DAILY NEBRASKAN

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Bulletin

## Editorial – Comment. It's high time somebody noticed ...

• The lack of response on the part of organized campus groups to the Student Council's request for rooms to accommodate the delegates attending the Big Six Council convention in Lincoln this week.

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It's a little early, no doubt, to start serving the razzberries, but out of 25 fraternities, 15 sororities and nine organized barb groups, only the Phi Delts have opened their doors to the visiting councilmen.

Any group having rooms available should call the NEBRASKAN office at once. And let's hope a better spirit of hospitality is forthcoming before the convention convenes and labels Nebraska with an anti-convention complex.

• That the soft lives most Americans are living are weakening their stamina. Brig. Gen. E. L. Gruber announced recently that 50 per cent of the men being called for service are turned down because of physical ailments. This ratio is particularly significant when it's compared to the 20 to 25 per cent average deferrments because of physical irregularities reported by recruiting stations in Europe.

So along with the griping over the possibilities of serving a year in the army, let's bear in mind

that the discipline and exercise given there, will not be sown where it's not needed.

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• That legislators are a friendly sort of fellows and are interesting conversationalists. Their work in the chamber can be made more interesting to those in the gallery if they are known to them. Why not acquaint yourselves with the men from your districts.

• That there is plenty of work towards aiding Britain that can be done right here. More than 75 women in University of Minnesota sorority houses have signed up for knitting scarves, helmets, stockings and other knitted garments for the homeless refugees in war-torn England. University of Chattanooga professors have even permitted students to knit articles of this kind during lecture periods. And clothing is being collected on several campuses to be forwarded to the Bundle for Britain organization set up by Mrs. Winston Churchill. Words alone get people nowhere. Those howling "Aid to Britain," can do a little on their own for war relief. Let's see some action.

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|  |     | Sunday | Message | of Wisdom." Proverbs 15, 33.         |

The Book of Proverbs is made up of short, pithy sayings which convey a great deal of meaning in a few words. In this respect, proverbs, as they are found among all nations, and especially God's proverbs, are like jewels, small, but exceedingly clear and beautiful, and worth much, even as jewels are worth a great number of precious coins.

The proverb just quoted speaks of instruction. The word "instruct" comes from a Latin word which means "to build up", just as a house is built up when the bricklayer puts one brick upon another till the whole structure rises before us. A teacher "instructs" his pupils when he imparts to them the knowledge of good and useful things. But the best of all instructors is the Lord Jesus Christ. It is of Him that the text speaks.

If you will turn to the eighth chapter of Proverbs, the twelfth verse, you will find that wisdom is there spoken of as a Person. "I, wisdom, dwell with prudence". Then, in the thirtieth verse we hear: "Then was I by Him, as one brought up with Him; and I was daily His delight, rejoicing always before Him; and my delights were with the sons of men."

Here, then, is Wisdom regarded as a Person, and

Corinthians, at the thirtieth verse, that "Christ Jesus is made of God unto men Wisdom."

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None other than Christ, the Son of God, speaks to us in the text. And what does He say? He instructs or teaches us to fear the Lord. This does not mean slavish, shrinking fear. To fear God means, indeed, to regard Him and His holy Law with solemn awe, but it means also, and chiefly, to have love for Him reigning in our hearts, whereby we fear to offend our heavenly Father and cheerfully conform to His will and word.

And that fear is the one motivating and controlling principle of our life. Nothing can equal it or take its place. That holds true in all respects, also in regard to education.

The foundation, the aim and goal, the highest attainment of true education is the fear of the Lord. Higher education is, indeed, a mighty power, but it is preeminently important that it become a power that shall stand as bulwark of defence on the side of social law and order, on the side of truth and righteousness, on the side of purity, justice, morality and piety, and this it will be only in proportion as it is thoroughly Biblical and Christian.



## Rout at Bengasi

The news from North Africa continues to tell a story of British victory and Italian defeat. Latest fascist stronghold to fall before the British in their steady march to the west across the deserts of northern Libya is Bengasi-famed as one of the choicest pearls of the Italian empire.

The last of the fascist garrisons in Bengasi were reported Saturday surrendering in large numbers, after a furious assault in which the Italians lost heavily in men and equipment. Prior to this many troops had escaped to the westward, while many others had been captured some miles south of the town.

## **Possible Strategy**

The fact that many of the Bengasi troops were able to escape to the westward—by leaving virtually all of their equipment behind them—indicates a partial lack of fulfillment of the original British plan which evidently hoped to engage in a flanking maneuver which would trap the rest of Grazian's army in the seaport town.

Nevertheless, the action must be put down as an overwhelming British triumph, and just as overwhelming a defeat for the Italians. There is no immediate indication as to just what is next on General Wavell's African addenda. A number of possibilities present themselves.

Address: "The virtue of the citizens is the only basis for social safety, and the Christian religion is the only adequate basis for that virtue."

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The world is in dire need of the Christian philosophy of life and the Christian method of speaking the Truth, which truth is found in its fullest expression and in the supreme authority in The Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments. The Christian faith has been the key to civilization and the citadel of righteousness. An educational program rooted in and integrated with such a

we can be at no loss to know who the Person is, when we read in the first chapter of the First Epistle to the

The "Father of our country" said in his Farewell

faith is the crying need of the hour.

Rev. H. Erck.

