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## PASS IN REVIEW FOR INSPECTION

### Student Soldiers and Sailors Well Drilled, Say District Inspectors

## ENTERTAINMENT FOR MEN

That the student army training corps of the University of Nebraska is settling down into perfect organization was the opinion of District Inspector Lieutenant Russell G. Crenston and Captain A. A. Padmore, Q. M. C., who witnessed "retreat" Wednesday night at which time all members of the S. A. T. C. and S. N. T. C. passed in review.

The inspecting officers stated that the unit here had progressed exceptionally well and was doing excellent work considering the short length of time it had been under way. Until this time there has been a constant transferring of men between companies but definite squads are now assigned and every man will know his place.

### To Entertain Soldiers

The drill of the army is not the only side of life for the student soldier, however. Beginning Saturday night of this week one hundred men in uniform will be selected to attend a dance at the Lincoln Commercial Club. Also on Sunday afternoon of each week one hundred men will be taken to dinner in different Lincoln homes. From three to five on Saturday afternoons, beginning week after next, the Orpheum will be open to men in uniform. Because of the fact that Section B men are uniformed at the present time they will be the first to share these festivities. Section A men need not become excited, however, and think they have lost out because of not being uniformed for there is no doubt that Section A will have its turn. There have been some

misunderstanding among men as to which section they belong. All men taking vocational work are in Section B and those registered for collegiate work are in Section A whether they be located on the city campus or the farm.

S. A. T. C. men at the farm are getting down to systematic work as well as those located in the city. The men there are quartered in new barracks and have mess facilities the same as those of the downtown campus. There has been a recent transfer of about four hundred and fifty men to the farm from here.

There are about one hundred anxious soldiers running around with a "heard anything yet about who goes and when?" having reference to selection for officers' training schools. No information is out as yet concerning this and the men will just have to patiently await their call.

## ECONOMIC COURSES ARE DROPPED FOR SEMESTER

Because of the withdrawal from the university of Professor G. O. Virne, the courses in foreign trade and economic history that were given by him, will be dropped from the schedules of classes. His courses in Economics I and II will be given by Professors England and LeRossignol.

The course in Economics I, meeting at 10 o'clock Monday, Wednesday and Friday in U 102 will be taken over by Professor M. T. England. Economics a meeting at 11 o'clock Monday, Wednesday and Friday in U 102 will be given by Professor LeRossignol. On account of the fact that the work of the present term is not so far advanced as usual, it will be possible for students to register in either class at this time.

Professor Bullock will take a fourth section in commercial geography at the state farm on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 4 o'clock, and this section is open for registration by all students who are on the state farm campus.

## KAISER MUST ABDICATE SAYS LEIPSIG PAPER

"In the minds of the German people responsibility for the present situation enters more and more clearly each day on the person of the Emperor." So says the Volks Zeitung of Leipzig, Germany, in discussing the German peace negotiations.

"We see in William II the last German military monarch. He must feel that he can no longer be what he has thought himself since the first day of his reign—an instrument sent by God and, above all, the chief of the most brilliant and best organized army."

"In 1885 the Emperor said he would sacrifice eighteen army corps and 42,000,000 inhabitants rather than give up a single stone conquered by his grandfather. Two million dead are more than eighteen army corps."

"The Emperor always has asked great patriotic sacrifices from his subjects. It is now for him to show his spirit of sacrifice and to withdraw. He would thus give a brilliant example of his understanding of the times and would permit the German people to obtain better peace terms."

## VISITED HUSKER

In a letter to R. T. Scott of Lincoln, dated September 12, Orville Chitt, a former university student and member of Phi Gamma Delta, mentions a visit which he had with Lorence Caley, Husker quarterback of the 1916-1917 season.

Chitt has headquarters in Paris and is quartered in one of the hotels there. He expects to be able to enter either the legal department or the aviation service soon.

## MERLIN B. WYATT

Dr. Merlin B. Wyatt, a graduate of Wesleyan and of the University of Nebraska, died at his home in Manning, Ia. He had been practicing in Manning for the past ten years, having received his M. D. degree in 1897. He leaves a wife and two children, a father and mother, and a brother, Ozren W. Wyatt, with whom he was associated in the practice of medicine.

## DISCUSSION GROUPS OFFICIALLY ENDORSED

### Privates and Officers Alike Approve Discussions on Soldiers' Problems

### Classes Organized in S. A. T. C. and S. N. T. C. at University

The attitude of military men towards the open discussion groups which are held in training camps throughout the country is well indicated by the following words from General Bell: "I consider the open discussions on Sundays in the barracks to be of incalculable worth to my men and to my country." The commandant of the Great Lakes naval station asked the Y. M. C. A. secretaries there to start such groups for his men before they did anything else, saying: "There is no bigger factor in establishing morale."

Such groups have been organized at the university under the auspices of the army Y. M. C. A. The proposition was presented by Walter Judd at the time Mr. Percy Atkins, who was with the Rainbow division doing "Y" work, talked to all men in the S. A. T. C. The book to be used as a guide in the discussions is called "The Soldiers' Spirit." It outlines and gives suggestions for discussions of problems that young men meet in the army. The response by the men indicate that they are heartily in favor of the proposition and Y. M. C. A. leaders count on a large attendance at the first meeting which will be held next Sunday morning.

### Naval Section Has Classes

The naval section of the S. A. T. C. will also have similar discussion groups except they will use another book as a guide called "His Master's Way." Merlin L. Springer, who was sent from the Great Lakes school to the university to join the S. N. T. C., made the following statement in praise of this work:

"Men who have returned from the naval training stations are wide in their praise of the work and helpfulness of the discussion groups. It is here that the fellows get together and talk over their troubles, and really come to know and appreciate the other men; where he helps the other fellow forget his sore spots and where in turn his own thoughts and thoughts are crowded out."

"The men rather looked forward to Sunday morning and the group meetings. Fully forty per cent of the men were regular attendants at the discussion groups. This is a remarkable showing and reveals the interest the

men held in such meetings. Especially is this so when one considers that a great many men were always out on week-end shore leaves. It is hoped and expected that every man will ally himself with one of his company groups and take an active part in the gatherings."

### Originated at Plattsburg

These groups were the outgrowth of an organization at Plattsburg, which at first consisted of just a few men gathered together to talk over some problems that confront all soldiers. The group increased in numbers until almost the whole company was enrolled in regular discussions. Officers, seeing the worth of such classes recommended that they be started in other schools and camps. Now the movement is country-wide, and similar organizations meet in "Y" huts across the sea.

## GOV. RECOMMENDATIONS HIT FRATERNITIES HARD

### War Department Suggests That Greeks Give Up Activities in S. A. T. C. Schools

Suspension of all fraternity life and activities in colleges and universities which have the students' army training corps, except such business meetings as are necessary to hold the organizations together, was recommended by the war department in a letter which has been sent out to college fraternities over the country.

"The war department, considering that fraternity activities and military discipline are incompatible in the very nature of things, feels that it is to the best interests of the service that the operations of fraternities in institutions where units of the students' army training corps are established be suspended for the period of the present emergency," the letter declared. "It further feels that the best interests of the fraternities themselves require such suspension, considering that the continued operation of the fraternities must result, due to the rapidly changing personnel and combined circumstances in lowering the high ideals established by the fraternities themselves, as well as in heavy financial loss to them."

The recommendation comes to the University of Nebraska after most of the fraternities have adopted measures looking to the shutting down of society life for the period of the war. The very nature of the S. A. T. C. makes it practically impossible for the Greeks to maintain expensive chapter houses. At least 90 per cent of the members are now living in the barracks provided by the army, and have their meals as well, under government supervision. With the idea of collective living and collective eating broken, the close bonds of fraternity life are broken. The men are separated and do not have the opportunity of getting together during the day and evening. So for these reasons, fraternity life as led in the olden days, must be abandoned by the Greeks until after the war.

### ACCOMMODATION

Prison Visitor—"My good man, is there anything I can do for you in the outside world?"

Convict—"I'd appreciate it very much, lady, if you'd call on the mayor and ask him to extend to me the freedom of the city."—Buffalo Express.

### FEMININE GEAR

"We're talking of taxing gowns, face powder, feathers and silk hosiery," remarked Congressman Wombat.

"Well?"

"I hope the women won't cite that as an example of man-made laws."—Courier-Journal.

### FLIGHTS

Father—"Money has wings and house rents make it fly."

Son—"Yes, and some houses have wings, for I've seen many a housefly."

Father—"You're smarter than your dad, my son, but I always thought that no part of the house but the chimney flew."—Boy's Life.

## FLUENZA FORBIDS NOTRE DAME GAME

### Lincoln Still in Grip of Epidemic —Saturday's Fray is Cancelled

### OFFER HOOSIERS NOV. 28

That old geezer, Spanish Flu, still has the city of Lincoln by the throat and refuses to relax his deathlike grip. Within twelve hours of the time when the Notre Dame Hoosiers were to board the cars for Lincoln, the aforementioned rascal lifts a scrawny arm and forbids the staging of the game.

Professor Scott, director of athletics at Nebraska, wired Coach Rockne at Notre Dame late last night that the Huskers would be unable to entertain his warriors on the scheduled date. The whole proposition tumbled to the bottom like a bag of wet sand. Coach Kline has been toiling with his pupils for weeks, in anticipation of the coming conflict, and the Notre Dame mentor was dithering his efforts. Both schools were getting keyed up to high G and were getting out their megaphones for the cheering.

### Lincoln Still Quarantined

The state ban on public gatherings lifts at midnight tonight but conditions in the city of Lincoln are still serious enough to compel the council to sit tight for a while longer. This puts the kibosh on the theatres, which were planning on opening Saturday, and on the churches which intended to start up again Sunday.

### Offers Thanksgiving Date

In the same telegram, Director Scott is offering the Hoosiers the Thanksgiving date, which cannot be disposed of for love or money. The Northwestern management declined to switch from November 23 to Turkey. (Continued on page 4)

## NEBRASKA BOY HELPING TO CLEAR THE SKIES OF "THE EVERLASTING HUN"

Lieutenant Dexter Ashley, formerly of Omaha, writes to his mother from France telling of some of the hairbreadth experiences that have befallen him during the short period he has been on the battle front. A letter received from Ashley on September 18th, just after he had been transferred from the British squadron to France, gives an interesting resume of exciting experiences "over there."

"Have reached my squadron at front and the fellows are certainly a going bunch; have not got into what they call 'war flying' yet as we new arrivals in the squadron have three weeks to 'brush up and polish off.' If a fellow proves himself good before that, however, they let him go. He then becomes a proper war pilot—and that is the thing."

"Our squadron has been doing good work in the scrap that's bringing in such good work for the allies. The other night eight or ten of them out and ran up against a larger formation of Huns, with their best machines. The Huns had the advantage of our boys in height, which is a great factor, and dove on our machines. Our fellows think they succeeded in shooting three of them, and then dove like blazes for our lines, as they were outclassed entirely."

"When they came back two of our boys were missing, although they only worried about one, as the other had been seen after the fight and was thought to have had a forced landing. They heard of him later as having arrived at a casualty clearing station. He had been shot through the back but not seriously, and is probably now on his way to Blighty. The other fellow was given up for lost, as one of the fellows had seen him going down on his back and then go into a slow spin." (Continued on page 4)

## BOYS OF THE KHAKI AGAIN IN TOILS OF "THE DAILY GRIND"

### Re-opening of the Portals Gladly Received by Many—Others Express Regret

The re-opening of the university to members of the S. A. T. C., and the resumption of class work Thursday, was received by the men with divergent feelings. Many, while not wanting to shirk the duties of the drill, were heard to express their opinion as being more than willing to start in upon the grind of study once more.

The freedom from study for the last two weeks has given the men an opportunity to catch up in their lessons, and to become thoroughly accustomed to the routine army life. During the vacation they have become settled in the barracks, and are now down to the brass tacks of army life. Drill has been the big thing in the life of the men for the last two weeks, and ten mile hikes taken in the late evening, after a hard day's drill on the none-to-soft streets of the city, have hardened the men to what they may expect while they are in the army of the United States. But for all the ten mile hikes, many of the men say that they would be glad to do nothing but drill 12 hours a day if they could get out of the "ever-lasting grind."

While the class work was very irregular yesterday, and there were numerous misunderstandings on the part of the faculty and students, many of the classes were held as per schedule, and assignments were made for the coming week. Most of the instructors merely met with the students to take roll call, and register new students, and very few held classes for the full hour. However, the classes in "war aims" met, and received regular lectures from the instructors.

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