

Vold says . . .

Stations should be liable for broadcast defamation

Should radio stations be held liable for all extemporaneous defamation which they broadcast? Should they be less subject to damage suits than newspapers for the broadcasting of defamatory remarks? Professor Lawrence Vold, University of Nebraska college of law, says "yes" to the first, and "no" to the last.

In a recent study on this subject Professor Vold declares: "Radio stations compete vigorously with newspapers for commercial advertising. . . even where defamatory manuscripts are thus read by outside talent given access to the microphone, radio stations have the same sort of physical opportunity to check the manuscript for defamatory content that newspapers enjoy. So far, therefore, no serious reason appears for favoring radio broadcasters more than other publishers." In an article published in the University of Pennsylvania Law Review, he states that there is no reason "for sacrificing in their (broadcaster's) interest the victims of their defamatory remarks."

Victim is helpless

Rebuking the contention that the instantaneous character of radio transmission calls for milder rules of negligence in cases of interpolations without warning, he states: "In interpolation cases the outside speaker at the microphone is either inaccessible to the victim or is financially irresponsible. The victim in such cases is helpless. . . The radio operator is equally helpless." The radio operator can avoid this hardship, Professor Vold claims, by requiring "adequate indemnity from the advertiser for whom he broadcasts as a condition to admitting the outside speaker to the microphone."

Liability accentuated

According to Professor Vold the

greatly increased danger to victims of unprivileged defamation that is involved when publication is by radio suggests that in this field the need for strict liability is not diminished, but accentuated. "Here, of all places," he states, "those who by their own conduct create the risks and reap the commercial profits from the business of publishing ought also to bear the burdens which their conduct inflicts upon their innocent victims."

Professor Vold is a recognized authority in the field of torts, sales and corporations. He has received three degrees, all from Harvard university; the AB cum laude, bachelor of laws, and doctor of jurisprudence. He has written a textbook, "Vold on Sales," and has published extensive articles in the various fields of law.

Hooton to talk at uni convo

Harvard anthropologist to speak here April 2

Dr. Earnest A. Hooton, world-famed Harvard University anthropologist, will address a university convocation the morning of April 2. The program will be held at 11 o'clock in the Union, with Professor K. M. Arndt, presiding.

The visiting scientist is internationally famous for his popular works "Apes, Men and Morons," published in 1937, and several earlier volumes, "Up From the Ape," "The Indians of Pecos," and "Ancient Inhabitants of the Canary Islands."

After receiving his master's and doctor of philosophy degrees from the University of Wisconsin, Dr. Hooton joined the Harvard faculty in 1913 as instructor in anthropology. He has been a full professor since 1930, and curator of the Peabody Museum of the institution.

Turner to speak before pre-laws

George Turner, clerk of the Nebraska supreme court and the state law library, will speak to the Young Advocates, pre-law group, Tuesday at 7 p. m. in 201 Social Sciences.

Turner is also clerk of the Nebraska integrated bar, which under the supreme court regulates the practice of law in Nebraska. He will tell the pre-laws about the work of the integrated bar and about the use of the law library in the capitol.

The Young Advocates is a group recently organized for pre-law students. The group recently acted as jurors for the senior law trials.

Fullbrook speaks on competition

Dr. E. S. Fullbrook of the department of business organization and management will discuss "Imperfect Composition" Wednesday at the final meeting of 1939-40 of the Economica club.

The program will be held at 7:30 p. m. in the faculty lounge of the Union. Following the address there will be an election of committee members for next year. Retiring leaders are Profs. L. B. Snyder of the department of rural economics; E. B. Schmidt, and E. A. Gilmore, jr., both of the department of economics.

NU faculty members participate in Kearney irrigation conference

Several geologists and engineers from the university participated in the recent meetings on pump irrigation sponsored at Kearney by the farm bureaus of Buffalo, Hall and Dawson counties. Dr. A. L. Lugin of the department of geology discussed "Sources of Irrigation Water in the Pleistocene Sands and Gravels of Nebraska;" Professor E. E. Brackett, chairman of the department of agricultural engineering, presided at the sessions; Walter Flitts, assistant extension agronomist, addressed the group on "Soil and Moisture and Their Relation to Irrigation Practices;" and R. O. Pierce, assistant extension engineer, discussed "Application of Irrigation Water."

Ferguson will speak to Texas engineers

Dean O. J. Ferguson of the university college of engineering will speak twice Friday at El Paso before the ninth annual meeting of the Texas section of the Society for the Promotion of Engineering Education.

The dean is national president of the society. In the afternoon he

will report upon the work and activities of the organization, and in the evening will talk on teaching qualifications.

Alabama U hires alum

Miss Hermine Hoye of Hastings, a former graduate student, has been appointed to the faculty of the school of commerce and business administration of the University of Alabama.

Glick to address group on rural public welfare

Dr. F. Z. Glick, director of the graduate school of social work, will talk on "Rural Public Welfare Administration" March 23 at Belleville, Kas., on the program of the North Central Kansas Welfare Workers association. April 12 at Omaha he will discuss "Rural Child Welfare" before the conference of the covered wagon region of the Girl Scouts of America.

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Queens—

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and her home is Omaha. She is a member of Tassels, Coed Counselors Board, and the Student Council. A member of this year's Prom committee, she was a beauty queen in the 1939 Cornhusker and the 1939 Nebraska Sweetheart. She resides in Raymond hall.

Pat Reitz is a senior in business administration from Chadron. She was a beauty queen in the 1939 Cornhusker, an ROTC sponsor, and is a member of Delta Gamma sorority. Gerry Wallace is a senior in Teachers college and lives in Lincoln. She was a Prom girl in 1939 and is an ROTC sponsor. She is affiliated with Delta Gamma sorority.

Ballot two weeks.

Ballots will be published in the DAILY for the next two weeks on which men students may mark their choice of candidates. Ballots may be mailed to the DAILY or dropped in a ballot box near the Union entry. Each student may vote only once, and names must be signed to ballots for the purpose of checking.

Pictures of the candidate whom men students select will be sent to a committee of five New York artists who will pick a state winner for each of the 48 states. Photographs of the state winners will be published in the May 3, 10 and 17 issues of Movie and Radio Guide. Readers of the magazine will ballot for their choice for All-American college queen and the 12 candidates who receive the most votes will be sent to the world premiere of Paramount's "Those Were the Days" at Knox College in Galesburg, Ill., May 21.

While the twelve campus queens are at Knox, Paramount stars and Knox College students will be their hosts, and a committee headed by Jay Theodore Reed, director of "Those Were the Days," will pick the All-American college queen from among them.

The girl chosen for the honor then will be awarded a free trip to Hollywood where she will be entertained and given a screen test to discover her movie possibilities. Consolation prizes will be awarded to all state and national winners.

Walker publishes paper

Dr. Ieva B. Walker of the department of botany has a study of the "Development of Casterella Latophila" published in the current number of Nycologia, a publication devoted to technical papers on fungi.