

## Best theatrical friend was Dressler—Diers

By Ralph Combs.  
 "Teddy" is the name by which he was shown to such 'gay nineties' celebrities of the stage as Marie Dressler and Zeigfeld. the elder, but to university students he is T. C. Diers, radio director and supervisor of music extension. We found out all about the past of this master of all trades—the theatre, banking, government, and music—and about his personal friendships with 'biggies' of a day long past from a scrap-book that overflows with press "raves." The university's radio studio, where Mr. Diers was interviewed amidst a bevy of co-eds recording French readings, has walls covered with 'sincerely' signed photos of stars who today are only legends.

### Quits Dramatic Training.

"One night," Diers said, "I was

doing a 'walk-on' as part of my extra-curricular work at the Chicago College of Music. Mr. Zeigfeld—father of the late Flo Zeigfeld—offered me a part in one of his stock companies playing near Chicago. Well, right there I quit my formal dramatic training and started my actual theatrical career."

When asked who was his best friend in the theatrical field, "Marie Dressler" was flung back in the twinkling of a foot-light. "She was always so kind and generous. One time," he reminisced, "the girls in the company had to use an old dressing room without a floor.

Marie, who was the star of the production, knew that one of the girls had been ill, so she told the stage-manager to give them a decent room or she'd refuse to go

on. 'Move them all in here with me,' she said. There was never a kinder, more generous person in the theater than Marie'

### Close relations with Hoover.

Yellowed clippings told of his close relationship with Herbert Hoover. Mr. Diers, as Federal Food Administrator for Wyoming, worked under ex-president Hoover during the World War. "Mr. Hoover ointroduced me to President Wilson three days after the armistice was signed. I have known four presidents," he continued, "Hoover, Taft, Theodore Roosevelt, and Wilson."

The seemingly unending energy of this tall, impressive man will not permit him to take life easy. "My wife," he concluded, "tells me I work too hard, but a man just can't sit around...my life's just beginning."

## E. F. DuTeau reports...

### NU graduates approve Foundation, alumni setup

University alumni are concerned over the problems facing Chancellor C. S. Boucher and the administration, and are especially pleased with the national setup of the alumni association which makes them a more vital part of the institution, according to reports of E. F. Du Teau, alumni secretary, who participated in the recent charter day festivities of the Milwaukee, Chicago and Denver clubs.

### Welcome Foundation program

He found that Nebraska alumni in these three centers welcomed the program of the University Foundation and the recently printed suggestions of needed gifts and bequests.

"Many of them said it was one of the most progressive steps taken by the University in recent years,"

Du Teau stated. "Alumni have realized for sometime that Nebraska as well as other tax supported schools is in need of outside financial assistance. They have been wondering why the University hadn't taken such a step before," he said.

### Chicago club responds

Already, as the result of the printed suggestions sent out by the alumni office, the Chicago club has responded with a \$100 student loan fund. The idea has met with approval in other cities, and additional gifts and contributions are expected in the near future.

From his conversations with Nebraska alumni in other states, Du Teau found that they are also interested in the Union building and campus life in general. He was gratified to learn that the Union had exceeded the fondest expectations of the administration, and that it has already fostered new traditions and campus activities.

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### F.W. WOOLWORTH'S OPINION OF "TITLED" FORTUNE HUNTERS.

When Frank Woolworth loosed his blast against "the cheap European titled people after the American girl and her money" (see *this week's Post*, page 25), he didn't dream he'd have a granddaughter named Barbara Hutton...New chapters in *Dime Store*.

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## Daily editor tells of college and life

Speaking before YWCA Vespers yesterday, Richard de Brown, editor of the DAILY, expressed his belief that a student may get a great deal of good from a university even if he should learn nothing practical in his classes.

The editor said that college was an important step taken toward adult life. He emphasized the independence and responsibility which every college student must assume, and spoke of the influence and force of becoming adapted to new environment, new friends, activities and habits. No overnight change in a student is evident just because he comes to college, said de Brown. But he emphasized that the student would develop his personality, broaden his horizons, and through dormitories, sororities, or boarding houses, become accustomed to group living. Because of this group living, the individual must learn to be agreeable.

"The university is a little community in which the student learns to adjust himself to life," said de Brown.

## Block and Bridle inaugurates new pledge system

A new pledge system inaugurated by Block and Bridle, animal husbandry club, will get underway at 8 p. m. with a meeting at which 54 pledges will receive instructions. Lyle Roberts, president of the Nebraska chapter, will preside and Prof. M. A. Alexander, faculty sponsor, will explain details of the pledge plan.

The meeting begins a six week probationary period which will include the tenth annual junior Ak Sar-Ben, March 15 and 16. Pledges will be checked on their work in showing animals and in club activities.

## Paper announces 'Nebraska passes'—in Pennsylvania

Like premature publication of a death notice, the recent announcement in the Pittsburgh Press of "the passing of Nebraska" caught the eye of a former University educator who is now on the teaching staff of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

It's not as bad as it sounds, however for the "passing" referred to was part of an article describing the closing of the old pioneer post-office of Nebraska, Pa. This area is now the scene of a great dam built by the federal government for purposes of flood control of Tionesta Creek.

## Downs discusses weedy cream at butter meet

Dr. P. A. Downs of the department of dairy husbandry will address the butter institute at the University of Missouri, Columbia, Wednesday on the topic "Weedy Flavored Cream and Its Effect on the Creamery Industry." Downs has done considerable research with weedy flavors in cream and dairy products.