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### EDITORIALS

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## Brotherhood Week Editorial

BY P. L. PRATTIS FOR ANP

Brotherhood, of course, means acceptance and recognition of the principle of the inherent equality of human beings, but simple the principle of equality does not cover all the meaning and significance of brotherhood.

Brotherhood, in these modern times, goes far beyond the acceptance of a passive, equalitarian principle. It is an action concept which calls for the exercise of man's noblest qualities. One might concede that there is no modern, up-to-date style of brotherhood, that the virtues which are its symbols are as old as man himself, but, even so, we must acknowledge that in the new kind of world in which we

live, there is a special service for brotherhood to perform.

Cain asked: "Am I my brother's keeper?" The necessity for the unity of free men and women all over the world today gives a clear answer to that question. We are our brothers' keepers.

When so much of mankind is in peril, when so much of mankind suffers from lack of understanding, all those whom God has blessed are challenged to help as brothers those whom misfortune has claimed.

Unity of the different peoples under God requires brotherly love, understanding, a willingness to share with others and to sacrifice for others. It requires that men's spiritual selves be



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### Nebraska's Governors

Last month, in writing about Governor Keith Neville, I wrote that he defeated Samuel R. McKelvie in the general election of 1916. That, as you know and I should have remembered, was "a beaut of a boner"—and don't about it! Let me acknowledge it here, and correct the record. Mr. McKelvie was defeated in the Republican Primary, and Mr. Neville ran unsuccessfully for governor in the Democratic Primary in 1940.)

In 1918, Mr. McKelvie was Mr. Neville's opponent, and Mr. Neville came off second best. He is reported to have wired the successful candidate: "Dear Sam: Politics is just one thing after another." (That, I might add, goes for writing a column like this as well!)

Samuel R. McKelvie's two terms as governor in many respects are a watershed between the old and the new in Nebraska's public affairs. His administrations saw the state constitution revised with the addition of 41 amendments, the establishment of a civil administrative

much larger than their physical bodies and that they have the wisdom to see and the heart to acknowledge that they are their brothers' keepers.

Brotherhood ignores distinction of race, of creed, of color, of nationality, from political point of view. It is harmony, not discord. It is togetherness, not separation.

Brotherhood is the good deed, service to others. Brotherhood is food, shelter and raiment, yes, but it is also the word of hope, the pat on the back, the open door, the warm heart. It is living together, working together, laughing together, crying together and dying together.

Brotherhood is the active principle of service to one another of all of us—one under God.

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code, the introduction of the first executive budget, the creation of a state road fund, a revision of the state accounting system, and —most permanent of all, perhaps —authorization of the new Nebraska capitol and the beginning of its construction.

Prior to his election as governor, Mr. McKelvie had served on the Lincoln city council, as a member of the state legislature, and as lieutenant governor. Since 1905, he had published the Nebraska Farmer. He had attended Lincoln Business College and the College of Agriculture.

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