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Dusting Off The Truth

We have been asked by friends to write some more articles to the papers. This is usually done when some certain truth moves us to write.

The Truth is known to be a thing much enjoyed, so long as it does not rub the listener the wrong way. Everyone has ideas (some reserve the right to express them, and even to live them) whether those ideas be right or wrong. May it, however, be from a sincere conviction of Truth, that we write since we are not inclined to write like the back-scratching type. People have often been deceived by that type. Let us merely dust off the known truth. If that be resented, nothing more may be expected.

There are those who resent necessary laws and common courtesies. When they are urged to go forward, they at once go into reverse; when they see the sign "No Smoking," they light up; if the sign reads "Keep off the grass," they will go on it. Such people must ever be explaining to themselves why they think it is right to be wrong. If it is because of their attitude, let us be careful not to become sour or cynical too.

This time we write on the subject "Work." In this year, 1950, much work is to be done in our land and in our world. In this first week of the year the President of our nation has outlined a program for the country. In other words, with such a growing nation as ours, there are also increased demands upon us. Much more is expected as the years come on.

Before the birth of Jesus Christ, this, the middle of the century, would have been regarded as a year of no work but a year of Jubilee unto the Lord.

In thinking of the invisible highways of the world—the religious, the civic, the economic, the political, the social—all with a great many branches, let us consider the religious highway. "Go ye into My vineyard," are the words of Jesus. The vine-

yard, then and now, is a place of service. Thousands are hesitant to work; some look upon it as a distasteful necessity, others as a privilege and a pleasure, still others see it to be a duty.

In the church there are those who resent working if they are not permitted to write their own orders. The more efficient usually stand idly by while the work begs to be done. There are those in church and in state, who refuse to work until a tailor-made job can be found, a job that precisely suits them. What would happen if all withheld their labors?

In the ministry are those who do not want a job unless it is one from which they can take more than they can produce. If the job is not liked by them they withhold their best efforts. Too often churches and communities suffer a setback because men through their "pull" get big positions. That works like a small man buying a custom made suit. When the suit is too large for him, he has it cut down to his size. Some officials of churches are reluctant to see their membership increased, especially with migrants. They become excited over new blood and fear that the church will grow out of their control.

If we go into God's vineyard and work, we will get God's pay.

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Bias to Be Key Topic At NSA Meeting

MADISON, Wis. (ANP). Discrimination on college campuses and what various colleges are doing to halt bias will be the key discussions at the 1950 meeting of the National Student association, the NSA executive decided last week at its five-day meeting.

The NSA national convention will be held Aug. 24-Sept. 1 at Ann Arbor, Mich., the campus of the University of Michigan.



by JAMES C. OLSON, Superintendent
 STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

One of the most noted characters on the far Nebraska frontier was Doc W. F. Carver, hunter and trapper known throughout the world for his prowess with the rifle.

A feat which helped to clinch Doc Carver's reputation was his victory over Buffalo Curly, alias Jack McColl, in one of the most spectacular buffalo hunting matches ever staged on the western plains. The story was related at a meeting of the Nebraska State Historical Society in 1928 by Charles R. Nordin, the noted Omaha collector, and published in *Nebraska History*.

According to Nordin, 1873 the question of who was the champion buffalo hunter of the plains resulted in a match for a \$500 stake between Carver and Buffalo Curly. At the time, both had outfits on the Frenchman killing buffalo on contract. Carver hunted on foot, an easier method but one on horseback, but Curly's men hunted on foot, an easier method but one which was not particularly successful in the presence of skilled horsemen like Carver. As the story goes, Curly challenged Carver to shoot it out for \$500 and the championship of the plains, the winner to be the man who killed the most buffalo on one run.

News of the impending match spread throughout western Nebraska and when the day of the contest arrived one of the largest groups ever seen on the Frenchman had gathered. There were Pawnee and Sioux, trappers, wolf-poisoners, and a detachment of troops from Fort McPherson. The troops were there ostensibly to keep order among the Indians, but in all probability their real object was to enjoy the fun.

Site of the match was a buffalo watering-place on the Frenchman. The shooting was to start when the first of the herd plunged into the water. A pistol shot stampeded the herd, and the hunt was on.

From the beginning the show was all Carver's. His first shot, fired 50 yards from the herd, dropped a young cow. Mounted on his big white horse, "Surprise," he kept shooting far out on the prairie, his trail littered with dead buffalo. Long before Carver had stopped shooting, Curly's horse ruptured a blood vessel and he was out of the race.

When the shooting had stopped,

It's New at N.U.

By Charlene J. Colbert

John C. Foster, a senior at Nebraska University, was elected last week to the office of president of Beta Beta chapter of the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity. He will serve for a term of one year.

During his attendance at the Booker T. Washington High school at Sapulpa, Oklahoma, Foster was a member of the National Honor society. He liked baseball, basketball and football. He also played right end on the football team there.

Foster spent four and one-half years in the army, one month of which he served in North Africa, three months in Sicily and thirteen months in Italy. During his stay in the army, he passed a special transmitting and receiving test and was thereby exempted from code practice. Within ten months, Foster completed three communication courses, after which he received two certificates in radio and telephone communication and a certificate of proficiency in semaphore communication.

Foster served in three campaigns; in the last one he participated in five major attacks, win-

Nordin tells us, Carver had killed a total of 160 buffalo, and no doubt had put on the greatest exhibition of shooting ever witnessed on the plains.

The match was a grudge contest in every sense of the word. Curly, it is reported, took his defeat very badly, and had it not been for the intervention of the soldiers, would have taken Doc Carver's life right there on the spot. As it was, he swore to take the life of Carver and every long-haired man on the plains—a threat he didn't make good.

ning three battle stars and was separated from the army with rank of staff sergeant.

A very versatile person with many different experience, Foster has possessed a keen interest in the ministry since he was four years of age. He attended the Western university seminary in Quindaro, Kas., and studied at the Oklahoma School of Religion at Langston university before he went into the army. On October 10, 1948, Foster was ordained a deacon at St. John A.M.E. church in Omaha. For the past two years he has served as pastor of St. Paul A.M.E. church in Beatrice.

With a major in history and a minor in English, he will graduate from the university in August. Then he intends to do graduate work at Boston university.

The Rev. Mr. Foster is the son of Mrs. Effie Foster, Route 2, Sapulpa, Okl.

I sought Thee at a distance, and did not know that Thou wast near. I sought Thee abroad, and behold Thou wast within me.—St. Augustine.

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