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SCARLET SPORTS

By Leo E. Geier

With the Big Seven conference race turning into a guessing game for sports forecasters, Nebraskans are holding their breath to see what the Cornhuskers will do.

Kansas Staters have been running wild with win fever after breaking out of the conference losing column for the first time in five years. Iowa State, storming into the foreground early is no pushover for any team this year. For its part, Colorado will be out to trim the Huskers again. Oklahoma and Missouri are potent again this year and Kansas, taking an early back seat, will seek to win at any cost when meeting Nebraska.

But the boys at Nebraska are not sitting idly by. Coach Bill Glassford and his staff have a training school setup as efficient as any in the gridiron game. The method, brought to Nebraska for the first time this year by Glassford, runs something like this:

A grading system is set up and each player is given a mark for every move he makes in every game and some practice sessions. Movies made at every game serve as proof to back up the coaches' criticism.

Meetings are held separately for the backs, ends and other linemen. The coaches study the movies and grade each player on every play, rating him on the execution of his assignment. The

players, in the separate meetings, learn of each mistake they made and how to correct it.

It's not easy to get three points for a play even if you are the hero of the game after making a touchdown. The system takes away the individualism in playing and makes a man work as part of a team. And because Glassford is striving to make his team function as a unit, he has not been satisfied with his boys. After the Minnesota game the Husker coach praised his charges only by saying, "The boys showed improvement over last week but are still playing for their individual desires." The improvement is coming, and with tutoring like this Cornhusker fans should not be disappointed.

Lena Horne, James Edwards in New Pics
 HOLLYWOOD, Calif. (ANP). Film studies are quite busy these days preparing new pics... "The Big Fall" at Twentieth Century-Fox has four musicians signed to be part of a swing band in a Paris cafe. It stars John Garfield and Michelene.

"The Duchess of Idaho" featuring Lena Horne will be in production at M.G.M. next month. Esther Williams and Van Johnson are also starring. A documentary film is being prepared by the new Filmmakers, Inc., to be distributed by R.K.O. "Pachuco," a story of Mexican-American life.

James Edwards is playing the young doctor who nearly gets lynched because of his failure on an operation on a race-baiting southern white in "No Way Out." It's sponsored by Twentieth-Century Fox.



by JAMES C. OLSON, Superintendent STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Though we've never objected to taking the day off, we've often wondered just how Nebraska happened to designate Oct. 12, the day on which Christopher Columbus discovered the new world, as a legal holiday. Considerable digging in old legislative records and back newspaper files, although not completely satisfying our curiosity, did provide considerable information regarding the designation of the holiday.

Columbus Day was made a legal holiday by an act of the 32nd session of the state legislature, approved by Gov. Chester H. Aldrich, April 7, 1911. The bill, S. F. 201, was introduced by Democratic Senator J. H. Buhman of St. Libory, a farmer and banker representing what was then the 17th senatorial district.

The bill occasioned little if any discussion, and made its way through the legislature in routine fashion and with but slight opposition. Indeed, the first general discussion of the whole matter seems to have occurred on Oct. 12, 1911, when Nebraskans, much to their surprise, found their banks and public offices closed for the day.

From that discussion it would appear that members of the Fourth Estate, at least, were not enthusiastic over the prospects of an additional day off. The "Evening Bee," in a news story outlining Omaha's plans for the day, commented, with apparent approval, "The Board of Education failed to discover any reason why it should quit business because Columbus went out on a sea cruise 408 years ago and sighted land."

The attitude of the students was not reported. In all probability,

they could have found good and sufficient reasons for honoring the discovery of America by closing school for the day.

The Beatrice Daily Sun commented: "Americans are not holiday lovers. A week without a holiday is a failure in countries where people take more time to enjoy life than we do, but in this country an extra day off is an irritation."

The Nebraska State Journal took more than half a column to express its sense of irritation: "Like a bouquet from the desert arrives the announcement that there will be no mail this afternoon. Neither will the clinking of coin be heard in the banks. The tax gatherer's window will be closed. Nor will the rest of the public officials do any labor..."

Fearing the addition of further holidays, the Journal said, "The banking and postoffice and public office businesses are clearly imperiled by this holiday movement. We must save them."

That the "holiday movement" didn't reach the proportions feared is indicated by the fact that since 1911 only two new holidays have been designated in Nebraska—Lincoln's birthday, and Armistice Day.

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