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New Foundation Takes Over Rosenwald Fund Fellowships

NEW YORK. (ANP). A new foundation, the John Hay Whitney Foundation of Opportunity Fellowships, has been formed to take over the scholarship program once handled by the Rosenwald fund, it was announced this week.

Opportunity fellowships are open to any American, with specific consideration to American Negroes, American Indians, and persons of Spanish speaking ancestry, with special ability but for reasons such as racial or cultural background or region of residence, has not had full opportunity to develop his talents.

An appropriation of \$100,000 has been granted the foundation for its first year of operation. Individual grants will range from \$1,000 to \$3,000.

Consultant to the foundation is Edwin R. Embree, former president of the Julius Rosenwald fund. Speaking of the new organization, he said:

"I am very happy that the John Hay Whitney foundation is continuing the earlier Rosenwald fellowships and extending them to other groups that have not had full American opportunity.

"Democracy does not consist in leveling everyone down to the lowest average, but in giving

highest opportunity to every individual and every group. We hope these fellowships will help to equalize opportunities in America."

Persons interested in competing for these grants may get detailed information by writing to the John Hay Whitney foundation, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York 20, N. Y.

Fellowships will be open not only for scholastic study but for special training or experience in such fields as journalism, industry, labor leadership, the arts, and other useful talents. They will be awarded once a year on basis of written application and the decision of the committee of award.

Besides Embree, the committee of award includes Dr. Charles S. Johnson, president, Fisk university; Barklie Henry, a director, United States Trust company and trustee, Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research; Mrs. Douglas Horton, former president, Wellesley college and former director, Women's Reserve USNR, and Oliver LaFarge, anthropologist, author and president, Association of American Indian Affairs.

Awards are for a full year of serious work, not for special, incidental, or temporary projects.

Mrs. Roosevelt's New Book Gives Insight on Life With President

("This I Remember," by Eleanor Roosevelt; published by Harper and Brothers, New York, N. Y., \$4.50.)

REVIEWED BY ANP

A fresh new angle of Franklin D. Roosevelt and his life as a great political figure is given to the American public in this volume written by his widow, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt.

Mrs. Roosevelt also presents to the reader a picture of herself and her thinking—a picture of her devotion to her husband and to his ideals—a picture of herself as a worried mother for her four sons fighting in World War II—a picture of President Roosevelt as he saw the men around him—a picture of his conflict with his mother who wanted him to settle down to be a country squire.

The late President's ideals in life remained the same throughout, she wrote. She said:

"Throughout the whole of Franklin's career there was never any deviation from his original objective—to help make life better for the average man, woman, and child."

This book may be extremely fruitful to the student of history or politics, although it might prove pretty dull reading to the person interested in literary gems. Never-

theless, it does present a good portrait of the Roosevelt family.

Eight to ten weeks is the average life of the housefly.



The week in which January 12 falls will always call forth discussion of blizzards in Nebraska, for it was on Jan. 12, 1888, that what was probably the state's most devastating single storm struck the people of Nebraska. There are some who claim that the Easter storm of 1873 was more severe, and others who talk about the great storm of March, 1913, but the veterans of '88 are able to hold their own against all comers—except possibly the veterans of '49.

Last winter brought Nebraskans the most prolonged battle with the elements in the history of the state.

To refresh your memory, the first storm hit November 19. There was a great deal of snow between then and Christmas, but what is known as the second storm hit December 29, to be followed on January 2-3 by what probably will be known as "the blizzard."

State and local highway crews, working valiantly to open lines of communication, found that no sooner had they got a stretch of road open than it was closed again by redrafting or by fresh snow. Trains all the way from the crack streamliners to the thrice-a-week locals were stalled in the billowing drifts. For days in many areas the only effective transportation was through the air, and Nebraska's many small plane pilots rendered heroic service to their fellow men.

The Nebraska National Guard was called out and volunteers worked round the clock in an effort to liberate trapped livestock, homes, and even whole communities. But the job was too big for Nebraska and other western states alone, and on Jan. 28 Maj. Gen. Lewis A. Pick was named to direct one of the army's most extensive peacetime rescue operations—Operation Snowbound.

The bulldozers and the weasels of the Fifth army moved in, and during 23 days of operation opened 87,073 miles of road, liberated 152,196 persons from snowbound homes, took 35 sick persons out to receive medical care and hospitalization, and gave over 3,500,000 head of livestock access to feed.

These figures are only part of

Alliance, Nebraska

The St. James A.M.E. church held its annual Christmas Tree program Dec. 24th at the church. The program consisted of readings by Mrs. Lucille Houchins and Mrs. Birdie Murphy. The readings were followed by poems and a play given by the youngsters and the distribution of fruits, nuts and candy.

Mr. and Mrs. Hayes E. Chandler, sr., were hosts to a family Christmas dinner. Among their guests were Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Shore; and son, John, from Greeley, Colorado. The Shores are the daughter and son-in-law of the Chandlers.

Mr. Howard Covington was also a Christmas dinner guest at the home of the Hayes Chandlers, sr.

Mrs. Minnie P. Motley had as her Christmas guests, Mr. Jenking Butler and daughter LaVonne and Mr. Ed Meehan.

The M. C. Woodlee's, sr., had as their dinner guests, Mr. A. Goings and children Commodore, Sheila and Johnnie of Sidney, Nebraska.

Motoring to Alliance to spend New Year's Eve were, Lennord Nichols, Arvey and Frankie Mae Echols, Lincoln Perry, James Gilbert and Ted Duiley, all of Scottsbluff.

Miss Frankie Mae Echols was hostess to a formal New Year's party given in Scottsbluff. It was

the story, and even a complete set of statistics would fall far short of telling the whole story. It's a story that can be told only in terms of individual human experience.

Fortunately for history, the newspapers of Nebraska, large and small, provided excellent coverage, including spectacular shots by ingenious photographers. All these are on file in the archives of the State Historical Society, and someday when that book is written about the Blizzard of '49 they will provide the author with an incomparable source of information.

Frat Group Admits Negro Pledgee After A 22-Year Wait

CLEVELAND. (ANP). Francis A. Gregory, principal of Armstrong Technical high school, Washington, D. C., was admitted as an active member of Alpha of Ohio chapter Tau Beta Pi, national engineering honor society, here last week. But Gregory had to wait 22 years before being initiated.

In 1927, Gregory was elected to the fraternal group, but was not initiated because the society barred Negro membership. The rule no longer holds now. The initiation ceremonies were held at Case Institute of Technology.

Tennis was purely an amateur sport until 1926.

Hard wood makes better coals for a campfire than soft wood.

When no dew follows a hot day, rain may be expected.

attended by guests from Alliance, Scottsbluff, and neighboring towns in Wyoming. Everyone enjoyed themselves immensely and are looking forward to more of Miss Echols' entertainment.

Mrs. Jennie Drisdon of Denver, Colo., spent Christmas week visiting her sister, Mrs. Bert Harris, sr.

Mrs. J. Drisdon and her sister, Mrs. Bert Harris, sr., were dinner guests at the home of Mrs. M. P. Motley during the week.

Miss Stella Woodlee motored to Denver, Colo., over the week end. She was accompanied by Commodore, Sheila and Johnnie Goings.

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