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The Life Of the Victor.

Today is election day, that great event in the lives of campus politicians when class officers are chosen for the present semester.

Considering the fact that we intend to do our best to see that campaign promises are carried out and not evaded, however, the winning faction today may regret its victory.

If the victorious group today be the Blue Shirts, we shall expect them:
1. To ACT immediately in the matter of a union building; to collect or secure pledges, and aid the early organization of a drive for subscriptions.

2. To ACT immediately in the matter of senior class memorial gifts to the university; planning an appropriate gift and raising funds to meet its cost.

3. To ACT immediately in the matter of lowering admission prices to major university social events. (Though not stated specifically in the platform just what events this includes, we understand it will include the Junior-Senior Prom.)

While there were many more words in the platform, we could under no circumstances construe them as including any specific action at all. The faction will do well, however, to carry out the three specific promises outlined above.

If the victorious faction today be the Yellowjackets, we shall expect them:

1. To ACT immediately in the matter of a union building; to collect or secure pledges, and aid the early organization of a drive for subscriptions.

2. To ACT immediately in an endeavor to lift the ban on tobacco advertising for student publications.

3. To ACT immediately in an effort to include a student activities tax in the regular university fees. (Such a tax, properly administered, says the platform, would reduce the cost of these activities, while entitling the student to admission to all athletic events, other events of general interest, and to copies of all student publications.)

We rather think the impossibility of this last platform plank was recognized at the time of its adoption, but adopted it was. Accordingly, the faction should prove its good faith by working—really working—to make it a reality.

In this platform, too, there were many more words, but we could under no circumstances construe them as including any specific promises at all. This faction also will do well, however, to carry out its three promises outlined above.

Of course, if the winning faction makes no effort to carry out its "three points," it will be entitled to a fair hearing. It will get a hearing, whether it wants one or not. Faction leaders will be called upon to give reasons for, and defend, their lack of action. Evidence for and against will be presented in these columns, so that students may decide just how much weight campaign promises carry.

This is either a promise or a threat, depending upon subsequent action or lack of it.

Do May Queens Wear Snowshoes?

My day will be held on April 30 this year. If the present tendency to schedule the day a bit earlier each year continues, we firmly expect to see something like the following appearing in The Daily Nebraskan for December 19, 1941:

Lincoln.—(Special).—The University of Nebraska's May Queen will be crowned amid appropriate ceremonies on Christmas day this year, in accordance with the tradition of making the key day rites one week earlier each year.

The Queen, whose identity is as yet unknown, will lead the grand march through the east snowdrift just north of Administration hall. It is rumored that snowshoes will be provided for all persons in the parade. Ballet costumes of special dancers will be replaced by coonskin coats.

Difficulty is foreseen, however, within the next decade. If the date of the ceremonies is advanced each year, it will soon be held once more in May. This would be disastrous, for then the whole circle would of necessity be forced to begin once more. How to avoid eventually getting right back where we started from is a big problem, and the administration is even now considering methods of dealing with it.

One Out Of Eleven.

Every year a May Queen is elected. The votes have been, in the past, counted by Mortar Board. The successful candidate has invariably been a member of that same organization, unless a very pronounced upset strewed all plans to the four winds.

Mortar Board members deny any unfairness in election or counting of votes. At the same time they are adamant in refusing to let a Student council member be present when the ballots are counted.

Last year The Nebraskan wondered why. This year we are still wondering why. Will Mortar Board care to make any statement? Or will its members go serenely on their way, counting the votes, electing one of their membership, and refusing to let any outsider watch the process?

We cannot name the May Queen for this spring, but we can predict with fair success that she will be "one out of eleven."

MORNING MAIL

The Sheep and the Cows.

Why is it necessary for Nebraska students to act like cattle? This query does not arise in vacuo, but out of a specific situation. I have particular reference to the convocation in the Temple theatre last Friday morning, at which the distinguished French publicist, de Lannux, spoke on a topic of great significance to thinking people. His address lasted only 35 or 40 minutes, yet it was constantly disturbed, almost from the very start, by a steady flow of students (sic!) noisily hoisting themselves from their seats, scraping in most approved collegiate fashion up the uncarpeted aisles, and slamming the ancient portals in typical barnyard style. Not only did listeners leave all during the hour, but when lunch time approached, the famished and near-starved began to troop out in droves, even as cattle make for the bubbling brooks on a hot day in July, although it was quite evident that the speaker was about through, and was making every effort to conclude his remarks as gracefully as possible. I didn't know that Nebraska was within the nation's starvation belt.

Why can't students have and show enough manners to sit through an hour address by a distinguished visitor, even though they don't particularly like it? What sort of an impression do our guests get? Sometimes I think we merit Mencken's sneers, we out here on the cattle range. How Dean Hicks and Professor Grummann must have writhed in embarrassment, as they sat there on the platform with the speaker, watching the performance of their hopefuls out there in front of them! Unless I have no ability to read people's faces at all, I am positive that they left the hall with little pride for their infants' terribles.

I am keenly aware of the fact that our Temple theatre (so-called) is just a big, ugly, uncomfortable barn, but does it necessarily follow that while we are in there we must exhibit barn-yard manners? It has been frequently pointed out in these columns that many of our students fail to observe the most elementary rudiments of conventional decorum. I, too, want to register my opinion as one "who views with alarm and disgust" the lack of good breeding on this campus. What we need, even more than crack basketball teams and gaudy fraternity rows, is a wholesale acceptance and application of the golden rule. It is the foundation stone of courtesy. VOX AMICI.

STATE SLANTS

Confusing the Issues.

In a signed article in the Nebraska alumnus, publication of the alumni of the University of Nebraska, Colonel William T. Oury, commandant of cadets, undertakes the defense of compulsory military training in a not entirely defensible manner. He attempts, in this article, to trace a connection between socialism, communism and pacifism.

The colonel begins his argument by charging that a number of societies and organizations, which are working for international peace, disarmament and optional military training, are "under direct influence of the soviet government at Moscow. . . . Among the organizations which he lists is the federal council of churches of Christ. And that is where his argument falters. It is absurd to charge even a working alliance between the anti-religious government of Moscow and the churches of the United States.

By connecting, by this charge, the church council, the women's international league for peace and freedom, and other bodies with socialism and communism, Colonel Oury hoped to show that the fight on military training was part of an insidious plot against our present government. The theory is ingenious. It carries weight with those who hold the Russian reds in unholly fear.

The connection, however, is not satisfactorily established. An alliance between American churches and the Russian soviet is unthinkable. The colonel shows an intolerance inconsistent with the freedom of political thought and action granted by the constitution. If the socialists and communists see this matter with the church people, that is permissible. Indeed many socialists are church people, altho they do not mix their religion and politics.

The colonel has placed the cause of compulsory military training in an uncomfortable position by leading his readers to assume that it is the pet of capitalistic political parties as opposed to socialists and communists. Nor has he furthered it by listing the council of churches of Christ as a communist organization. The constitution gives all these people the right to their own opinion.—Lincoln State Journal.

At any rate someone will simply have to provide new livy day scenery. If the authorities continue to schedule the ceremonies earlier each year, An ice palace, for instance, will soon be appropriate and necessary, if present progress continues.



He was one man in a thousand —he actually laughed at a joke in the Awgwan.

The editors were so anxious to get the first issue of the Awgwan out that they forgot to number it. Oh well, it would be best to just forget this first number entirely.

The two political factions on the campus build up a regular platform much as do other political parties. The only trouble seems to be that their platform planks turn out to be a lot of shingles.

The Blue and the Yellow are at it again. Talking and squabbling, the same old refrain.

With candidates up for the coming election, they guarantee folks right smart selection.

They talk of the things they intend to perform. A fine Union building, and also a dorm.

They'll give their support to all publications. No doubt they're in favor of longer vacations.

They stand for the good of the dear old student body. They promise results substantial, not gaudy.

"Down with the cost of parties," their plea. Make learning much cheaper, cut down on the fee.

A voice in all matters for both men and women. In fact they'll do anything that's possibly human.

But stay in the buggy, don't stop your playing. These boys only talk to hear what they're saying.

We don't know what Einstein's theory is but it seems to be one of popularity.

If the university authorities only knew they'd take immediate steps to confiscate the recent edition of the Awgwan. It's the best "pre-war" stuff we've ever run across.

And there is the absent minded professor who lectured his wife and then failed her.

A New York chorus girl gets \$52 a week for saying "Hip, hip, hurrah!" in a show. The \$2 is for the hurrah.

It is only fitting since election day is fast approaching that we should have a little song for the occasion. Here is one patterned after "School Days"—

Election days, election days, Oh those break-the-rule-days; Cramming and stuffing the ballot box

Doing your stuff for a bunch of crocks. All the bashful little frosh Lose their heads from so much slosh.

But soon they'll grow up and find it's bosh. As many a wiser lad did.

The radio is being utilized more and more by prosperous manufacturing companies. Many of their programs on the air are introduced by songs which they have chosen as their theme melody. Entirely free we are suggesting one which the makers of Listerine might care to use. Announcing, "Lonesome Lover."

Big, strong men of the campus took shops by storm this last week in a feverish attempt to secure just the right sort of valentine for the storm and strife. Open mouthed many of them stood there do we know? sure we bought one—sisters like to get valentines gazing at the array. But what man's heart hasn't been stirred at the sight of a bit of lace . . . on a valentine.

When the Kansas-Aggies, the Young Men from Manhattan, recently played here, some sport scribers expected that the game would be a close brush for Nebraska. Can you make anything of it?

And to show you we are willing to acknowledge other than our own, we'll end up by giving you the words of an unknown wit who said off-hand, pardon, we mean off-stage, "You used to be behind first, but now at last you're first."

When you reach this spot it will be exactly 10:15, Russian Onion time. Kindly set your watches . . . on the shelf.

LOOSE THREADS

By Gene McKim
The ways-and means committee of the house of representatives finished hearing an array of nationally famous bankers and business men regarding the proposed cashing of the soldiers' bonus bill

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as a means of relieving the depression. The consensus of opinion was that such a move at this time would be disastrous to the financial condition of the country. Charles E. Mitchell, board chairman of the National City bank of New York, declared that a \$3,500,000 United States bond issue to pay off the adjusted service certificates would cause hundreds of bank failures throughout the land.

Observers presumed that the vast amount of unfavorable testimony by these men would end all bonus legislation. As a final witness Chairman Hawley of the committee called Owen D. Young to the stand. He, too, opposed paying of the bonus for: (1) Such an issue probably could not be sold; (2) savings necessary for business recovery would be absorbed otherwise; (3) "we should be worse off than when we began."

Mr. Young differed from his banking friends in that he favored increasing the loan value on the certificates. Regarding the veterans in distress, Mr. Young said: "They hold our promises to pay; they need money now. They of all people should not be left in want. We must approach the problem with a determination to do them not only justice, but more."

The financial magnate estimated that 30 percent of veterans need financial help, 10 per cent were victims, and 10 per cent suffered from diminished incomes.

The upshot of the investigation, and the opinions voiced by Mr. Young, have resulted in the framing of a bill which seems certain to pass both branches of congress in a short time, allowing veterans to borrow up to a limit of 50 per cent on adjusted service certificates. This is an increase from the former limit of 22 1-2 percent.

Factions in congress finally patched up their differences and arranged a compromise drought relief bill of \$20,000,000 which was passed and to which President Hoover signed his name last week.

This money is primarily to be used for loans to finance spring crops and general stock and farm improvement. In cases where it is deemed necessary, however, money from this fund may be used for the purchase of food and clothing to alleviate suffering.

In his Lincoln Memorial address President Hoover spoke of his opposition to the senate plan of drought relief in favor of the Red Cross drought relief program. In effect the president said that when any community shifts its responsibility to Washington, particularly in social and economic problems, this community subjects itself to a "remote bureaucracy with its minimum of understanding and sympathy." Such a drift to centralized government may be resisted by a sense and an organization of self-help and co-operation to solve as many problems as possible outside of the government. Mr. Hoover declared the nation can take pride in the effective work of thousands of voluntary organizations.

In much the same tenor Mr. Hoover issued a statement to the press saying: "This is not an issue as to whether people shall go hungry and cold. It is a question as to whether the American people will maintain the spirit of charity and mutual self help. If

the time should ever come that the voluntary agencies of the country are unable to find resources which to prevent hunger and suffering, I will ask every aid of every resource of the federal government. . . . I have faith such a day will not come."

The Metropolitan Opera company presented its thirteenth attempt in its search to find a good native United States opera when it showed to its patrons for the first time last week, "Peter Ibbetson."

This production was the work of Joseph Deems Taylor, and was the second opera of his to be produced at the Metropolitan. The first was "The King's Henchman." Much of the credit for this work has gone, however, to Edna St. Vincent Millay who wrote the libretto.

Mr. Taylor holds the distinction of being the only American composer to be given a second chance at the Metropolitan. Time, for Feb. 16 in commenting on "Peter Ibbetson" said:

Now he, (Mr. Taylor), had lived to see his second opera hand-somely mounted and splendidly sung. The audience had evidently liked it. The prima donna (Lucerzia Bori) had rolled out a big wreath for him. There were thirty-six curtain calls. He joined the cast in almost every one. Next day not all the newspapers were so kind, but the New York lavished six Sunday morning columns upon triumph of his "Peter Ibbetson."

It is interesting to note that when Mr. Taylor was at New York university in 1906 he wrote an undergraduate musical comedy called "The Isle of Skiddoo"

Miss Helen Tufts Declares Women Make Good in Journalism.

(Continued from Page 1.) to five thousand dollars a year; 17 per cent from five to ten thousand dollars a year, and three per cent over ten thousand dollars. Advertising is very interesting work, for it is being written today in a clever, human interest style.

"Many women find work in publishing houses very appealing. The best way, perhaps, for anyone to learn all about a newspaper is to own and publish one, and a great many women edit small country papers. Teaching of journalism in high schools is becoming more usual; however, the wages in this field are not nearly as good as those in advertising."

According to Miss Tufts, it is not essential that a woman practice "cub" reporting before entering a specialized type of journalistic work. A person desires to be a dramatic critic should take a dramatic course, she declared, this field of journalism is limited. One planning to be a columnist should have originality and native ability. There is a big field, however, for those interested in feature writing, she added.

Newswriting More Difficult. "As for regular newswriting, it is harder, takes more time, pays lower salaries, and offers less opportunity for advancement than almost any other journalistic field, I could not," she said emphatically.

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"There is absolutely no question about large cities having the most openings for those interested in journalism. New York and Chicago are journalistic headquarters, especially for advertising."

Miss Tufts thinks a general arts and sciences course would make a good background for a journalist, but that most journalistic courses would be just as beneficial. She said that statistics show that 71 percent of the students from the school of journalism at Nebraska are well placed in journalistic positions, an example which shows the success of students with journalistic training. She explained this exceptional success by the fact that this university offers a broader, better balanced journalistic course than many schools do.

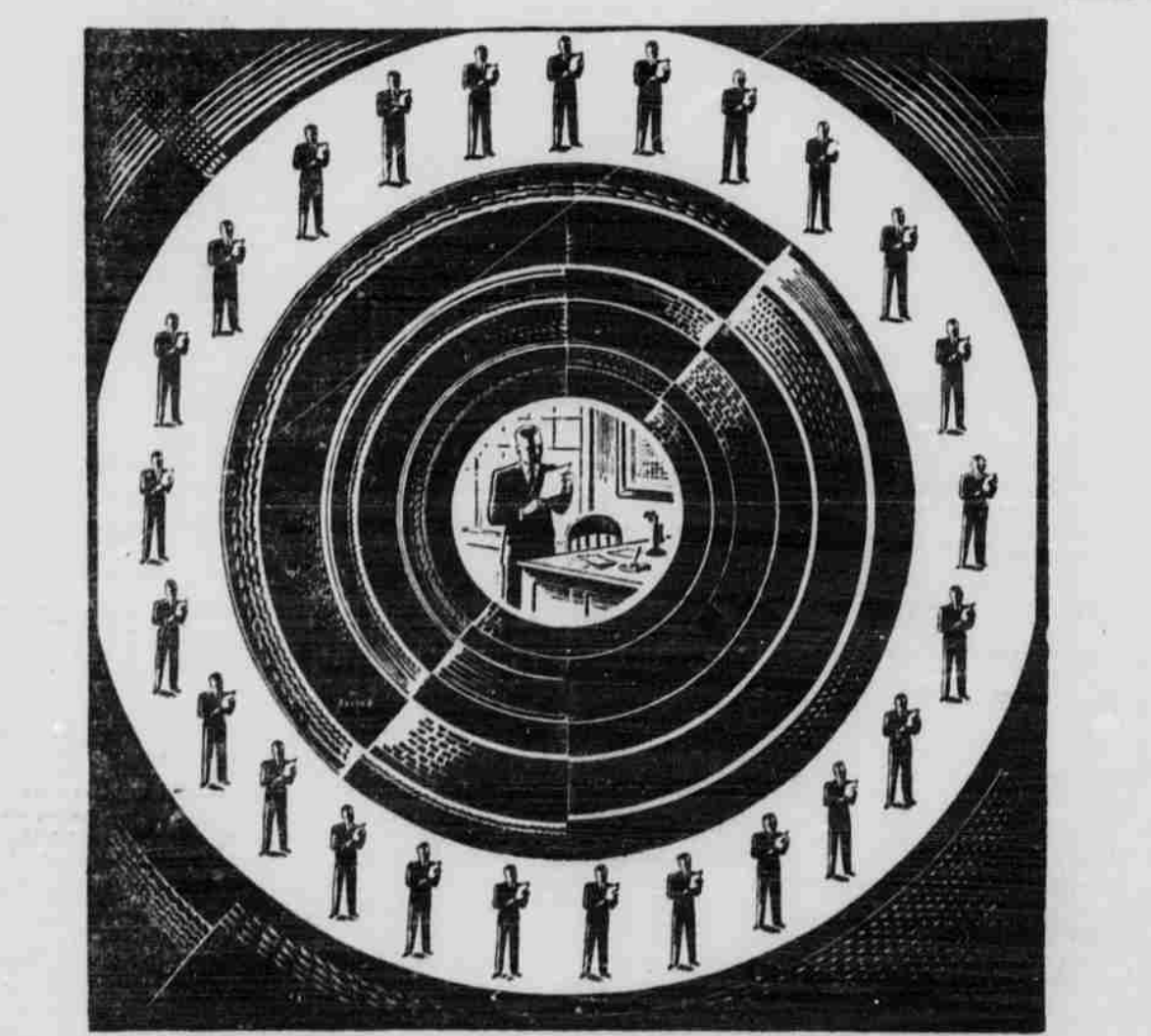
In conclusion Miss Tufts said, "I hesitate, for I am far from an art critic, but I think the Nebraska state capitol is very beautiful. I like its unity, its originality, and the ideas it expresses so intricately."

Ossie Solem, director of athletics and head football coach at Drake university, has accepted an invitation to act as referee for the ninth annual Kansas relays April 18.

The Unitarian Church. Twelfth and H Streets. "THE CHURCH WITHOUT A CREED". Sermon Subject, Feb. 22: "The Symbolism of the Maiden's Plea" but the Picture, an interpretation of Miss Dolan's painting, "The Search for Truth."

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