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Here and There

THE recreation committee has planned a steak fry for the men tomorrow night at Pioneer park. An annual event now, five or six years ago it was unheard of. In the Nebraskan files of that time, we find the editor lamenting the lack of social intercourse and unity among summer school students. That was when Friday night parties perhaps drew a hundred people and an organized sports program was a dream in the minds of a few.

This summer we can see the marvelous advance in a few years. Record crowds have attended the coliseum dances, more students have turned out for the golf, tennis and baseball tournaments than ever before, and the committee is seriously considering a steak fry for the women.

There are all too few social relaxations for summer students, and the committee should be highly commended for the progress it has made in making this session enjoyable as well as beneficial.

THE annual problem of traffic and parking regulations, strangely enough, does not seem to have come up on this campus. Yet college editors all over the United States seem to be intent on that subject.

The Indiana Daily Student devotes a great deal of its editorial space to urging students to be careful of the lives and limbs of their cohorts.

The Daily Illini, student paper at the University of Illinois, runs the following slogan under the masthead: "Make Champaign-Urbana the safest place in Illinois."

The Aetna Casualty and Surety company of Hartford, Conn. has issued a booklet giving rules for safe driving, each of which is headed by the one word, in capital letters, THINK!

The Ladies Home Journal recently ran a badge and pledge of safe driving for all motorists.

Figures concerning the percentage of students hurt in crashes are unavailable, but doubtless every one in the university has had two or three friends or acquaintances hurt or killed each year by some negligent or careless driver.

Lets borrow from the Daily Illini and Make Nebraska the Safest Place in the United States!"

A BARE handful turned out to hear Madame Kruse-Huk last Friday night, tho the crowd at the Friday party showed no decrease. It seems strange that summer school students, who are usually thought of as being interested in the cultural rather than the entertaining aspect of university life should so completely ignore the only musical program of the summer given by other than Nebraska artists.

No admittance was charged, and the entertainment was open to the public. Perhaps the fact that there was very little publicity given to the affair, was the reason for the small crowd. At any rate it seems unfortunate that more were not able to attend the concert, which was perhaps the only opportunity for many who will return to small towns at the close of the session.

THERE has been a good deal of very definite opposition to the girls' baseball team taking out of town trips, due, no doubt, to the Victorian idea that unchaperoned young girls are probably terribly immoral.

The recreation committee has

discovered that, altho men like to play baseball merely for the pleasure of it, it is hard to interest women in that sport unless they are given competitive games. Of course, it is ridiculous to suppose that the young women are any more unsafe traveling to a nearby small town to play a baseball game than they are coming from home to the university to attend the summer session.

Nevertheless, there are always those few persons who insist upon observing the proprieties above any and everything else and who have manufactured a good many of those proprieties for themselves and others. Why shouldn't those women who will have to coach young people in competitive games be permitted to take part in them themselves? And there are too few teams in town for the girls to be able to confine their games to Lincoln.

Contemporary Comment

Behind the Times.

Throughout the realm of higher education a new spirit, almost a revolutionary spirit, is being felt. Advanced theories of the means and the ends of education are sweeping away old bogies and old prejudices. Everywhere the ideals of the Chicago plan are being put before the court of common sense and are being found worthy of imitation.

Yet, the foundations are ignored. The primary and secondary steps in the careers of educated men are unchanged. Particularly is this true at the very time when the candidate for education is the least able to take care of himself and the most apt to be spoiled—in what is commonly termed the "grade schools."

Outside of a few—a very few—exceptions school children are still being taught things that they must later be taught to forget. To the impressionable child, King George of the Revolutionary war is still being presented as a bogey man, and not as a man ignorant of his subject's needs. Doggerel is still being taught as the best in American poetry. "Civics" is still the subject and it still covers things beyond the interests of any child, rather than "citizenship" being the subject and things that vitally interest the pupil the material.

History is still a matter of dates rather than a matter of periods. Geography still deals with the sizes and shapes and ignores the result on men. Art and music are still a matter of paper dolls and little songs that are more childish than "for children."

Of course there is always the stock answer to such charges. It can still be said that they are "only little children and must be taught things that they can grasp." If so, better teach them nothing than teach them wrong. But is it so? If a child can learn hundreds of smatterings of more or less disconnected facts, why can he not grasp broad fundamentals that he can later apply to his higher education?

It is a challenge to the teachers now attending the university, as well as throughout the rest of the state, to prove these statements false or to make them false.—Daily Illini.

Few Sunburn Cases Reported by Office Of Student Health

Singularly few cases of sunburn were among the 209 cases treated during June by the university student health service, the office reported as it closed its records for the period from June 17 to 29. In past years the effect of the hot Nebraska sun on student bathers has been noticeable among the cases reported to the medical office.

Eighty-two men and one hundred and twenty-seven women were cared for during the first part of the summer session. Few serious diseases were reported, and there were no epidemics to contend with during the month, it was indicated.

The young woman who startled the French Chamber of Deputies leaping from a balcony to the floor of the chamber is believed to be mentally indisposed. The theory apparently is that nobody otherwise would join a legislative body when not required to do so.—The New York Sun.

GRAIN SELLING PLAN SOUND, SAY DEALERS

Present Marketing System Efficient, Declares Commission.

The present grain marketing system is an efficient system, and no acceptable substitute for it has been found, according to a report on the Hearings and Findings of the Farmers National Grain Dealers association commission which Dr. H. C. Filley, chairman of the department of rural economics at the college of agriculture and consulting economist of the commission, recently received.

The commission was appointed to inquire into the agencies, laws and regulations affecting grain prices.

The accumulated evidence, which was derived from persons representing every step of the grain marketing process, from the farmers to the millers and bankers, shows that the "marketing system was not at fault for the low prices paid for grain in the three years preceding the summer of 1934." It points out that a fall in the world level of prices and increases in international trade barriers were primarily responsible for these low prices.

Members of the commission interviewed 116 persons at public hearings during their investigation of the present method of marketing grain.

"Prosperity comes from production," states the report. "A program which reduces the volume of production of all kinds of useful good will not bring national prosperity regardless of the price at which the commodities may sell."

New Variety of Wheat is Result Of Experiments

After nine years experimental work, college of agriculture experts have developed a new type of wheat which they call Cheyenne, named appropriately after the largest wheat producing county in the Cornhusker state.

Proclaiming the new variety of wheat today to be as great a discovery as Nebraska 60 was back in 1928, farmers, experiment station workers, extension agronomists, and others believe that it may mean thousands of dollars in increased revenue to growers.

Cheyenne is another step forward in the development of a perfect winter wheat and includes all improvements found in the former strains of Turkey wheat and other characteristics which ultimately will lead to the actual development of a vastly superior wheat. Nebraskans who realize the danger of rust in such a year as this cannot question the value of a rust resistant wheat.

Today only about 100,000 acres are estimated to have been planted to Cheyenne in Nebraska and only about 1,000 acres planted to certified seed. Within the next five years, however, experiment station workers believe that 60 percent of the winter wheat area of some 2,000,000 acres will be seeded to this variety.

NEWS PARADE

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tests in the highest tribunal in the land. In Boston, the circuit court of appeals ruled that in levying a processing tax under the AAA, the federal government had exceeded its taxing power.

Two days later, the Fifth circuit court of appeals declared that the act creating the Tennessee valley authority was constitutional thus upholding the government's right to sell electric power in competition with private utilities. Both rulings reversed decisions handed down by lower courts.

Congress sought to stave off a possible supreme court adverse decision on the Triple A by voting to validate crop control contracts between the agriculture department and farmers. Another amendment stripped the bill of price fixing provisions.

New Moscow

"The construction and architectural design of the capital of the U.S.S.R. must perfectly reflect the grandeur and beauty of the socialist epoch." So said a decree providing for the rebuilding of picturesque old Moscow, signed July 10 by

Questionnaire Shows Less Taxpayer Agitation on School Costs This Year

This is the third in a series of tabulations from the questionnaire sent out by the Nebraska State Teachers association to every school superintendent in the state. The preceding questions have dealt with salaries of teachers and administrative heads. Out of the approximately 650 blanks which were sent, 300 were returned and compiled for publication.

Question: In case elections have not yet occurred for next year, do you anticipate an increase, decrease, or the same salary?

| Classes of schools | No. Schools Reporting | Increase | Decrease | Same |
|---------------------|-----------------------|----------|----------|------|
| 46 teachers or more | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| 21-45 teachers | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 11-20 teachers | 5 | 0 | 3 | 2 |
| 4-10 teachers | 30 | 9 | 3 | 17 |
| 3 or less | 6 | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| Special | 3 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| All schools | 46 | 12 | 7 | 25 |

Question: Is there as much agitation among the patrons or taxpayers relative to school costs this year as there was a year ago?

| Classes of schools | No. Schools Reporting | Yes | Same |
|---------------------|-----------------------|-----|------|
| 46 teachers or more | 12 | 0 | 0 |
| 21-45 teachers | 14 | 0 | 0 |
| 11-20 teachers | 70 | 65 | 2 |
| 4-10 teachers | 173 | 122 | 3 |
| 3 or less | 15 | 10 | 3 |
| Special | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| All schools | 293 | 227 | 29 |

Typical comments of those answering "No": "Citizens are waking up to the fact that teachers are underpaid." "There seems to be a growing sentiment that salaries should be raised." "Everyone more optimistic."

Typical comments of those answering "Yes": "Dust storms and crop prospects make the situation critical."

a. Was there a reduction of the number of high school teachers employed in 1933-34 as compared with the preceding year?

| Classes of schools | No. Schools Reporting | Reduction | Part-Time Teacher | One Teacher | Two Teachers | Three Teachers |
|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------|-------------------|-------------|--------------|----------------|
| 46 teachers or more | 12 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| 21-45 teachers | 14 | 9 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 0 |
| 11-20 teachers | 70 | 51 | 4 | 10 | 5 | 0 |
| 4-10 teachers | 169 | 144 | 4 | 20 | 1 | 0 |
| 3 or less | 15 | 14 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Special | 9 | 5 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 |
| All schools | 289 | 232 | 8 | 36 | 12 | 1 |

b. Question: Was there a reduction of the number of grade teachers employed in 1933-34 as compared with the preceding year?

| Classes of schools | No. Schools Reporting | Reduction | Part-Time One Teacher | Two Teachers | Three Teachers | Four Teachers |
|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------|-----------------------|--------------|----------------|---------------|
| 46 teachers or more | 12 | 9 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| 21-45 teachers | 14 | 12 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| 11-20 teachers | 70 | 60 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| 4-10 teachers | 169 | 151 | 0 | 16 | 1 | 0 |
| 3 or less | 15 | 15 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Special | 9 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| All schools | 289 | 256 | 2 | 23 | 6 | 1 |

Will there, in all probability, be an increase in the number of teachers you employ for next year?

| Classes of schools | No. Schools Reporting | In High School | | In Grade School | |
|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| | | Part-Time One Teacher | Two Teachers | Part-Time One Teacher | Two Teachers |
| 46 teachers or more | 6 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| 21-45 teachers | 4 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 |
| 11-20 teachers | 25 | 3 | 13 | 0 | 5 |
| 4-10 teachers | 23 | 2 | 12 | 1 | 2 |
| 3 or less | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Special | 3 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| All schools | 60 | 5 | 32 | 5 | 16 |

Question: Did you discontinue any departments or courses in your school in 1933-34? 1934-35? Will any of the courses or departments discontinued in 1934-35 or the previous year, be replaced in 1935-36?

| Classes of schools | No. Schools Reporting | Courses Discontinued in 1933-34 | | Courses Discontinued in 1934-35 | | Courses to Be Replaced in 1935-36 | |
|--------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|----------|---------------------------------|----------|-----------------------------------|----------|
| | | Discontinued | Replaced | Discontinued | Replaced | Discontinued | Replaced |
| 46 teachers | 12 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 21-45 teachers | 14 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| 11-20 teachers | 70 | 20 | 4 | 4 | 12 | 0 | 0 |
| 4-10 teachers | 176 | 22 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 3 or less | 15 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Special | 9 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| All schools | 290 | 53 | 8 | 5 | 23 | 0 | 0 |

Russian Dictator Joseph Stalin.

The Kremlin and St. Basil's Cathedral will be left standing, but the rest of the city will be transformed into an extremely modern capital capable of housing 5,000,000 citizens.

MUSIC INSTRUCTOR TO ATTEND SUMMER COURSE AT INDIANA

Mrs. Harriet Platt, instructor in public school music, will leave on July 28 for Winona Lake, Indiana, to attend a summer master course for choral directors, conducted by Melius Christiansen of St. Olaf college, Northfield, Minnesota; and Olaf Christiansen of the Oberlin, Ohio, conservatory; and Mrs. Carol Pitts of Central high school, of Omaha.

The two weeks course, according to Mrs. Platt, is a new experiment, being tried for the first time this summer. Enrollment was conducted by means of selection, the number of students being limited to 200.

Winona Lake, about 135 miles from Chicago, is a summer resort, thereby affording the choral directors unusual recreational opportunities.

A Bostonian playing bridge on a verandah, swung at a passing bee and felled his partner. At least he thinks there was a bee.—The Atlanta (Ga.) Constitution.

"Knowledge and timer should not be much used till they are well seasoned."—Olver Wendell Holmes.

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A woman centenarian of Alexandria, Va., says she despises crooners. As a formula for longevity, the idea seems worthy of consideration.—The New Orleans Times-Picayune.

An Illinois county has revived the bounty on wolves. It sounds like a chance for door-to-door agents to make a little something on the side.—The Atlanta Constitution.

"Good citizens will vote," says the Florida "Times-Union," speaking of a Jacksonville election; and it goes without saying that the others will.—The Louisville Courier-Journal.

Two men have been indicted for conspiring to wreck the interior of a Broadway theater. It must have been a very bad play indeed.—The New York Times.

The story is denied that a recent double defeat of the Giants by Cincinnati will be carried to the Supreme Court for its constitutionality.—The Detroit News.

Probably the unsafest and most undiplomatic thing one could do would be to express surprise in the hearing of a Public Enemy by saying, "Gee! Man."—The Memphis Commercial Appeal.

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