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Meet Your Senator

NEBRASKA RIFLEMEN LOSE TO WASHINGTON

Marksman End Four Postal Matches With Shoot Against Bruins.

The University rifle team under the direction of Sgt. C. F. McGimsey will have fired four postal matches in the Missouri Valley rifle league when they compete against the University of California, March 6.

The only match in this league which has been fired to date was against the University of Washington Feb. 6. Washington won the match with a score of 1,375 against 1,337 by Nebraska. High Nebraska men in this match were John Campbell with a score of 275, and Robert Avery with a score of 269.

Four Stages of Matches.

These matches will be in four states, one being completed each week. The match with Washington was fired in the first stage, prone and sitting. Other matches will be with Iowa State, Feb. 13, George Washington University, St. Louis, Feb. 20, and Kansas State, Feb. 27. All these schools are national R. O. T. C. units.

March 20, there will be a National Inter-Collegiate shoulder to shoulder match. This will also be among the Missouri Valley league. Silver cups will be presented to the winners of both matches.

Twenty Schools on Schedule.

March 12 and 13, the varsity and freshman rifle teams will journey to Kemper Military Institute at Booneville, Missouri, to compete in the Camp Perry Matches. Nebraska's two teams will fire against about twenty schools, including all of the Missouri Valley League teams.

The freshmen have been competing in an inter-collegiate match against freshmen from other schools all over the country. This match is sponsored by The National Rifle Association. Individual high freshmen at Nebraska thus far are John Folsom and Jack Sisson.

Friday, Feb. 27, the freshman rifle team will fire against Creighton University at Omaha. There will be a return match at Nebraska March 27.

The Front Page

By Arnold Levin

One of the more nationwide of the national post-campaign speculations has been quite definitely removed from the presidential category by President Roosevelt's sweeping judicial reforms.

The problem that now remains is one of ethics—the determination of whether the greater good lies in the preservation of those ideals of which Mr. Roosevelt's opponents say he is no fit preserver, or in the duty to American humanity which his cohorts say is the purpose of supreme court reform.

The right denounces the uncomplimentary terms, while the liberals shout hosannas to the high heavens. Here is their champion, ready to make the new deal law if he has to appoint his own jurors to declare it so.

There is no middle ground for the American public. It's a question of string along with the president or send telegrams to your state representatives and senators, and you can't say "yes, and again, no."

Unless public opinion is predominantly opposed to the president and sufficient pressure is brought to bear, the administrative scheme of court reform undoubtedly will become law. Democratic majorities in both houses of congress will see to that.

The president's decision on new judges didn't come as a surprise to most. Events of the past two years have shown the necessity of revamping the supreme court if the administration is to be at all successful in its program. The most logical, simple, and pre-empted method is the "packing" process which the president proposed. It has been done in the past, and it is public opinion isn't sufficient to convince the nine venerables in their decisions, the pressure must come from above.

Spanish loyalists charged German and Italian warships with bombarding Spanish territory in an effort to shut off a Lefistist treat after a battle. Such charges have been hurled too frequently during the "Little World War" for another one or so to affect the present situation. World peace still dangles in a precarious position, however, supported only on a slender thread of hope and faith.

Telephoning is a major leisure device of the residents of Nebraska it would seem after a state telephone association meeting reported a gain of 4,540 stations over the 1935 total. Which shows that talk is quite popular, altho not as cheap as formerly.

Bulletin

Student Council.
 The student council will not meet today.

Campus Studio.
 Beta Gamma Sigma picture for the Cornhusker at 12 o'clock.

Barb Interclub Council.
 Members of the Barb Interclub Council are requested to meet this evening at 7:30 o'clock in room 8 of University Hall. It is important that all members be in attendance at the meeting.

Sigma Delta Chi.
 Sigma Delta Chi members will meet for a luncheon session at the Lincoln hotel at noon today. All members and pledges must be present.

Orchestr.
 Orchestras will resume its regular meetings Wednesday evening. Miss Moore requests that all members be present. Work will begin on the spring dance recital.

Phalanx.
 Phalanx meeting of all actives, pledges and rushes will be held Wednesday, Feb. 10, at 5 o'clock in room 210 at Nebraska Hall.

Cercle Francois.
 Miss Grace Shelley, graduate assistant in the Romance Language department, will speak at Le Cercle Francois luncheon Thursday, Feb. 11, at Carl's Annex. Any interested student may attend for thirty-five cents. Arrangements are in charge of Lenore Teale, president.

A. S. M. E.
 A. S. M. E. will meet at 7:30 tonight in Avery Laboratory for an important business meeting following a lecture on explosives.

Estes Co-operative.
 Members of the Estes Co-operative group will meet this evening at 7:30 o'clock in the Temple theater.

The New Constitution—It's Good Enough for Me.

Today a Student Pulse contributor deploras the lack of humor in the Daily Nebraskan, calls us a bunch of crepe-hangers. If he wants humor, let him turn to page one and peruse the contents of the right hand column. If he doesn't laugh outright, let him finish this editorial.

The front page story refers to the recent Student Council-Corn Cobs tree-for-all, which has, like President Roosevelt's proposed court reform, crowded off other front page stories for the past week.

The whole thing started when a representative of the Innocents Society in Student Council, who we will call Mr. Marsh in order to hide his identity, introduced a motion which said in effect: "You guys reorganize or else—" Mr. Marsh did this in the interests of the Innocents society, which has avowed itself to the purpose of keeping its watchful eye on all men's organizations that are concerned with the traditions and spirit of this Cornhusker institution.

Now another character enters the stage-door. For a lack of a better name, we will refer to him as Mr. Mills, who holds, in real life, the presidency of Corn Cobs. Needless to say, Mr. Mills was irked not a little bit when someone suggested that his organization be removed from the campus.

Another thing irked Mr. Mills. He and his Corn Cob cronies had been at work since January on a plan of reorganization, and just as he was about to play his hand, his cards were being forced.

So the cronies reassembled, this time with other plans. If they're not satisfied with the way we run the show, they thought, there's only one thing to do: we'll let them run the show. So the big buck-passing act of the season was presented: the presidency of the Corn Cobs was to be shifted to a member of the Innocents society. And if that doesn't slightly amuse you, Mr. Dobbins, maybe this would be of interest: the new constitution further provides that Corn Cobs shall assume all functions of arousing student pep, "other than non-university sponsored advertising schemes." Mr. Mills couldn't be referring, by any stretch of the imagination, to those brilliant red feathers that dotted the campus last football season, and the organization that sponsored them?

When the new charter was first presented Monday, no one knew who received the best end of the deal. The Corn Cobs felt it was their joke; the Innocents chuckled over the first reading; read it a second time, and began stroking their chins. Maybe this proposal would turn out to be more than a jest, they thought; maybe it's the real McCoy! By Tuesday, they were sure of it, and then the Corn Cobs started stroking their chins.

Let's take a look at the joker. "The President. He must serve as an Innocent . . . He shall be given full power to call all and any meetings of the organization, to call all rallies of the Corn Cobs, and to preside at all meetings. He shall have power to name and appoint all committees and their chairmen . . . A majority of the votes cast shall declare a man elected to office. The above ruling does not apply to the president, who shall be selected by the Innocents Society from the Innocents Society. The president selected by the Innocents Society preferably should have been a Corn Cob, and must be sanctioned by the Corn Cobs."

As Mr. Mills could probably tell you, the presidency of the Corn Cobs is now one of the larger political plums that the campus has to offer. We're not used to seeing politicians vote away elective offices, but it's logical that members of the Innocents society aren't going to fight over the job.

And there are some other valuable provisions. At present, each fraternity picks the sophomore who will have, in their opinion, the best chances in activities, to wear the house's faded red sweater for two years. The result has been that half of the members lose interest, drift away from activities, attend few meetings or functions. The new charter provides: "Each fraternity . . . shall have the privilege of nominating three candidates for membership into this organization, one of whom shall be elected by a plurality vote of the active chapter . . . Any active member, in case of dismissal from the organization, may nominate three eligible Junior candidates to fill the vacancy thus created, one of whom shall be selected by the organization."

Well, Mr. Dobbins, we've tried our best to amuse you. If you are a realist, you will probably dislike the "all's well that ends well" touch that our little story possesses. But don't give up hope, next week we're running the first installment of "The Smith Brothers and Their Dog Pal in Red River Valley."

Charles J. Warner
 District 18, Waverly.

Senior member of the unicameral legislature by right of three terms in the house of representatives, since terms in the senate, Mr. Warner was honored at the outset of the session when fellow members elected him speaker.

Judging from the district he represents and the occupation he follows, Mr. Warner's interests are primarily agricultural. His constituents include Bethany, University Place, Havelock, the college of agriculture, and the rural part of Lancaster county.

In nearly every interview since the opening session, Speaker Warner has made one point clear to critics of the unicameral system: The elimination of the second house and the resulting conference committees would not result in hasty consideration of legislation. To the Nebraskan yesterday, Mr. Warner declared:

"The unicameral legislature has now progressed far enough so that both the members and the public have a general impression of its qualifications and characteristics. Before the session opened, many people were apparently disturbed by fear that legislation would be enacted without full deliberation and without full opportunity to the public to be heard. The fear is now known to have been unfounded. The legislature has imposed upon itself restrictions in the form of rules which do provide for full consideration and full opportunity to be heard."

Friends of the university need have no fears that the institution's interests will be overlooked in the present legislature. As Speaker Warner sees it:

"My acquaintanceship with many members in the present session developed in previous sessions, and my acquaintance with the new members of the present session leads me to believe that the first unicameral legislature is both adequately informed as to the needs and sympathetic with the purposes of all educational institutions of the state. Now, as always, there must be a measure of uncertainty between what the state can afford to do and what it would like to do for education. We all, however, recognize education as being of paramount importance, not only for the day in which we live, but for the future of the state."

Mr. Warner received his bachelor of science degree from this university, attended Nebraska law school for one year and a second year at Columbian university in Washington, D. C. He has two sons 14 and 9 years old and is one year past the three-score mark himself.

Use your Cornhusker negatives for valentines—most personal of all gifts. The Townsend Studio is offering a number of attractive styles that are most suitable. They can be had in time if ordered immediately.—Adv.

Students at Mount Holyoke college eat more than 1,200 loaves of bread and 5,200 rolls in one week, says Raymond Smith, college baker.

Elliott Roosevelt, the president's son, has been appointed as a member of the board of directors of Texas A. & M. college.

Around Washington

By Marvin Cox.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—When congress assembled recently for its first session, there arose to take his oath of office a new member who looked young enough to be a college senior rather than a representative in the national congress. As a matter of fact, he is only slightly older than many college seniors and, perhaps, not as old as many students who complete their undergraduate work and go on to professional schools to prepare themselves for the practice of medicine or law.

The "baby congressman" is 27 year old Lyle H. Boren of Oklahoma who defeated the incumbent "Cowboy Congressman" Gassaway and a field of eight other candidates to win his seat in the house.

We hear a lot about the need for young people in politics; and here is one. Boren finished his studies at Oklahoma A. and M. in 1932 and now, less than four years later, he's in congress. He was doing graduate work at the A. and M. school after being graduated from East Central Teachers' college at Ada, Okl. in 1929.

The young congressman taught school for a while after finishing college, worked for the government, wrote "Who Is Who in Oklahoma" and devoted himself to other literary work.

College students who eye the future with hopes of political success may watch Boren's career with interest. It may be worthwhile to compare the tactics of the baby house member with that of the baby senator, Rush Holt of West Virginia.

Holt was elected to the senate two years ago when he was 29 and had to wait several months before he could take his oath of office. Soon thereafter he went on the warpath against his colleague from West Virginia, Senator Neely, as well as various other officials including Relief Administrator Harry Hopkins and President Roosevelt. Last fall he campaigned against the nominees of his party although he was elected as a democrat. His tactics caused the administration to strip him of his patronage and the senators, in resentment against his conduct, walk out of the chamber when he rises to address them.

Senator Neely, reelected despite the opposition of the baby senator, broke a long standing tradition when he walked up to take the oath of office with Senator Robinson instead of the colleague from his own state. Afterward Senator Neely was quoted as saying that he would not allow the youthful Holt to accompany him "to a dog fight."

Student Pulse

What Some People Won't Do for a Joke.

To the Editor:

. . . I have long been of the opinion that what the Daily Nebraskan lacks is not editorials, or football scores, or intellectual discussions, or pie stretchers or white lamp black, but a little human humor. I don't mean that dull dry stuff which is usually put out, but something really funny—screwy maybe—once in a while. You know once upon a time some wise guy said: "The loud laugh shows the empty mind" or something similar. I guess all the students and profs believed him and have been going around strait-laced and staid ever since. I'll bet you that there are just plenty of profs on this campus that haven't had a good laugh in 20 years and if they did then it probably didn't come from reading the Daily Nebraskan.

But to get back to the root of all evil—your paper. I've put up with this serious minded stuff too long. Nobody seems to know the depression is over. Ye Gods, that editorial, by Paul-what-a-his-name might have been a good laugh if I could have understood the words.

Well, come on, let's laugh.
 Paul H. Dobbins.

MERCY KILLING—BLESSING OR SIN? PROFESSIONAL MEN DIFFER IN VIEWS

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that she sponsored the bill presented by Senator John Comstock of Lincoln.

"Euthanasia will lessen suffering and increase happiness," Dr. Philbrick maintained. "Every physician, nurse, minister and most families have seen patients suffering in the last stages of painful disease who prayed to be relieved by death. At present there is no way in which such suffering can be permanently alleviated by the attending physician other than by committing what is now in the eyes of the law, a crime. There should be an open and legal way in which such persons can be relieved."

Movement on Foot in England.

Pointing to England Dr. Philbrick stated that in that country during the past six years there has been active propaganda for the movement. The voluntary euthanasia legalization society was organized in England in 1925 with the late Lord Moynehan, one of the greatest surgeons of England, as president. A bill was voted upon in the house of lords last December and the vote was 35 against and 14 for. Among the staunch supporters of the movement, Dr. Philbrick pointed out, are Prof. Julian Huxley, H. G. Wells and Dean Inge, late dean of St. Paul university in England.

The sponsor of the bill does, however, have several objections to the measure as it now stands in the Nebraska legislature. There should be no expense connected with the applicant or the applicant's family for euthanasia as the bill now provides, the noted physician maintained. The bill also requires that the patient must be in the hospital for administration of the "mercy killing." I do not agree with this stipulation of the bill because the majority of cases today will be found in the home. I do, however, favor the plan proposing that the board of judgment should be composed of two physicians, one lawyer and a judge.

Also in favor of the movement

is Dr. A. L. Weatherly, pastor of the Unitarian church. Dr. Weatherly believes that "mercy killing" would be one of the advantages of civilization and that anyone with good reason will favor the movement. So much interest and criticism has been aroused over the measure that Dr. Weatherly will devote an entire lecture to the subject next Sunday morning at the Unitarian church.

Under proper restrictions, where the people desire "mercy killing," they should have that privilege. I do not feel that we should anticipate any such extreme as "wholesale slaughter," where needless suffering exists, we should do all that we can to prevent it.

"We do not yet know enough about the human body to judge whether or not a person can recover," Prof. L. C. Wimberly of the University English department stated. "I am not in favor of the movement because I do not think that medical science has come to the point where it is absolutely sure that a person will live or die, and only if he would be absolutely in his right mind, would I favor euthanasia."

Nature may kill the weak. Christianity may protect the weak. If, then, you were born imbecile, a crippled and weak individual, would you have preferred to die, or would you have treated modern medical science to cure your weaknesses? If you were permanently injured or suffering from an incurable disease would you choose to have judgment passed upon your life by a board of men selected for that purpose, or would you desire to seek enjoyment until the last seconds of your life?

QUOTABLE QUOTES.

(By Associated Collegiate Press.)

"At times we have been criticized for allowing radicals to speak on our platforms—but we still let them speak. After they speak our students and faculty members discuss their speeches in classrooms and often many worthwhile ideas, both pro and con, evolve from such discussion." Dr. George Barton, Curran, president of Colgate university, refuses to put a preferential padlock on the speaker's platform.

"I wouldn't claim for educational radio the same values that can be claimed for campus study. If there should ever develop an overlapping of values, there would still be non-conflict, for radio can reach those who find it impossible to attend regular campus classes." Dean Ned H. Dearborn of the division of general education at New York university does not fear the competition of "either education."

There's More Darn People Without Names.

To "Unsigned":

I'm not going to agree that the Barbs "find" nothing of interest in the Daily Nebraskan. There are sports stories, news of the union building, the Junior Ak-Bar-Ben show, reports on the activities of honorary and professional fraternities (do you object to them on the ground that they have Greek letter names?), and "Around and About," all of which sound pretty democratic to me.

And another thing . . . while you were tearing down "Seen on the Campus", why didn't you include "See on Ag Campus"? They seem to be rather parallel publications.

SENDS DOCUMENT BACK TO SOCIETY WITHOUT CHANGE

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Student Council at their next meeting, Wednesday, Feb. 17. If it is sanctioned by the council, it will be advanced to the faculty committee on student organizations for the final approval before becoming the official charter of the men's pep club.

Must Pass Innocents.

Certain parts of the document referring to the relations the new club should have with the Innocents society must be put before that group for their vote to sanction the charter in its entirety. Should the manuscript be voted down by any of these governing bodies it would necessarily be referred back to the Corn Cob committee for revision.

The new constitution which was hastened by action taken by the student council last week providing for the temporary abolition of the society on charges of inactivity, represents the work of a committee made up of officers of the club appointed by President Web Mills, about a month ago. It provides for various changes in the selection of members and in the election of officers, but retains the same position on the campus as a pep organization.

CLYDE WHITE TALKS TO FRESHMAN A.W.S.

Board Chairman to Discuss History of Farmer's Fair Today.

Clyde White, chairman of the Farmer's Fair board, will be guest speaker at the regular meeting of Freshman A. W. S. Wednesday afternoon at five o'clock in the drawing room at Ellen Smith hall.

The history of the Farmer's Fair will be discussed by Mr. White, the first student from Agricultural campus to speak before the Freshman A. W. S. this year. He will also tell of the organization and plans for this year's fair.

Acting as chairman of this meeting will be Ella Mae Nevin, and Maxine Lake will assist her as secretary. All freshman women are invited to attend the meeting.

A University of Wisconsin prankster took it upon himself to remedy the situation after ex-President Glenn Frank had been removed from office by an eight to seven vote of the regents. He thumb tacked a "Man Wanted" sign on the ex-president's office door.

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