Top Students Need Special Care Virtanen Hails Bernard

equal as the equal treatment of unequals."

Julius Humann, director of special education for Lincoln public schools, was speaking on the problems of educating the gifted.

Each Student Individual He was saying that each student is an individual; special coaching should be pro-vided for the academically gifted child just as it is in music, art and athletics so he, too, may develop his po-

tential. Dr. Marshall Hiskey, director of the University of Nebraska educational psychological clinic, agreed.

Even within the group known as gifted, what a teacher does with each indi-how well educated he will be, he said.

Some educators suggest that exceptional children are best off in the classroom situation where a number of grades are in one room. The faster students can eavesdrop on the recitation of the older the slower students might benefit from the discussion of the lower grades. Ungraded, But Accelerated

In the ungraded primary, children are kept in groups moving most nearly at their own rate, Humann said. This enables some pupils to complete in three years the work ordinarily covered in four, he

ever, that, "by the time the more adept student pro- cerned with conversation gressed to the next grade he about natural resources," said would probably know that a Montana school teacher. material. Then the enrichhave to be even grater."

Time: Teacher's Problem is that the teachers have so opportunities," she said. little time," he said.

enough energy to create the is the way to combat wasted right program for gifted in-dividuals."

and Chanenging his abilities and science mathematics and science courses.

Who Are Gifted "I'm leery about letting my

programs comes about from group of academically gifted may argue. guidance, counseling and students and what is being testing," he said. "We know done for them.

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that tests are not foolproof, but if 'handled properly, the top five to ten per cent, those tests can tell where the with an I. Q. of 125 or more youngster is weak and where and those with a pronounced this area that acceleration he's strong, tell what he has talent are the gifted and and what he needs."

Teachers Must Be Trained Next there must be specially trained personnel. Courses designed for such Education. training are provided at the University for Nebraska lowing criteria by which a teachers colleges and Omaha child is judged gifted:

But there is still a "great need for teachers in the field of special education," Hiskey remarked. "No more than five per cent of the gifted oted.

Dr. Hiskey suggested, how. are receiving the special training they need."

"Educators are very con-

ment of his program would resource in which the most erosion and waste takes place aimed at acceleration, which are in special classes for oneis that of human mind and gets the gifted through school "Of course, a big problem spirit from failure to utilize at an earlier than average Humann said.

"Each child has different human resources is a uni- highly endowed child a curstrengths," Dr. Hiskey con- versal problem," she em- riculum expanded in scope tinued. "The big question is phasized. "Providing oppor- and depth. The latter may be chemistray may enroll in whether the teacher is cre-tunities for the gifted child ative, imaginative and has and challenging his abilities



Clifton

should be given special education, according to Dr. Paul ally and physically. Fund for the Advancement of

Humann suggested the fol- added.

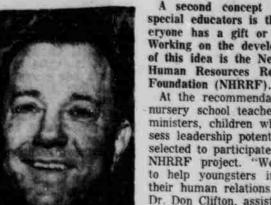
ment tests.

-Achievement as measured by standardized achievement tests in language arts, ual abilities. -Attitudes and accomplishments as evaluated by teach-

-Consideration of physical, mental and social maturity. According to Dr. Woodring, "I have often felt that the there are two general types of special programs: one high ability in language arts age; the other aimed at en-The misuse and disuse of richment, which offers the language study, advanced versity.

"The framework for these Who are included in this child skip grades," a parent high school.

educators today are so aware schools.



Boys and girls among the of the importance of healthy probably will not unless the

"Enrichment appears to pose fewer adjustment prob-lems than acceleration," he

"Enrichment can be effected in any classroom," he -Native ability as measured by standardized achievedom of drill sessions by assigning them research projects keved to their individ-

Acceleration, and an ungraded primary rogram are all used in the Lincoln public school system, according to Humann.

"In a program for grades four through six, pupils with fourth of the school day,"

College in High School Beginning in high school. students talented in mathematics, foreign languages and peppered with extra foreign classes for credit at the Uni-

A second concept among special educators is that everyone has a gift or talent. Working on the development of this idea is the Nebraska Human Resources Research

At the recommendation of nursery school teachers and ministers, children who possess leadership potential are long after the event. selected to participate in the to help youngsters improve their human relations," said Dr. Don Clifton, assistant di-

Student Counselors

others," he said.

been previously exposed. "We don't treat them as judicial decisions.
quiz kids," Dr. Clifton emphasized. "Our focus is on consideration for other people rather than on self-improvement."

Emphasis on Creating A third area mentioned in connection with gifted students is that of creativity.

Lincoln school children who read widely, who have a rich background of experience and a vivid imagination this manner: may find an outlet in various Humann suggested.

preparing school programs and leading or moderating class discussions.

ive expression in art, music, dancing, athletics and dramatic skills as well, according to Humann

The editors of "School and Society" say that educators everywhere are becoming Humann recalled that one more widely aware of the student completed 22 hours need for dealing specially "I'm leery about letting my for University credit while in with the gifted child. Lincoln is not lagging behind in Moodring pointed out that practiced in some junior high awareness, Humann support-

As Scientific Pioneer

Claude Bernard and His Place in the History of Ideas by Reino Virtanen, University of Nebraska Press.

The human record often re-

NHRRF project. "We want case, for example, of New- ternal environment was hard-"University students act as tribution equal to Newton's ter-balanced by the contribucounselors for the children had been made by Leibnit. tions of Bernard to the prinand provide new experiences Similarly, Justice John Marfor them so they become bet-shall of the U.S. Supreme their own way his achieveter leaders and learn about Court has received the plaud- ments were quite as signifiits of history as the man cant." "We want them to develop who fashioned the separation sympathy and be able to ob- of powers between the federserve and interpret other peo- al government and the states. ple's behavior; to meet a va- Yet we now know that Justriety of people, particularly ice Joseph Story was often types to whom they have not responsible for putting Marshall's ideas into acceptable

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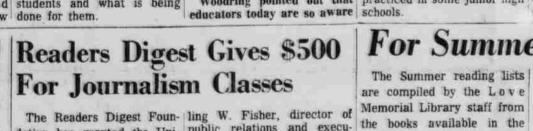
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Trailers and Religion Students sold articles to magazines dealing in such subjects as trailers, farming and ranching, rodeos, conservation, music, religion and education. Jan Nisker of Norfolk set the distance record. Her story about an Ethiopian student attending the University was used by the Point Four magazine for Ethiopia. It was published both in English and in Ethiopian.

The students provided all the articles for the February De Vries, Peter. Tents of issue of the Nebraska Alumnus magazine.

One Used Twice An article written by Donette Keys of Lincoln for the Alumnus was reprinted by the Nebraska State Dental Journal. Miss Keys' article dealt with the cleft palate team which works through the Dental College.

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