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## DENY VACCINATION CAUSE OF DEATH

### Dr. Lyman Issues Statement on Death of Mabelle Venner, '20

## FALSE REPORT IN PRESS

### Both Physicians Attending Co-Ed Quoted as Attributing Death to Blood Poisoning

The statement in Lincoln papers that Mabelle Venner, '20, of Eagle, who died at a local hospital Sunday morning, lost her life as an indirect result of vaccination has been strenuously denied by University authorities, and by Dr. F. L. Wilmeth of Lincoln and Dr. W. O. Bridges of Omaha, the physicians attending Miss Venner. In a statement to The Nebraskan Dr. R. A. Lyman, of the college of pharmacy, in charge of the recent vaccination in the University, declares that both doctors give blood poisoning as the cause of death and that they found no evidence whatever to indicate that the infection had any connection with her vaccination.

Miss Venner was vaccinated at her home in Eagle during Thanksgiving recess. When taken ill at Christmas time her wound was practically healed.

Dr. Wilmeth, the Lincoln physician attending Miss Venner, was credited in one Lincoln paper as having said that Miss Venner died from secondary infection following vaccination. According to Dr. Lyman, Dr. Wilmeth gives blood poisoning as the cause of death and authorizes his name in connection with the statement to that effect. The same paper, refers to the order for vaccination given by University authorities as compulsory. Officers of the institution have pointed out the falsity of this statement. The order urged vaccination in order to prevent the spread of the smallpox epidemic, and required that all those connected with the University be either vaccinated or examined daily. The ruling was in no way compulsory. University officials point out, and required no one who had scruples against vaccination to take the treatment.

Miss Venner was a member of Alpha Chi Omega sorority and was one of the most popular co-eds in the sophomore class. She received her grade school education in Lincoln, and attended the Temple high school, connected with the University, before matriculating.

Dr. Lyman's statement follows:

"To The Daily Nebraskan:

"The statement with reference to the death of Miss Mabelle Venner as it appeared in the daily papers of a few days ago was misleading. I have taken the matter up with Dr. F. L. Wilmeth of this city who attended her at the time of her death and also with Dr. W. O. Bridges of Omaha who was called in consultation upon the case. Both of these physicians have stated to me personally that Miss Venner died of a general septicemia, commonly known as blood poisoning and that there was no evidence whatever that the infection which resulted in her death, had any connection with the vaccination. Furthermore, the above named physicians have authorized me to use their names in connection with this statement in the daily papers.

"DR. RUFUS A. LYMAN."

## PROFESSOR GRANT TO DISCUSS ART EXHIBIT

### To Explain Illustrative Pictures at Convocation in Memorial Hall at 11 O'Clock Today

Professor Blanche C. Grant will discuss the annual January art exhibition now in the art gallery at 11 o'clock convocation this morning in Memorial hall. Professor Grant will have several illustrative pictures in Memorial hall this morning from the exhibition.

Ninety-two pictures all extremely interesting make up the collection. Fifty of the pictures were collected by Mrs. Melville Johnson, the chief art lecturer at the Panama exhibition. Some of the members of the Art association, who have seen the exhibition year after year, say that it is the best one that has ever been here.

The strongest individual picture and the one which is noticed the first by most since it directly faces the

door, is the large painting "La Paresse," by Lawton Parker.

Among the most striking pictures used as the centers of their respective walls are "La Paresse," "The Irridescent Pool," by William Ritschell, "Youth," by Gardner Symous, who painted "Winter Glow," which was here last year, and Honeycomb of Light," by Jonas Lie, a large picture of New York's lighted skyline in the latter part of the afternoon. T. Luis Mora has a picture "The Fortune Teller," which is a very unusual one only appealing to a few people.

The 38 pictures on the east wall are all by Jonas Lie; most of them were painted at time of the building of the Panama Canal and represent the huge cuts, cranes and locks used in the construction. One especially is interesting, "Heavenly Hosts," showing the cranes in action.

There are pictures by Prof. Blanche Grant, Mrs. Dean R. Leland and Mrs. Edminston.

The gallery opens to the public at 1 o'clock Tuesday and remains open a month. The proceeds will go to the Red Cross. There will be a stockholders' and contributing members' reception at 8 o'clock Tuesday and Dr. G. W. Lowrey will give an address Tuesday evening. Single admission for University students twenty-five cents and season tickets fifty cents.

## ATHLETICS TO CONTINUE AS WAR MEASURE

### National Collegiate Athletic Association Makes Decision During Holidays

College athletics will not be abolished but rather encouraged as a war measure was the decision reached by the National Collegiate Association at a meeting held during the holidays in New York. All leading athletic institutions from over the country were represented at this meeting. Dr. E. J. Stewart was the University of Nebraska representative.

There has of late been much criticism of the schools for continuing athletic activities, and it was thought that there would be a hard fight on in the meeting. All opposition was silenced, however, when letters were produced from both Secretary Daniels and Secretary Baker, urging the continuance of athletics on an even broader scale than heretofore. It was pointed out that college athletics had done more than any other one thing to develop the kind of men needed by the government now. It was urged that intra-mural sports be emphasized in particular, and that all students be induced to take some part in these sports. On the other hand, it is desired.

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## NEW YEAR'S EVE QUIET FOR STUDENTS

### General Ruling Bars University Watch-Night Celebrations

## MANY AT THEATRE PARTIES

### Work to be in Full Swing Today—A Number of Students Returned Late.

University students saw the old year out and the new year in last night with the least demonstration in many a year. Many indulged in no celebration whatever, trusted Father Time to complete the change without their aid and finished up the year with a few hours of French or Spanish.

No University parties were permitted after 8:30 o'clock under the general University ruling and those students who desired to celebrate enjoyed midnight matinees at the theatres or danced from one year to the other. Some organizations held meetings early in the evening with year-end programs and then adjourned at 8:30 o'clock, the individual members either to call it good or seek further amusement. Nearly all of the churches held services and students celebrated with the Young People's societies.

Practically every class was held yesterday according to schedule and work will be in full swing on a first day of the year for the first time within the memory of most of those connected with the University. A number of students returned late yesterday afternoon feeling that they must make the week's vacation as long as possible. One professor, however, reported that in five classes which he had during the day not a member of the class was absent.

With only three weeks of school left before the final examinations near-delinquents and Phi Beta Kappa aspirants are all getting down to work with grim determination for a period of grinding, and prospects are that New Year's resolutions will be kept for a record length of time this year.

## College Anthology Asks for Students' Poetry

The college anthology has sent out a request asking all students who write poetry to send in their best work for possible inclusion in the 1917-1918 Anthology. All poems should be substituted not later than March 5, 1918.

The College Anthology is a publication of poetry written by college students, issued in the spring of every

year. Poems are received from any student attending college anywhere in the country. All students having any talent at writing poetry are urged by the editorial department of the Anthology, to send in their best work. All poetry should be sent to the following address.

Mr. Henry T. Schnittkind, Ph. D., editorial department, the Statford company, publishers, 32 Oliver street, Boston, Mass.

## SPECIAL WINTER COURSE AT SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE

Forty dollars is the estimated cost of taking a special course, including all expenses, at the School of Agriculture this winter. From January 21 to February 18 special courses in nearly all agricultural subjects will be given. This four weeks' term will be especially for men, and boys over fifteen, who are able to get away from the farm for only a month at a time. Among the many subjects to be taken up will be rural architecture, beef cattle judging, animal pathology, all branches of dairying, entomology, farm management in all phases, plant pathology, poultry raising, and Nebraska soil conditions. Further information may be secured by addressing the Principal, School of Agriculture, University Farm, Lincoln, Neb.

## PROF. O. J. FERGUSON HEADS ENGINEERING COLLEGE

### Former Dean, Major O. V. P. Stout, Enters Active Military Service

Professor O. J. Ferguson, of the Electrical Engineering department of the University, has been made acting Dean of the Engineering College, because of the entrance of Dean O. V. P. Stout into the active service of the army. Major Stout will be stationed at Camp Lee, Petersburg, Virginia, after January 5, 1918.

The new acting Dean is a graduate of the University of Nebraska of the class of 1903. He received his masters degree in electrical engineering at Union College in 1909. Until the autumn of 1912, Professor Ferguson was engaged in commercial electrical work, when he came to the University as head professor of electrical engineering.

Professor Ferguson is a member of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, and of the Sigma Xi scientific fraternity. He has written text books on electrical engineering and electricity, that are used in many schools of the country.

The withdrawal of Dean Stout leaves several vacancies in University committees. (Continued on page two)

## STUDENTS TO HAVE REAL CORNHUSKER

### Is Final Decision of Publication Board

## TO EFFECT ECONOMIES

### Plan to Have Military Features and Yet Give Accurate Picture of Campus Life.

That the students are to have a representative Cornhusker, and not a war book, as had been proposed, was the final decision of the Student Board of Publication, at a meeting held Friday evening.

It is the aim of Wayne Townsend, editor-in-chief, to turn out a year book that will both reflect the work done by Nebraska men at the front, and the activities of the students who have made Nebraska's school year. The war material will be specialized but not to the exclusion of campus news. The annual will contain as usual, pictures of upper classmen and of organizations, but will omit the joke and other more frivolous sections, which would be inappropriate under the present conditions.

A meeting was held at the request of the student members of the Board Friday noon, before vacation, to discuss the character of the Cornhusker. At a former meeting it had been decided to have a "War Cornhusker" this year instead of the usual year book. This plan as adopted met with general disfavor among the students because such a book would contain no material from the campus, and would in no way represent student life. All presidents of school organizations were present at the meeting Friday and expressed themselves unanimously for a representative Cornhusker, in the nature of the annuals recently published, reduced and modified, and containing an especial section devoted to Nebraska men who are in the service.

At the meeting Friday noon Dean Stout appointed Prof. L. W. Chase, Wayne Townsend, and Katharine Newbranch, junior student member of the board, to act as a committee to outline a Cornhusker to meet as nearly as possible with the wishes that had been expressed by the students. Friday evening the Student Board of Publication met and accepted the book as outlined and approximately reduced by the committee. No fixed price has been set but there will be a reduction, probably amounting to a dollar or seventy-five cents.

## C. L. REIN SPEAKS AT LOUP CITY UNIVERSITY CLUB MEETING

C. L. Rein, of Lincoln, discussed "The University and the War," at a meeting of the Loup City University of Nebraska Club, December 27. Orpha Marie Outhouse, '10, was elected president of the club for the coming year at the meeting; Frederic Leschinsky, '09, vice-president; Maree Ohlson, secretary.

Pursuant to the suggestions contained in Dr. Rein's remarks, the club secretary writes Annis Chalkin, alumni secretary, that the club declared itself in favor of a candidate for the state legislature who would interest himself in the real needs of the University in general.

## LAW COLLEGE DEBATERS LOSE TO KANSAS CITY

### Missouri Veterans Take Unanimous Decision on Merchant Marine Question

In a hard-fought contest against veteran debaters representing the Kansas City college of law, Nebraska debaters were defeated by a unanimous decision at Kansas City Friday, December 21. The men defending Nebraska's side of the argument were Earl Jeffrey, '18, Elmore Schaberg, law '20, and James G. Young, law '20. The debaters did creditable work throughout and at no time showed signs of surrender. Jeffrey put forth one of the strongest arguments of the whole debate and was highly credited by some of the officials who were presiding.

Schaberg and Young showed strength in their debates and gave their opponents a hard battle in their respective rebuttals. (Continued on page four.)

## University of Nebraska's Roll of Honor

The Honor Roll today contains the remaining "M" names which are on file at the alumni office.

Anyone knowing of men who are not listed here or of whom the University has had no previous record will leave their names with Miss Annis Chalkin, alumni secretary. Be sure to give the complete name, address and the year in the University at the time of the persons withdrawal.

- Martin, L., 355th Infantry, Camp Funston, Kan.
- Martin, Oliver H., sergeant, K company, 5th Nebraska Infantry.
- Maryott, Gerald E., Company 4, 312 Supply Train, Camp Pike, Ark.
- Mason, John Glenn, first Lieutenant, 505th Engineers, Camp Lee, Va.
- Matheson, Earl, second Training Camp, Fort Snelling, Minn.
- Mathews, C. L. in wireless service, address is wanted.
- Mathews, Robert James, Battery 2, second R. O. T. C., Fort Snelling, Minn.
- Matousek, A., in Quartermasters Reserve, address is wanted.
- Mead, John Frank, lieutenant, Infantry, address is wanted.
- Meeker, Nathaniel H., Aviation Concentration camp, Garden City, L. I., N. Y.
- Meisinger, Leroy, Headquarters Department, 5th Nebraska Infantry, Camp Cody, Deming, N. M.
- Melcer, Jos. K., corporal, 355th Infantry, Headquarters company, Camp Funston, Kan.
- Melvin, Carl Gustaf, U. S. N. A., G company, 355th Infantry, Camp Funston, Kan.
- Melville, Geo., Camp Boone, Great Lakes, Ill.
- Menefee, Frederick N., captain, U. S. R., Ordnance department, Old Land Office building, Washington, D. C.
- Mengel, Carl W., 306th Regiment Engineers, National Army, Camp Jackson, Columbia, S. C.
- Merchant, T. O., Supply company, 134th U. S. Infantry, Camp Cody, Deming, N. M.
- Merriam, Benj. F., second Lieuten-

- ant, Aviation Section Signal Reserve corps, Camp Kelly, San Antonio, Texas.
- Metcalfe, Theodore, commissioned in Sixth Nebraska Regiment, Division Instructor, lieutenant, Camp Cody, Deming, N. M.
- Metz, Ivanhoe Kriebel private, Company 41, U. S. Marine corps, Paris Island, S. C.
- Meyer Carl Augustus, lieutenant, Medical Division, address is wanted.
- Milby, Geo. A., second lieutenant, first R. O. T. C., Fort Snelling, Minn.
- Miller Chris J., Naval Aviation Detachment, care Goodyear, Akron, Ohio.
- Miller, Donald Walters, Ambulance driver in Field service S. S. U. 30, Convois Automobiles, par B. C. M., U. S. Government Army, Paris, France.
- Miller, Harold P., first lieutenant, Signal Corps American Expeditionary forces France.
- Miller, John W., U. S. Naval Training station, Hospital school, Company 6, San Francisco, Cal.
- Miller, R. B., B company, Headquarters Train and Military Police, Camp Cody, Deming, N. M.
- Mizera, Frank, Fort Snelling, Minn.
- Moates, Guy Hort, P. F. C., Fort Logan, Colo.
- Mohrman, Chas. H., L company, second R. O. T. C., Fort Snelling, Minn.
- Monbeck, Roy R., second lieutenant, Engineers, U. S. R., Camp Custer, Kalamazoo, Mich.
- Montgomery, Wayne Ashton, second lieutenant, 8th Field Artillery, U. S. A., Fort Sill, Okla.
- Montgomery, Willard Scott, Coast

- Artillery, Camp Joseph E. Johnson, Jacksonville, Florida.
- Moore, Eugene, U. S. S. Oklahoma, care postmaster, New York, N. Y.
- Moore, Milan S., captain, 5th Nebraska Infantry, L company, 134th U. S. Infantry, Camp Cody, Deming, N. M.
- Moore, Roy W., D company, 112th Engineers, 37th Division, Camp Sheridan, Montgomery, Ala.
- Morehouse, Nye Franklin, captain, Infantry.
- Morris, Lafayette Irwin, lieutenant, U. S. A., Europe.
- Morris, Thurston J., lieutenant and adjutant, 5th Battalion, 163rd Depot Brigade, Camp Dodge, Des Moines, Ia.
- Mortenson, Crawford, Quartermasters Corps, Camp Dodge, Des Moines, Ia.
- Moser, Ellsworth, provisional second lieutenant, 36th Infantry, Regular Army, first R. O. T. C., Fort Snelling, Minn.
- Moser, Reuben Allyn, first lieutenant, Medical Reserve Special T. B. Work, Fort Beauregard, Alexandria, La.
- Mulac, Jaro, Medical department, American Expeditionary forces, 8th Medical Supply Department, D. C. M., Paris, France.
- Munger, Arbor Day, Company 1, M. O. I. C., Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind.
- Munson, C. S., Brigade Headquarters, Division '88, Camp Dodge, Ia.
- Murphy, Lawrence L., second lieutenant, first R. O. T. C., Fort Snelling, Minn.
- Murphy, Roland Edison, second R. O. T. C., Fort Snelling, Minn.
- Myers, Roy C., Aviation Section Signal corps, address is wanted.