

Seein' Double

By Don and Al Amsden.

The downtown quarterbacks have been seeking some answer for the disappointments of the present football season. So has everyone else with a genuine interest in Nebraska. But at this week's meeting, the "O street" fans surprisingly said maybe there was not enough of that "Old Nebraska school spirit."

Now we aren't qualified to discuss the football record. But we do think we are qualified to defend the student boy's spirit. And we say—"Don't hand us that old chestnut." No one has been able to complain about the attendance at rallies—supposedly an indication of school spirit. At the games, we think it has been well demonstrated that the student body will respond promptly and gratefully to any opportunity to show enthusiasm.

We hope no one expects the student body to cheer indiscriminately while an opponent scores. But when there has been reason, there has been spirit. Certainly, no one in the east stands at the opening of the second half of the Minnesota game would deny this.

When Tom Novak made that first bone-crushing tackle, it set off a spontaneous and sustained roar. Nebraska trailed by 14 points. Minnesota had technically been stopped on just one play. The students didn't stop to think of that technicality but viewed it as the first ray of light and hopped aboard the band wagon hopefully. Throughout the rest of the half, they showed their spirit whenever they got a chance, and at the game's end they were still trying to "talk it up."

If this spirit exists (as we maintain) and isn't making itself felt (as some people claim), then perhaps it isn't being directed and organized. We think the Yell squad, the Corn Cobs, and the Tassels are trying to carry out their job of fostering spirit. There's a tremendous amount of unsung work involved in preparing card sections and rallies, alone.

Perhaps some opportunities to guide this spirit have been overlooked. For instance, some of these unknown and, apparently, unpopular yells might be sidetracked occasionally in favor of some of the ancient and universal standbys. Too often, the Yell squad is forced to take up a yell of "Hold that line" or "We want a touchdown" as started by the student body instead of starting the yell themselves.

We think too that Phil Sprague and Al Donovan (the cheer-leading tumblers who have caused such favorable comment) could be given more opportunity to add a little dash and color. It's just plain old razzle-dazzle and showmanship, but isn't that what every manufacturer uses to work up interest in his product?

With just a little more effort and thought (and help from the "O street" group), perhaps we could even climb up on a par with Omaha high schools. Their coaches, team captains and school yells are aired weekly by an Omaha station. Surely, one of the Lincoln stations could be convinced that the university is as deserving as these high schools.

All of these are only suggestions to lead the school spirit. We may be wrong on these suggestions, but don't hand us that old chestnut about the lack of school spirit. We aren't buying it this year.

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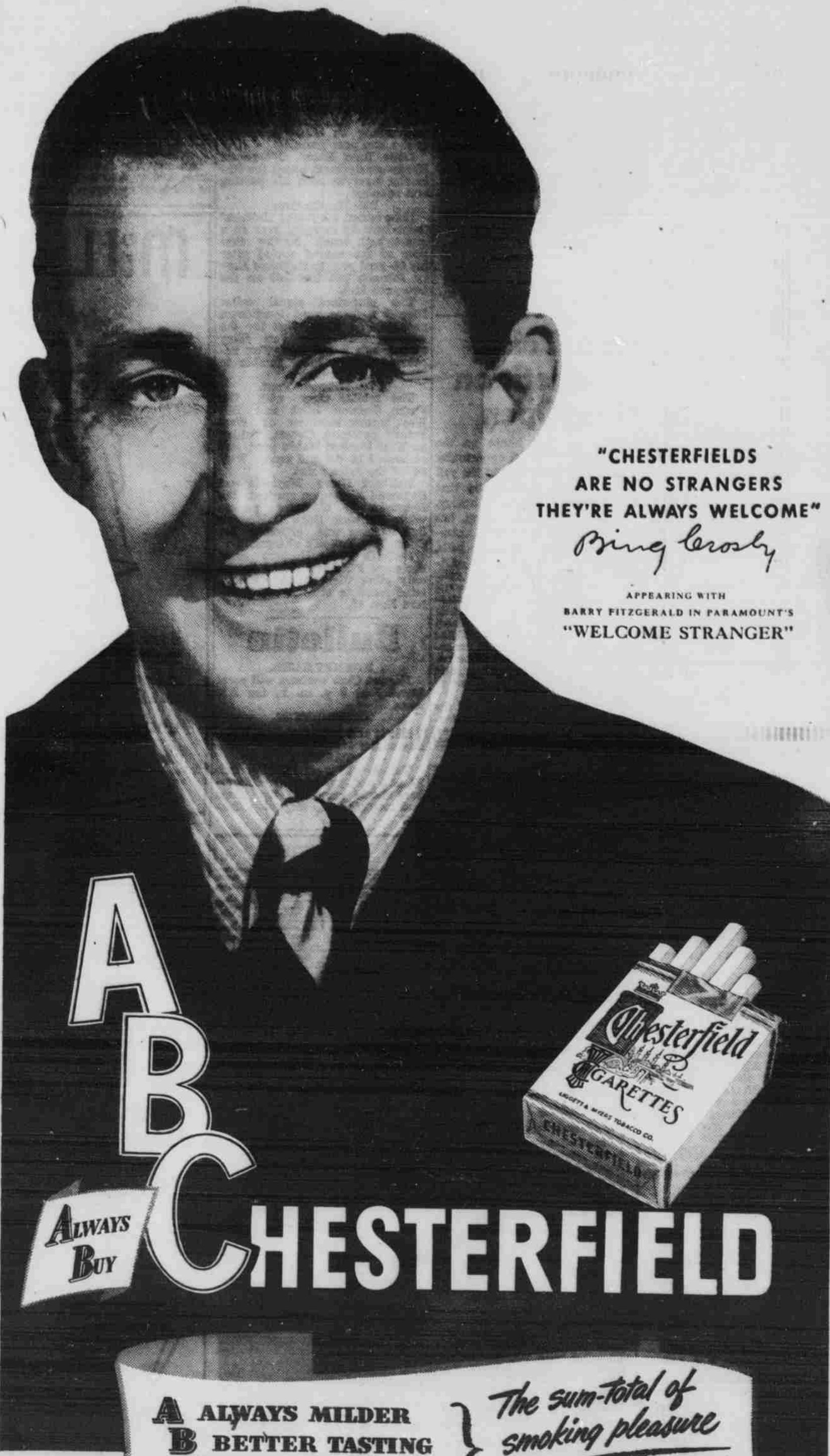
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in all classes of competition, which is consistent with the high placings of former Nebraska teams. Last year the senior team won second place both at the Kansas City meet and at the International Livestock Exposition in Chicago.

Dillard Huffaker was high individual in wool judging. Wahlstrom was second in all classes of wool competition, Raun was fifth and Huffaker sixth.

Results in the meats judging contest ranked the Nebraska team sixth of the ten teams ten teams entered. The team won first in judging lamb carcass, third in beef and sixth in pork. Huffaker was fifth high individual and Don Jensen was ranked twelfth.

Members of the Nebraska team were: Dillard Huffaker, Don Jensen, Rudy Tomek, Ned Raun, and Richard Wahlstrom. Harold Cleal was alternate.



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