with its silly details presents some food for thought. Its only claim to distinction lies in the wealth of the defendant.
 In all other respects, the details of the crime and the trial are quite similar to a thousand other cases which are being tried in the country for this and other reasons. What vicarious enjoyment people can get in reading the minutely-reported accounts of the trial is a mystery to us.

RAG WAGS.
 By MARGARET TINLEY.
 There are only eleven steps leading out of Administration hall and yet what a lot of "slips" there are going to be going down those steps tomorrow!
 After crushing out of the stadium Saturday, who is not thoroughly qualified for membership in the "not whole" club?
 The Acacias are going to show what happens when Greek meets Greek.
 The green freshman is still wondering; this time he wants to know if this gym person is any relation to the phys ed his girl is always dated up with.
 Cy Sykes cites: Quarterlies are over. They have joined the dim dark past. Lectures have begun again—I'll get some sleep at last.
 With 600 tickets to the game sold it looks as if very few Cornhuskers will "miss" Missouri.
 Nebraska, once known as a treeless plain, has an abundance of trees of all varieties adaptable to this climate.

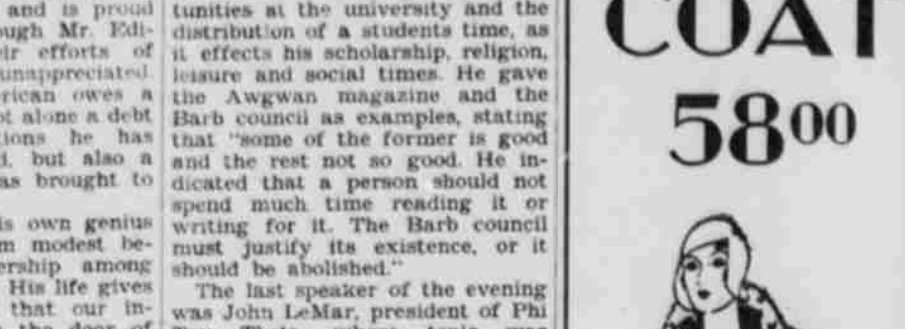
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METHODIST STUDENTS WILL VISIT MALCOLM
 Group Plans to Conduct Evening Services at Church.
 Phi Tau Theta, Methodist men's fraternity, with a delegation of students from Warren Methodist church and Epworth church will have charge of the evening services at the Methodist church in Malcolm, Rev. Roy Magnusson, Ag. '29, is pastor there.
 Last Sunday evening the same groups had charge of the evening services at Epworth Methodist church. The Phi Tau Theta quartet sang "Rose of Sharon," and Rev. Roy Magnusson and Miss Marie Quick offered several numbers. Henry Rinker spoke on a "students conception of God." He made it clear that students believe in a personal God.
 Glenn Feathers gave a short talk on "Student and Campus Problems" indicating the opportunities at the university and the distribution of a students time, as it affects his scholarship, religion, leisure and social times. He gave the Awgwan magazine and the Barb Council as examples, stating that "some of the former is good and the rest not so good. He indicated that a person should not spend much time reading it or writing for it. The Barb council must justify its existence, or it should be abolished."
 The last speaker of the evening was John LeMar, president of Phi Tau Theta, whose topic was "Science and Religion." He was a member of the fossil gathering team from the university in Custer county last summer. He spoke on whether religion is an illusion.
 He also answered the question of whether an evolutionist could also be a Christian by saying that he could. He gave an example when he was in Custer county "that the fossil gathering crew discovered a mastodon and told the owner of the property that it was approximately sixty thousand years old. The owner said that they were a bunch of atheists, had come to disrupt the morals of the children of that community, were smudging the air of Custer county and that he supposed they were evolutionists. After many arguments were given in German, French and English, he still declared they were atheists. This idea is caused by ignorance or mental laziness." He closed with the following statement, "There is no conflict between science and religion. For myself evolution has only deepened my faith and has given me a greater appreciation of God who works in an orderly fashion in his planning of the universe. We need to be tolerant and open minded so all truths are available to us."

WILBUR MEAD SAILS TO SHANGHAI, CHINA
 Wilbur Mead, who was graduated with the class of '29 sailed from San Francisco for Shanghai, China, Oct. 15. He will be engaged in the oil business there.
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