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A Panacea For College Ills.

Educational agencies, without being con-
scious of doing so, have blundered on perhaps
the greatest of cures for the ills of the Ameri-
can university today.

That cure is the proposed extension of the
age up to which a child must remain in school
from the present 14 or 16 years to 18 years.
Authorities are recommending this step, as it
would aid materially in decreasing unemployment
and furnish the country young men and women
better equipped to do their life tasks.

But, authorities have failed to sense what
this would do for the universities and colleges
of this country. In brief, it would mean the
sending to the university students more fully
acquainted with what they intend to do in
life; students of a more mature nature; stu-
dents old enough to be away from the force
of parental guidance, students who would be
leaders instead of being easily led.

Picture the conditions as they exist today.
A youth, at the age of 16, is graduated from
high school. He comes to the university. He
is away from home probably for the first time
in his life. He is easily led. He wants to kick
over the traces, to celebrate his liberation from
the heavy hand of earlier restraining influ-
ences at home.

He does those things which he thinks are
"smart," giving no thought to where they may
lead him. He is here for a lark, and cares not
for books or real knowledge. He slides through
as easily as he can his first year or two. But
by the time he has reached his junior year, he
is eighteen, and much the wiser. He then re-
grets the fact that he has not studied before,
but two years are already wasted.

What a pity that so many must waste those
two years. And under the proposed extension
of the high school age limit they would not be
wasted. The youth would be at home longer.
He would have more training in the art of liv-
ing. He would have more ideas of what he in-
tended to make of his life. He would be more
mature, and the university would be rid of one
of its greatest problems—the student who is
easily led.

The time between the age at which the stu-
dent normally gets out of school under exist-
ing laws and the age at which he would ter-
minate his academic work under the proposed
new law could be well spent in other ways,
too. The student could, during that time, take
a number of courses now group requirements
in universities. He could be taught language,
the necessary mathematics, and more of his-
tory and perhaps political science.

Then he would come to the university ready
to specialize in the field of his choosing. Much
of his required work would be behind him.
He would be well fitted to cope with the prob-
lems of university life, in addition, would be
old enough to resist the call of the mob, old
enough to determine his own conduct in a
fashion that none could criticize.

Another reason why the university should
build a swimming pool and teach everyone the
aquatic art—so many students fall in creeks
every year while on picnics.

A Good Investment.
The university, so far as we can under-
stand it, is being asked to promise or guaran-
tee the sum of \$6,000 per year for interest and
bond payments on the proposed swimming pool
to be built in the coliseum. The regents and
the chancellor will meet, and the regents will
debate upon whether to vote such a "promise"
or not.

The reasons why they should:
1. Income from such a pool, for student reg-
istration, will amount to \$5,000 per year, on
the basis of 500 students in swimming classes,
at \$5 per student. Miss Lee, of the women's
physical education department, says she doubts
if she can restrict the women student registra-
tion to such a "small number as 250." Vogel-
er, of the men's side, says he is "sure that at
least 250 men will register for swimming, pro-
vided an adequate, university pool be con-
structed."

2. The university now pays, to downtown
pools, \$1,500 per year, not including payment
for use of downtown pools by varsity swim-
ming squad. They might as well pay this to
the support of a really adequate university
pool. Payments are now made outside of reg-
istration income.
3. Therefore it seems certain that income
will amount to at least \$6,500 per year. The
university, in making its promise, would lose
not a cent.
The reason why they shouldn't:
1. Income may possibly fall below this fig-
ure, and the university proper may have to
stand a slight loss. But, if the school can build
a swimming pool costing \$40,000 by suffering

even as much as a \$2,000 a year loss, the pro-
ject will be worth while. And the loss could
not continue more than a few years, the time
required for the yearly payments to clear up
the whole bond issue.

In addition, there may be a bet that some-
one is overlooking in regard to disposing of the
bonds. They will be bonds without security,
except the word of the university, as voiced by
the regents. But a construction company
might be willing to build the pool, and take
up the whole bond issue, providing the regents
and the administration guarantee the \$6,000
per year.

Thus there seems to be no good reason why
a pool should not be built this spring. Of
course, the university will probably refer the
matter to seven or eight committees, and stall
around a while. Red tape seems essential to
any institutional undertaking.

It is our hope that no time will be lost. The
time to build is NOW, when building costs are
from thirty to forty percent lower than nor-
mal. Money saved by building now will more
than make up for the disregard of the prop-
erties involved in doing away with the usual red
tape.

College heroes, says the Buffalo Evening
News, are young athletes who work their heads
off so their coach can get a job that pays more
money.

MORNING MAIL
What's Up?

TO THE EDITOR:
There has been much hullabaloo lately about
building a university swimming pool. What is
the situation? How is one to be paid for, and
what are the difficulties in the way of the
project?

Certainly there is enough student interest in
a swimming pool to insure its regular use by
most of the student body. Everyone likes to
swim. It's good exercise, and lots of fun.
Then, too, it is something everyone should
know how to do. Many a life has been saved
because someone "learned to swim while in
college."

Swimming is also one of the few collegiate
sports that is a "carry over." It is one that
everyone enjoys and participates in long after
he has departed bearing a diploma.

The University of Nebraska is one of the
few schools in the middle-west, in fact in the
whole country, which does not have a pool.
I don't know what all the difficulties are,
but I don't see just why a pool that could be
built for only \$40,000 could not pay for itself
in a very few years. If the university has to
make such a "guarantee" or "promise" as
has been reported, before bonds can be dis-
posed of, why then go ahead and do it. They
couldn't possibly lose money on their promise.
Income will exceed the amount promised, it is
certain.

The stadium was built on Faith, Hope, and
Charity, at a time when the athletic depart-
ment, piling up yearly deficits of fifteen thou-
sand dollars, was to assume the interest bur-
den of twenty more thousand. It paid out. The
coliseum was constructed by juggling, opti-
mism, and personal notes. It also succeeded.

Why not, just for a change, build a swim-
ming pool, on a really business-like basis? It
cannot fail!

A SENIOR.
Critics—Two Kinds.

We have on the campus two types of relig-
ious workers. Each has a different method
and approach. One type, for example, cures
our ills by removal of such temptations from
youth as cigarettes and suggestive movies.
This type first criticizes students and then
charges bribery on the part of the lawmakers
in the committees which kill or amend anti-
smoking or movie-censorship bills. The type,
using this removal method, gathers the kind
of student who clings to the orthodox with
which he was born in order to keep him on the
"straight and narrow."

The other type, while admitting that moves
are far from perfect, includes in its pro-
gram the broader aspects of social and politi-
cal life. It does not create antagonism by criti-
cism. It tries to create constructive social,
political, and religious ideals; it carries the
attitude of faith in one's fellow man and hope
for life at its best—and a willingness to see
greater possibilities in life. (Perhaps that is
religion.)

The point I wish to make is that the con-
structive type suffers by the method of the
other. Right or wrong in it, every intelligent
student has a strong instinct to escape from
the orthodox of his childhood. He will do
anything in order to make this escape. The
destructive method not only makes students
have a bigger "fling," but it creates deep-
seated inhibitions against the constructive pro-
gram, and false ideas as to the attitude of the
constructive type. These false ideas cause the
constructive worker to be looked upon as
"another W. C. T. U. hound." It is a crime
to cause youth to stay out of constructive
religious work because the worker might be
looked upon as a W. C. T. U. proxy with a
moral program which reaches no further than
"chewing-gum and cubes."

The unorthodox instinct previously men-
tioned may be wrong, but it is so dominant
and so prevalent in all intelligent students
that it must be dealt with and given scientific
attention. Likewise, the liberal and construc-
tive attitude in religious workers may be
wrong. However, the religious worker with-
out this attitude, who is inattentive of the
strong instincts to escape destructive orthodox-
ies within us, must either change his program
or it will perish. W. S.

Current Comment

Raise School Age.
Educational agencies are advocating an in-
crease in the age for compulsory education as
a permanent means of helping to relieve unem-
ployment. The compulsory age now ranges
from 14 to 16. National education leaders are
suggesting 18 as a universal minimum age at
which students could leave school.

Figures compiled by W. J. Cooper, United
States commissioner of education, estimates

that such an age limit would mean more than
a million fewer people to fight for employment.
To the commissioner, there is a still greater
advantage in the possibility that an extension
of the educational period would mean the send-
ing forth of the nation's young men and
women better prepared for the tasks they must
face.

The educational forces rallied around Mr.
Cooper are not opposing shorter working
hours and better wages, to absorb a larger num-
ber of workers and to give them greater con-
suming power. These, and even unemployment
insurance, are advocated, but only as cures.
Education, he urges, can help be a preventive
of unemployment.

Extension of compulsory education would,
unquestionably, reduce the number at any one
time seeking employment. Such an extension,
however, must be accompanied by a careful

adjustment of the curriculum. All students
are not adapted to an academic education. If
such students are to be kept successfully in the
schools until 18, many will have to take tech-
nical and mechanical training that will better
suit their needs and tastes.

In developing an extension of the minimum
age at which young people may leave school,
there are fundamentally two dangers: the failure
to provide a sufficiently varied curriculum
to meet the diverse needs of wide ranges of in-
telligence and interest and the failure to pro-
tect the purely academic preparation in the
high schools for those prepared to go on to col-
lege and university courses. Educational lead-
ers are far-seeing in their advocacy of the ex-
tending of education. It is to be hoped that
they will be as thoughtful of the real interest
of young people in planning curricula.—Lin-
coln Star.

Y. W. C. A. GROUPS
ANNOUNCE LEADERS

New Staff Heads Picked;
Executive Committee
Will Meet.

New leaders have been chosen
for the Y. W. C. A. staffs. Fol-
lowing is a list of the staffs, their
leaders, and the time of meeting:
Social staff, Carolyn White,
Thursday, 4:00; Poster staff, Con-
stance Kiser, Monday, 5:00; Pub-
licity, Rosaline Pizer, Monday,
5:00; Industrial, Mildred Dole,
Monday, 5:00; conference, Ger-
trude Clark, Thursday, 4:00; mem-
bership, Aileen Neely, Wednesday,
5:00; vesper choir, Dorothy Jen-
sen, Monday, 5:00; inter-racial,
Helen Cassaday and Catherine
Williams, Wednesday, 5:00; Ne-
braska in China, Julia Simanek,
Thursday, 5:00.

The executive committee meet-
ing will be held Monday at 4
o'clock in the Y. W. C. A. office,
it was announced.
All girls who have not decided
upon which staff they would like
to work, should see Miss Miller or
Marjorie Peterson in the Y. W. C.
A. office in Ellen Smith hall.
Other staff meetings will be an-
nounced later.

ALUMNI VISIT ON CAMPUS

Mr. and Mrs. Almy Return
to See Friends and
Relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Almy, of
Ann Arbor, Mich., both former
students at the University of Ne-
braska, have been visiting friends
and relatives in Lincoln, this last
week. Mr. Almy visited the chem-
istry department Friday. He re-
ceived his masters degree in chem-
istry in 1926 at Nebraska univer-
sity, and is working for his doc-
torate degree with a DuPont fel-
lowship at the University of Michigan
at Ann Arbor. He is a member of
Alpha Chi Sigma and Sigma Xi.
Mrs. Almy was formerly Ruth
Bobbitt and is a member of Alpha
Delta Theta.

Y. W. C. A. EMBRACES A
MIL-LION; MAINTAINS OF-
FICE AT GENEVA.

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organization they are much better
fitted to understand these prob-
lems later on.
Behind all these activities there
is a fundamental Christian ideal-
ism expressed. In discussion
groups this is brought out.
"There is a unique relationship
between the secretary and the
club members," explained Miss
Miller. She does not do the vari-
ous duties and if she does she feels
that she fails in her position. "The
secretary should serve as an ad-
visor and keep the cabinet in con-
tact with the national and interna-
tional organization," she said.

SCHOOLS REQUEST
DR. THOMPSON TO
JOIN COMMITTEE

Dr. T. J. Thompson, dean of
student affairs, has been invited
to become a member of the com-
mittee on athletics of the com-
mission on institutions of higher
learning in the North Central as-
sociation of colleges and second-
ary schools. This committee was
established five years ago to study
and promote a better understand-
ing of the relationship of athletics
and education.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN
Y. M. WORKERS
HOLD CONCLAVE

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National.
Study of personal problems.
Student movement week.
Summer training conference.
Announcement of national con-
ferences and meetings.
Miscellaneous business.
Closing devotions.
Adjournment.
Sunday, 8 p. m.
Meeting in Ellen Smith hall to
discuss the Estes conference to be
held in Estes Park at the close of
the school year. Mr. Elliott will
talk and all those interested in at-
tending the conference are invited
to attend.

DR. POOL TO GIVE
LECTURE TUESDAY

An illustrated lecture on Nor-
way will be given by Dr. Raymond
J. Pool, chairman of the depart-
ment of botany, next Tuesday
evening, April 14, at 7:30 o'clock, in
Bessey hall auditorium. Everyone
is invited to the lecture, which is
given under the auspices of the
Scandinavian club of the univer-
sity.

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Hayseed and Haywire
By
GEORGE ROLAND

Now, about the 1931 Farmers'
Fair, Hazel Benson, co-chairman of
the concessions committee is doing
her bit toward making it a suc-
cess. Already she had made big
plans with Ralph Copenhaver for
the concessions.

Now that elections to Alpha
Zeta, Omicron Nu and other hon-
oraries upon the Ag campus have
been announced, attention is being
turned toward the probable initia-
tes for next year. There are al-
ways some surprises.

Salley Seely is another home ec
student who is laying big plans for
the 1931 Farmers Fair. Miss Seely
is co-chairman of the parade execu-
tive committee. Floats used in the
parade this year will be on exhibi-
tion on the campus during the day,
something heretofore unthought
of during the fair.

Prof. H. J. Gramlich and the rest
of the instructors in the animal
husbandry department at the col-
lege of agriculture are preparing
to entertain more than 2,000 farm
people this week end for Feeder's
day. This is the nineteenth annual
event and Gramlich is freely pre-
dicting that all time attendance
records will be broken.

Students on the Ag campus are
looking forward to this month's
edition of the Cornhusker Coun-
tryman which will probably appear
this week. Editor Boyd Von Seg-
gern has planned a special issue,
and students are anxious to see it.
Von Seggern in editing the college
magazine this semester has
changed the style of makeup and
is putting out a real magazine.

Rumor has it that the boys who
are to be used in the pageant this
year are already rehearsing the
dance of the sex veils. They lost
the other one. What a dance it
should be.

Trying to throw baseballs into a
man's mouth may not be up to
Hoyle, but nevertheless, the thou-
sands of persons gathered at the
college for the fair will have that
opportunity. Those in charge of
the contest, however, are having a
hard time trying to find someone
with a big enough mouth. Perhaps
they will have to go to the city
campus.

We often wonder why the city
police department doesn't send a
cop out to Ag to keep the cars
from parking in restricted areas.
Not once in a while but everyday
the main drag from Ag hall to ag-
ricultural engineering is crowded
with cars.

Article by Dr. Fordyce
Appears in Telephony

In the current issue of Tele-
phony, national journal of the
American Telephone company, ap-
pears an article on "Researches in
the Field of Vocational Analysis,"
by Dr. Charles Fordyce of the de-
partment of educational psychol-
ogy and measurements. The ar-
ticle deals with measuring devices
for selecting telephone operators.

DEBATERS TO ENTER
IN LEAGUE TOURNEY

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strict winners and their sponsors
follow.
District, winner and sponsor:
1—Humboldt, D. E. Weber.
2—Plattsmouth, Gerald V. Kvan-
nicka.
3—Omaha Technical, Ira O.
Jones.
4—Lyons, Harry R. Hoy.
5—Wayne, Howard R. Best.
6—Beatrice, R. B. Carey.
7—Jackson at Lincoln, Mrs. Ma-
bel D. Thompson.
8—Osceola, Miss Edith E. Wil-
son.
9—Grand Island, Carl F. Han-
sen.
10—Norfolk, Glen A. Warner.
11—Geneva, Howard W. Hamil-
ton.
12—Holdrege, Edward S. Betz.
13—Broken Bow, Frank M.
Rice.
14—Nebraska School of Agri-
culture at Curtis, C. K. Morse.
15—Bayard, F. C. Prince.
16—Chadron, Miss Mildred Verry

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Y. GROUPS EXPECT 75
AT SUNDAY MEETING

Wendell Groth Will Speak
Of Conference at
Estes Park.

Seventy-five are expected to at-
tend the meeting of the Y. W. C. A.
which will be held Sunday evening
at 8 o'clock at Ellen Smith hall.
Those attending the meeting will
include students who have at-
tended the Estes park conference,
those planning to go, and anyone
who is interested.

Wendell Groth, former univer-
sity student who is now a trav-
eling secretary for the Rocky moun-
tain region of the Y. M. will be
present and give a short talk about
the coming conference. Glenn Grif-
fith also a secretary will be pre-
sent for the affair. Harold Colvin,
regional secretary, whose head-
quarters are in Topeka, is expected
to arrive in time for the meeting.
Gertrude Clarke, chairman of
the conference staff of the Y. W.
and Meredith Nelson, vice-presi-
dent of the Y. M. have charge of
the arrangements.

11 STUDENTS SECURE
TEACHING POSITIONS

Several Nebraskans Placed
For Next Year During
Past Week.

Eleven University of Nebraska
students have secured teaching
positions for the next school year
within the past week, according to
the announcement made today by
R. D. Mertz, director of the univer-
sity's bureau of educational
service.

Names of these students and
their prospective positions follow:
Hester Axtell of Fairbury,
junior high at Grand Island.
Margaret Crosby of Boone,
seventh and eighth grades and
home economics, at Papillion.
Lillian Degner of Sterling, pri-
mary at Hickman.
D. Dwight Fellows of Imogene,
Ia., superintendent at Hastings,
Ia.

Marjorie Foreman of Lincoln,
English and commercial at Long
Pine.
Esther Mitchell of Republican
City, normal training at Curtis.
Margaret O'Rourke of Creston,
Ia., English at Holdrege.
Harvey Seng of Lincoln, voca-
tional agriculture at Burwell.
Almira Thomas of Lincoln, in-
termediate grades at Scribner.
Melba Waterman of Hooper, pri-
mary grades at Crofton.
Virgil Yowell of Bridgeport,
Kas., commercial work at Schne-
tady, N. Y.

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Twofold Nature of Beauty."

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DRAWS 1,200 PEOPLE

Coliseum Depicits Typical
'Bomb Town in Nevada'
Friday Night.

MANY WEAR COSTUMES

Twelve hundred people attended
the all-university party held in the
coliseum Friday night, according
to George Thomas, member of the
committee in charge. Thirty-five
faculty members were in attend-
ance at the event which was typi-
cal of a "boom town in Nevada."

Western costumes were worn by
the faculty members, some of the
guests, and all the attendants at
the various gambling devices.
Eddie Jungbluth's orchestra played
for the dance.

According to Thomas, the most
complete ceiling ever constructed
in the coliseum was used for the
party. Part of the football field
canvas covering was used to give
a tent top appearance, high in the
middle and brought down on the
sides. Rough lights were suspended
from this at intervals.

Dan McGrew Acted.
Other features of the decorations
were a "With Fire and Sword" of-
fice, a bank, and a divorce court.
The shooting of Dan McGrew was
recited and acted out during the
course of the evening. Refresh-
ments consisted of sixty-five gal-
lons of beer served over a bar by
bar tenders at one dollar (barb
count) money a drink. Dice,
roulette, and other forms of gam-
bling were indulged in during the
evening.

Fake money was used for every-
thing. One party was reported
\$700,000 ahead at the roulette at
one time in the evening. He quit
after getting down to \$100,000.
According to Thomas, the party
was "pretty much of a success."

PLAYERS' FINAL
FOOTLIGHT BOW
BEGINS MONDAY

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ble lover and Paul Thompson, the
aristocratic Sir Robert.

As the family battle waxes
warm, three guests drop in for a
night at the "Bird in Hand." Wil-
liam F. Thompson, Herbert Yenne
and Leland Bennett are the guests
and they enter into the family dis-
cussion with spirit.

Argument Ends Act.
The close of act I finds the
Greenleaf family submerged in the
romantic argument with Father
Greenleaf making a scene and the
guests and Greenleaf family bant-
le second act is played in an upstairs
room of the "Bird in Hand." Here
the battle continues, with the
guests and Greenleaf family bant-
ling over Joan's love affair, al-
dred in pajamas, night shirts and
dressing gowns. Gerald Arwood
makes a forced landing in the up-
stairs room, having climbed up the
side of the "Bird in Hand."

This act has been branded one
of the funniest dramatic scenes of
all time. The entire play is filled
with humorous lines and amazing
situations, giving evidence of John
Drinkwater's uncanny understand-
ing of human nature and stage de-
vices.

Following each performance of
"Bird in Hand," reservations will
be accepted for season tickets for
next year's Players program. Tas-
sels, girls' prep organization, has
taken over the sales campaign and
will begin its drive this week.



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