

It Was a Rumor



Activated Private Joe Bloke Looks at the Army Routine

The following is an anonymous account of the thoughts and experiences of Pvt. Joe Bloke, A. S. N. 17096531, as he was adjusting himself from the proverbial "carefree college" life to one of regimentation and routine, with exactness and discipline, personified.

Five o'clock, Monday evening . . . Activation. Hit the line fellows, it's time for formation . . . they said. March to chow . . . keep in step . . . stand in line for food . . . march back from chow . . . report to your barracks to check out bedding . . . study hall . . . taps at 22:00 . . . up at 5:30 next morning . . . I still think it's just a rumor, but the darndest one I've heard of.

I spent the first 20 minutes of my activated army life (See PRIVATE BLOKE, Page 4.)

Glick Gives Post War Talk Today

Seventh in a series of lectures on "Social Services in Wartime" will be given at 4:30 today in the faculty lounge. Dr. Frank Z. Glick, director of the graduate school of social work, will be the speaker.



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DR. F. Z. GLICK

...discusses social security.

The lecture will concern the world interest in the fundamental problem of social security in connection with the general confusion and insecurity of the present.

Dr. Glick will discuss the solution of these problems and planning for the present and the future.

'Claudia' Goes Colonial With Squeaks

Colonial to the nth degree is the setting for "Claudia," the last University theater production of the year. From the heights of the old fashioned gable to the depths of the wood box door in the fireplace, the irregular room forming the setting of the comedy expresses old colonial architecture.

A mysterious squeak in that wood box door of the low mantled fireplace should furnish interest to the play-goer. Why the squeak was so industrially placed in the door remains a deep dark secret until the night of the first performance, April 28.

Dutch Door.

The doors of the setting add special attraction. One is of the old colonial or "Dutch" type with the two separated parts, top and bottom. The other is a well oiled sliding affair which rolls into place in the center.

A rounded top corner cupboard with a curving back fills one corner of the room, while a typical window seat occupies the space under the window in the other corner. Winding up to the gable is an irregular staircase bound by a spindle handrail.

And so this is the setting of Claudia and David Naughton's remodeled farmhouse in Connecticut.

Daily Staff Meets Today

Members of the editorial staff of the Daily Nebraskan will meet in the office today at 2:30 p. m. Reporters who wish to continue work on the Nebraskan should attend the meeting or inform the managing editor if they are unable to come.

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Ten Women Debate In Victory Finals

All-woman competition for the first time in UN history will mark the final rounds of the victory speaking contest for possession of the intra-mural debate trophy. Finals will be held tonight at 7:30 in Temple 201.

Introduced to replace the annual intra-organization debates, the victory speeches will be given on wartime subjects, consistent with the university war effort. Phi Kappa Pi, social fraternity now holding the cup, will get no chance to defend its title because of ROTC activation.

Three Houses Compete.

Three houses will enter the race for the debate trophy since the

two representatives from those houses were among the ten highest speakers, according to Dr. L. T. Laase, director of contest.

These six, Joan Bohrer and Jo Ackerman of Kappa Alpha Theta, Dorothea Lemon and Virginia Steurmer of Towne Club and Margaret Newman and Roberta Burgess of Gamma Phi Beta, will speak with Janet Mason, Alpha Chi Omega, Jean Cowden, Chi Omega, Jerry McKensie, Delta Gamma and Pat Curry, Alpha Phi, in competition for the highest speaker rating.

Name Judges.

Judges will include Miss Jeanette Frazier and Mrs. Margaret

Perkins of the university department of speech, Miss Gale Magee of the Nebraska Wesleyan faculty and two other persons as yet unannounced.

Students who entered the contest have agreed to give time for making victory speeches on the campus and in the downtown area, in cooperation with the OWI. Subjects of the three to ten minute talks will be war bonds, blackouts, rationing and similar subjects.

The finals will be open to the public. It is expected that house members will attend to support their delegates.

Gray Hits History Texts and Teaching

...For Student Ignorance

Results of the history survey conducted by the New York Times would be no surprise to college teachers and to those who have compared recent history texts with old editions was the opinion of Glenn W. Gray, professor of history.

"It has been quite apparent to college instructors for the last 10 or 15 years that there has been a decided lack of knowledge of history, not only American but also general European, gained by high school students," emphasized Gray.

Compares Texts.

He brought out the fact that a comparison of newer high school texts in history with those used formerly also shows a similar lack of discipline and precision required from the pupil.

Gray expressed the opinion that one of the general reasons for ignorance of American history among high school graduates lies in the conception that it is more important to know how to teach a course than to know the content of the course.

"It is not the interest of educators to promote or even allow teaching a course without knowledge of the basic subject matter, but the emphasis on knowing how to teach when coupled with the demand for successful coaches, etc., has led to teaching of history and of English by persons ignorant of those subjects. It may be true also, that the elementary teacher retains his position longer when he is an inadequate teacher of history than when his basketball team is inadequate."

Of the many criticisms on the survey, the professor thought those coming from Columbia Teachers college were interesting since the survey has been used to attack Columbia. Their reply to the survey was that the questions were unimportant, improperly supervised, and probably taken as a joke by those taking the test.

In exact opposition, to some of these criticisms, Gray stated that the survey was carefully phrased and called for no specific dates, a feature so frequently attacked.

Senior Gift Committee Hits Snag

So it's going to be a dollar. So it's going into war bonds. So we haven't chosen the gift yet.

Senior gift committee members were running into trouble yesterday as they tried to formulate some plan for accumulating enough money to present the university with a remembrance from the class of '43.

"It's not that we want to take people's money in wartime," Jay Hoffman, committee member, said sadly. "It's just that our purchase of war bonds will help both the country and the school. However, the women have decided that one dollar is enough to put out, and that's the way it will have to be."

Hoffman explained that since the contribution has been decreased the gift will have to be given other consideration. Several have been suggested, but university officials will aid the (See SNAG, Page 4.)

Nurse Head Tells Future In Training

Mrs. Judith Whitaker, state director of student nurse recruitment, spoke last night at Ellen Smith to students interested in the nursing vocation.

Mrs. Whitaker discussed the personal requirements of a nurse and told of the student nurses' training. Training for this profession takes three years and the student devotes approximately 48 hours a week to her work. This training includes classroom and laboratory, the latter of which gives the student an opportunity to apply her technical training.

Army and Navy Nurse Requisites.

Requisite for army nurses is that they be registered nurses and between the ages of 21 and 35, and navy nurses must be between the ages of 21 and 40. Aside from passing a strict physical examination, there are no other requirements.

Moving pictures were shown, depicting the life and training of a student nurse and a discussion followed, with the girls asking questions concerning cost of training and location of schools. Depending on the school, training varied from no cost at all to about \$2,000 and many schools are connected with universities and colleges, whereby students may get their BA degree along with a registered nurse degree.

Two Missing, One Safe . . . These U Men Saw Action . . . On Fighting Fronts



—Courtesy Lincoln Journal.

CAPT. DICK JOYCE . . . tells of Jap raid.



—Courtesy Lincoln Journal.

CPL. DON FITZMAURICE . . . flew over Tokyo.



—Courtesy Lincoln Journal.

LT. DON HILGERT . . . missing in North Africa.

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Col. Murphy Inspects Iowa ROTC Cadets

Colonel J. P. Murphy, commandant of military personnel assigned or attached to the university is inspecting the ROTC cadet regiment at Iowa university.

The colonel left yesterday to review the corps at Iowa now under the command of Lt. Col. Luke D. Zeck, former director of infantry here. He will be back Friday to assume full command of military personnel, announced the department.

Ag Campus Invites STARS to Matinee Dance Today at 5

Members of the STARS unit based at ag campus have been invited to attend a student matinee dance this afternoon. The dance will be held in the student activities building from 5 to 6 p. m.