

Prof of the week



By Bob Aldrich.

Once the theater bug bites you, they say, you never get the love for the footlights out of your system.

Herbert Austin Yenne, assistant instructor in speech and dramatic art, can testify to the truth of that statement.

"I was bitten very early in life," Yenne says. "Broadway, I thought, could hardly wait until I got there. The university was just a stopping place—where I've been ever since. You learn after a while."

Born in Lincoln, Yenne went to school in Colorado before coming to Nebraska for work in theater theory, dramatic interpretation and production. He spent a year and a summer at Cornell doing doctor's work. He is planning now to do more graduate work, probably at New York university.

Not all books.

His theatrical training has not been solely of the textbook variety. He has trod the boards with stock companies and dramatic groups of all sizes and odors. While going to college he did parts and "played people's son" in the old Lyric, where the Stuart building stands. Two seasons there and another in the Oliver, now the Liberty, grounded him in essentials.

He was graduated in 1921, got his masters in 1927. A summer under Garnet Holm, English director of the California Mountain, Forest, and Desert Players furnished valuable experience in outdoor productions. During the summers of 1929 and 1930 he directed the Inter-Tribal Indian Ceremonial at Gallup, New Mexico. Over 7000 Indians took part in the pageants and native dances, the program lasting 3 days and nights. Yenne can rival Cecil B. DeMille as a director of mob scenes.

Scouted the Mexicans.

He has done considerably "scouting around" in Mexico investigating native dramatic work. A summer in Mexico City studying productions there resulted in an article on "Theatres in Mexico" for the Players Magazine.

Besides acting in a number of University Players productions, Yenne has directed a large number of them. He has written five Kosmet Klub shows, The Dream Pirate, The Love Hater, The Campus Cop, Jingle Belles, and Bar-Nothing Ranch.

"The Love Hater" was a pretty hot show. Anyway, the city auditorium went up in smoke two hours after the curtain went down on the last show. The building was located where the bus depot stands today.

Among other Yenne plays is a one-act production based on his study of Indian history, "Son of Setewa." This appeared in the first issue of the Prairie Schooner. "Three Suns West" was woven around the life of Billy the Kid. The Uni Players gave the latter in the spring of 1932.

Keeps tab.

Yenne keeps close tab on Broadway productions, tries to "catch" New York plays each year. One season he spent two weeks at it, saw 17 shows. "It wore me out," he said.

A hobby of Yenne's has been dramatic and speech instruction in prisons. He directed Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year shows in the penitentiary and taught public speaking for four years at the state reformatory. He believes the training helped prisoners considerably, but, with teaching, he did not have time to continue it. He wrote an article on "Prison Lingo" for the American Speaking magazine.

Featured in a society section as one of Lincoln's "most eligible bachelors" he has taken considerable kidding from friends, a number of whom have sent fake proposal letters. Some of the letters haven't kidded, however. A girl in Kansas was willing to hop the next train if Yenne would say yes.

Counting Dodsworth, there have been 163 Players productions since Yenne came here, in addition to a number of Children's Theatre plays. He has not directed all of them, of course. He much prefers directing to acting.

Attract Broadway.

University theaters will be the saviors of roadshows in his opinion. "Expensive university plants are attracting Broadway," he says. Radio is a good field for those with dramatic training. Teaching a course in dialects, he reports that 25 percent of radio speeches are in dialect.

He calls movies a great training ground for acting but deprecates screen writers who mangle stage plays. He encourages students to study movies, in the absence of stage shows, for the fine characterizations, make-up, and technique. "Grapes of Wrath" he calls "good theater—one picture that didn't go Hollywood." Disney's Pinocchio he terms a milepost in entertainment.

Enthusiastic about plans for the speech department next year, he calls attention to the fact that play try-outs will be open to all eligible students. Plays for the studio theater will not be too advanced but will stick to the practical. Playwrights are encouraged to bring their wares for inspection, he says.

'Arena' show.

He would like sometime to do a show of the arena type, perhaps in the Union with the audience grouped around all sides of the floor. "This calls for a distinct type of acting and directing," he comments.

He finds his speech class very interesting. "Students have taught me a lot," he remarks. "I hear speeches on how to test butter and how cosmetics are made, for example. One man made a plea for a northwest Lincoln school."

His favorite actors are Alfred Lunt and Lynne Fontaine. Helen Hayes and Katherine Cornell tie as first ladies of the theatre in Yenne's opinion. Luther Adler he calls the most promising young actor. Orson Welles, he thinks, is wasting his talent with his finger in too many pies.

In September, Yenne will take Miss Alice Howell's place as head of the department. Miss Howell will go on leave of absence.

White issues I-M debate schedules

Six teams sign to argue auto insurance question; first round Thursday

Pairings for the first round in the intramural debate tournament starting Thursday were announced by Prof. H. A. White yesterday. Six groups having entered teams to debate the question, Resolved: that the various states should adopt a plan of compulsory automobile insurance to cover personal injuries.

Schedule for the first round is Beta Theta Pi against Alpha Tau Omega at the Beta House, Delta Theta Phi against Sigma Alpha Mu at the Delta Theta Phi house, and Palladian against TK in Palladian hall. The debates are being held in the houses of the affirmative teams.

Debaters are:

Representing the competing groups will be: Alpha Tau Omega, George Blackstone and Bob Schalter; Beta Theta Pi, Gene Bradley and Keith Howard; Sigma Alpha Mu, Paul Crouse and Bernard Epstein; TK, Hamilton Reed and Don Bursik; Palladian, Hugh Stuart and Harold Alexis, and Delta Theta Phi's team has not yet been announced.

Speakers will have the floor for a six minute constructive speech and a four minute rebuttal. Judges will be members of the intercollegiate debate teams of the past few years. A change of time may be made by mutual agreement of the two teams debating, but notice must reach Professor White at least one day in advance of the time scheduled.

Business index slumps

Nebraska trend is still going down, says Spurr

Nebraska's business activity receded further last month from the December peak, according to W. A. Spurr, university statistician. None of the components of the general index made the normal seasonal gain. This decline reflects both the unusually severe weather following the failure of war orders to come up to expectations.

Complete reports now at hand for January show that gains over December in employment, pay rolls, building activity and life insurance sales were more than offset by declines in bank payments, retail sales, electric power output and automobile sales, after seasonal adjustment.

Table for trends.

In the table below each business index is adjusted to remove normal seasonal changes and the effect of the irregular calendar, thus revealing underlying trends. The combined figure is a weighted average of the first 7 items listed.

NEBRASKA BUSINESS BAROMETERS.
1935-37—100%.

	Feb. 1940	Jan. 1940	Dec. 1939
Combined Index	111	113	117
Bank Deposits	98	99	113
Department Store Sales	93	100	102
Postal Receipts	102	109	109
Building Activity	190	198	183
Electric Power Output	121	127	127
New Car Sales	88	92	92
Pay Rolls	116	114	114
Employment	106	104	104
Life Insurance Sales	83	78	78

*Preliminary.

G. E. executive to interview seniors

M. L. Frederick, director of business training for the General Electric company, will be here Monday and Tuesday, March 18 and 19 to interview graduating seniors interested in accounting, sales, or credit work.

Those selected will be given business internships in the company's offices at Schenectady, N. Y., or Bridgeport, Conn. Besides their regular work, the students will attend afternoon classes in business subjects. Graduates of the bizad college will do graduate work while arts students will take beginning subjects.

According to Prof. T. T. Bullock, Phi Beta Kappa, Beta Gamma Sigma, and activity men are in demand. Arrangements to meet Frederick may be made in Professor Bullock's office any day this week. Similar interviews were held at the engineering college recently.

Prof discovers new methods of instruction

C. V. Pollard, instructor of Germanic languages at the University of Texas, claims that he has perfected a method whereby a student can learn to read advanced German with less than 50 hours of instruction.

Instead of an extensive study of German grammar texts, Pollard requires his students to learn but nine verbs and a few rules. Another feature of his system is the finger movement in which the left finger is used as a guide and locates the key words, enabling the right thumb to move along the sentence, as the reader follows thru. Breaks in the sentence, made by punctuation and the fact that all German nouns are capitalized, are clues used.

Pollard's method has passed 92 out of 94 students on language exams that ordinarily require three years' schooling.

Judd, Hawaii ex-governor, to speak here

'Unofficial ambassador' to disprove false ideas about 'Pivot of Pacific'

The Honorable Lawrence M. Judd, known by his associates as Hawaii's unofficial ambassador of understanding, will speak on "Hawaii, Pivot of the Pacific" at the Union Wednesday at 11 a. m. Judd is a former governor of Hawaii and an outstanding figure in the political and business life of the territory. His address in Lincoln will be a stop on a good-will tour of the United States which he is now making.

It is the purpose of the tour to remove some of the current misconceptions in regard to the territory and to win a wider recognition between Hawaii and the United States.

Enthusiasm natural.

Judd's enthusiasm for Hawaii is natural, as he was born in Honolulu and is a member of a family which has played an historic role in the development and Americanization of Hawaii. His grandfather, Dr. Gerrit Judd, a medical missionary and statesman on the Islands, enjoyed the intimate friendship and confidence of the native King Kamehameha III and became his political adviser. His father became Chief Justice of the Hawaiian supreme court under the native monarchy.

Lawrence Judd entered the senate of the territory of Hawaii and later became its president. President Hoover appointed him to the governorship, an office which he held until 1934. He has been closely identified with the development of the pineapple industry which has been important in American business.

Wedel of Smithsonian finds primitive men

Dr. Waldo R. Wedel of the Smithsonian Institution, who received his master's degree from Nebraska in 1931, announced recently the discovery of three types of primitive men who lived on the western Kansas plains. The Nebraska alumnus was in charge of Smithsonian in Kansas last summer. Most recent of the cultural types was the Upper Republican, which was found nearest the surface. Beneath this was the Woodland civilization, and at the lowest level flint pieces which indicated the presence thousands of years ago of a primitive people who had not yet developed to the pottery stage of human culture.

Wilhelms attends meets

Fred T. Wilhelms, director of secondary course construction for the Extension Division, will discuss "What and How to Teach Adults of Low Income Level" at the second national conference on consumer education held at Stephens college, Columbia, Mo., April 2.

Movie clock

Nebraska: Invisible Stripes, 1:14, 4:05, 6:56, 9:47. Night Work, 2:58, 5:49, 8:40. Stuart Vigil in the Night, 1:14, 3:15, 7:30, 9:45. Lincoln: The Grapes of Wrath, 1:37, 4:13, 6:58, 9:45.

Dr. Dykstra to speak at graduation

Nationally recognized educator is chosen as commencement speaker

Dr. C. A. Dykstra, president of the University of Wisconsin, who will deliver the 69th commencement address, June 10, is nationally recognized as an educator and as a public administrator.

The baccalaureate sermon June 9 will be delivered this year by Dr. Albert W. Palmer, president of the Chicago Theological seminary.

Was city manager

Long before Dr. Dykstra had successfully served as city manager of Cincinnati, he had achieved distinction as a teacher and as an authority in the field of civic administration. The Wisconsin president was for a time an instructor in history and government at Ohio State university. From 1909 to 1918 he was chairman of the department of political science at the University of Kansas, and later professor of municipal administration at the University of California.

City club secretaries

His career as a public administrator is impressive. He has been secretary of various city clubs over the country, among them the Cleveland Civic league, the Chicago City club, and the Los Angeles City club. From 1923 to 1926 he was also commissioner of the Los Angeles water and power department, and from 1926 to 1930 was the department's director of personnel and efficiency.

It was in 1930 that President Dykstra became city manager of Cincinnati, and in the seven years that he served in this capacity, he came to be recognized as a pioneer in many important matters of municipal administration.

'Best-dressed' girls parade

AWS board to make final judgment today

Candidates for the title of "Best-dressed Girl" on the Nebraska campus will appear before the AWS board this afternoon at 2:15 in Social Science auditorium for final judging. The girl selected will be presented at the Co-ed Follies, March 29.

Try outs for models at the Follies will begin at 2:30. Those who will appear are as follows:

At 2:30.

Alpha Chi Omega: Frances Green, Betty Ann Egington; Alpha Omicron Pi: Dorothy Latsch, Loraine Chant; Alpha Phi: Eleanor Berner, Patricia Prime; Alpha Xi Delta: Annette Biernbaum, Catherine Smith; Chi Omega: Yvonne Costello, Mary Chase; Delta Delta Delta: Mary Ann Cackle, Olive Spieth; Delta Gamma: Barbara Meyer, Betty Rathburn; Gamma Phi Beta: Geraldine Wiemers, Jean Geddes; Kappa Alpha Theta: Emily Hess, Pat Wood; Kappa Delta: Lethia Pettit, Mae Peterson; Kappa Kappa Gamma: Betty Jane Burgess, Louise Benson.

At 3:00.

Phi Mu: Ruth Fairley, Ruth Hult; Pi Beta Phi, Virginia Horner, Mary Louise Simpson; Sigma Delta Tau: Rhoda Krasne, Helene Albert; Sigma Kappa: Emma Marie Schuttelfel, Carole Peterson; Raymond Hall: Anita Jones, Carlene Hohensee, Katherine Hanley, Ann Speiker; Loomis Hall: Owen Jack, Winifred White; Rosa Bouton Hall: Marion Brown, Marilyn Barr; Wilson Hall: Betty Jones, Lucille Bertelson; Home Ec Association: Mary Lloyd, Mary Schrickler; Barbs: Nadene Arnold, Beryl Weaver.

Alumnus Nedon, famous geologist, dies at Tulsa

Henry Nedon, prominent southwest geologist and well known Nebraska alumnus, died Thursday at Tulsa, Okla.

Nedon received his bachelor's degree in geology from the university in 1921, and had begun work for his master's degree when he was appointed to the geology staff of the Lago Petroleum company. For many years he did consulting work for the company in South America, and the last several years ran a consulting office of his own at Tulsa.