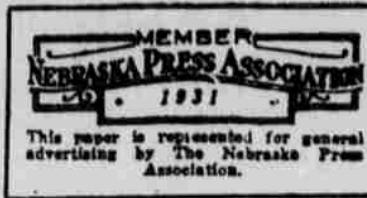


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How About
This Dormitory!

The announcement that the university will receive bids for the construction of a dormitory, the first one to be built on this campus, comes as the result of much investigation on the part of those who want the dormitory, and it comes also in spite of the fact that a good many people oppose the move. Last year there was considerable agitation over the matter when the university tried to get an appropriation from the state.

The financial arrangements for the first unit of the project have now been settled, but the criticism and comments have by no means subsided. Those who advocate that the state should undertake construction work to provide jobs for the unemployed, will, no doubt, approve of the project. And those who think that the university should have dormitories for girls are rejoicing that the dormitories will soon be built.

A note of dissent, however, appears in the Morning Mail, wherein it is charged that the dormitory will deprive landladies of their only source of income. I. W. claims that any good this undertaking will do in regard to providing jobs and creating prosperity will be nullified by the fact that a large number of rooming houses will be vacated and their proprietors left flat.

There is a grain of truth in this consideration of the matter, for it cannot be denied that a dormitory will to some extent cut down on the number of roomers that landladies will have. But the landladies will not be the only ones to suffer. They will not lose as many roomers as the dormitory gains. Sororities will also lose their share of girls.

But this view of the matter is not the one that the university administration has taken. The administration has in mind a residence for out-of-town girls that will provide all modern conveniences and be an aid to finer living and nobler thinking. Considerable study has been given to the design, methods of operation and success of dormitories in other schools, and, after much of this investigation, it was deemed advisable to build a girls dormitory at this university.

Sororities will not approve of this new competition, nor will landladies. But we should also keep in mind the fact that the university must provide adequate rooms near the campus for girl students and must help the student in every way possible to live comfortably, amid uplifting surroundings. The university must see that its purpose is fulfilled, and the forlorn landladies will have to be taken care of some other way.

Headline—Cancer cells are called racketeers in human system. We just knew that darn stuff would get into our system.

The Super
Education.

One of the professional "educators" has just been among us and has left behind him a chorus of high praise. One of the echoes, Pangloss, had this to say in yesterday's Morning Mail. "In one striking metaphor Dean Haggerty characterized the contrast between modern education and the highfrown and impractical theories of other days. He said, 'A roomful of white mice is of more importance to modern education than all your philosophers.'"

Sometimes it strikes us that the results achieved by "modern education," particularly by that part of it which is firm in the grasp of the "educators," the elementary schools, bear out the literal truth of the Minnesota dean's metaphor. One wonders whether teachers don't actually know more about "white mice" than about anything else. Certainly they often betray "abysmal ignorance" of the subjects which they struggle to teach. Notwithstanding the training they get in up-to-date technique of teaching, they fail dismally when they attempt to teach. Witness, for example, the number of freshmen who come to the university every year without even a rudimentary knowledge of English grammar, or even of spelling, altho "modern education" has had its way with them in these subjects for twelve years. Before anything can be done with them in the university it becomes necessary for the English department to stop and mark time teaching ten-year-old subjects. If the common school teacher cannot even manage such primary subjects successfully, how much more inefficiently they must teach all the other subjects in the curriculum.

God forbid the modern educators should ever conquer the university with their statistical mirrors and their "white mice" methods. Let them straighten out first the muddle into which their misguided enthusiasm for "scientific method" has plunged the rest of the system. And God forbid, Pangloss, that the time will come when "they will be able to condition accurately the future of every child that comes under their hand." Then we shall all be white mice, and blind ones at that.

A Change in
The Public's Taste.

The recent Al Capone trial in Chicago lent a new aspect to the gang situation in that city. Judge Wilkerson making it known that the scar-faced gentleman from Sicily was nothing more or less than another case to him. His sentence indicated that he held no fear of the gangster's power. The trial also brought another new angle to the day's news. The Chicago Evening Post after a comprehensive survey of its readers played the Capone trial "down" in its news columns.

Capone's trial was deflated considerably and the paper allotted it but two columns a day while other papers were playing it up with from fourteen to eighteen columns daily. Publisher K. L. Ames, jr., believed Post readers did not want long accounts of legal skirmishes, the color of Capone's neckties, the size of his bodyguard, and the numerous other "human-interest" angles. He suggested a canvass of readers.

Letters, messages, telephone calls, and personal talks all indicated overwhelmingly that the Capone trial should be cut down, some even going so far as to suggest that it be cut out altogether. The Post gave it a top head on page one and a runover of a column on the inside. The only art work used was a scene in the courtroom on the day the verdict was given. The verdict also merited the only eight column streamer of the trial.

Along with this plan the Post has adopted the policy of placing all routine accident, crime and divorce news in the column called, "City News Briefs." All this news is being cut to one paragraph.

The realization that the reading public in the United States is no longer interested in news of the criminal gangs is odd, indeed, and has been a long time coming. Now, however, that the lead has been taken, other papers will probably follow in rapid order and the day may soon arrive when the "big-shot-at" of gangland can be "taken for a ride" with never a ripple on the surface of the front page waters.

As long as cigarettes are known as coffin nails, it would be a lot more appropriate to have undertakers on the cigaret ads instead of doctors.

MORNING MAIL

The New Dormitory.

TO THE EDITOR:

The announcement was made last week that plans for girls' dormitories were complete. The long struggle for girls' housing units is ended, and construction will start soon. The state is going to spend a few hundred thousand dollars and receive some buildings in exchange. This announcement is going to make a number of women start thinking. They are going to start wondering what they will do with a number of empty rooms left vacant by girls who will now live in dormitories. They are going to wonder what new line of endeavor they must now turn to, since renting rooms is no longer possible. Yes, renting rooms to boys will still be possible, but the number that each woman receives as roomers will be small indeed.

The announcement that dormitories will be constructed comes at a bad time. In a year of prosperity this announcement would probably pass by unnoticed. Coming as it does in a year of depression, it is bound to attract a great deal of attention. And the favorable comment that this project will receive, will not come from women who run rooming houses. It will not help the depression in their case. Nor on the other hand will it create enough employment to help other people. The few dollars that trickle into the purse of a woman who conducts a rooming house, go much farther than the lump sum split up among a number of men at trades. There is other work for men with trades besides building dormitories. For the women who conduct rooming houses there is little else to turn to. Women may have equal rights with men, but they are limited in their diversifications by the fact that they are women. It is only right, then, that they should be entitled to first consideration.

It seems a little odd that those big, broad minded men who conduct our affairs of state should deprive some women of their only means of support. It seems a trifle strange that in these times of depression, construction, which will even more so add to the heavy hand of depression, is legislated.

I. W.

NEWSPAPER TALK

Serious Coeds.

The latest product of our higher education is a scheme evolved at the University of Southern California, under which co-eds will undertake to determine how far their suitors measured up to the requirements of the "perfect man" and to adjust the cost of dates accordingly. If the man who asks for a date is rated 100 percent, according to the standards the girls have adopted, they agree to carry all the expenses of the entertainment. If he rates less than 100 percent, they will carry a share of the expense inversely proportionate to the deficiency.

There are grave fears attached to the values which the co-eds have decided to use in rating their masculine friends. They propose to assign 20 percent for intelligence, 25 percent for cultural background, 10 percent for a sense of humor, and 10 percent for personality. In other words more than half of the 100 percent is composed of ideal elements in the human personality, while only a fractional proportion is to be allowed for such practical factors as personal appearance, dancing ability, courtesy and physical fitness.

From this table it would seem that the feminine contingent at the University of Southern California is ambitious to put social relationships with the other sex in an ideal vacuum from which feminine likes and dislikes have been excluded. Of the desire of the California co-eds to attain this ethereal perfection we have no doubt, but unless they differ from co-eds in all other sections they are likely to fall far short of their ideal and will find caprice entering into their judgment in a remarkable degree. What is more, they may find their masculine fellow students preferring an element of caprice and refusing to abide by supposedly ideal judgments rendered in a vacuum.—Syracuse Daily Orange.

EPISODES

By Oliver DeWolf

And then there was the mother who wrote a note to the county nurse explaining that it would be impossible to give her young son a much-needed bath until the sauerkraut barrel was empty!

Dino Grandi, so the story goes, tossed a coin into the historic Potomac river to be sure that he would come back to Washington. The coin throwing may be an old Spanish custom, but nevertheless, Grandi is back, and how! Dino Grandi, foreign minister for Italy, and one of the world's youngest diplomats at the age of thirty-five, is visiting the United States to discuss international problems with President Hoover. The customary New York hospitality to distinguished foreign visitors greeted him despite a thick pea-soup fog that settled on that city. The entire world is looking forward to the young fascist's conversation with President Hoover, and not without just cause.

While commenting on the visit of Dino Grandi, it is not difficult to recall that President Hoover had a very interesting little conversation with Premier Ramsay MacDonald of Great Britain on the banks of the Rappadon concerning navies. Not so long ago Premier Laval of France, felt the urge to have a friendly chat with Mr. Hoover, so he immediately hopped on a boat, and in company with his daughter, paid Mr. Hoover a visit. Everything was peaceful until one Senator Borah, of Idaho, entered into the conversation during a little party at the home of Secretary of State Stimson. The result was that Mr. Borah dispensed with the services of the interpreter and told Monsieur Laval a few things about Europe that weren't exactly to the Frenchman's taste. The same Mr. Borah also had occasion to swap a few adjectives with the Polish ambassador about the subject of the Polish corridor, but everyone went home feeling happy. Now we have Signor Grandi's little visit, result unknown. One wonders what magnetic attraction Mr. Hoover has, that draws all these distinguished foreign visitors to our shores.

There is a new drug, but it probably isn't on the market. It is called sodium amytal, and it possesses that marvelous power that makes people tell secrets. Under the effect of a small dose of this drug, a person is unable to refuse to answer questions about the most intimate matters. Aside from using it on co-eds, one wonders if County Attorney Max Towle would n't like to try a little of this drug on Gus Winkler!

Sidelights: Japan and China are still carrying on their little war in Manchuria. . . . It is estimated that the Australian wheat crop will be 20 percent less than the crop of 1930. . . . Omaha seems to be solving her little gang troubles. . . . Theodore Dreiser has been indicted by Kentucky grand jury on the charge of criminal syndication. . . . The widow of the late Senator Caraway, of Arkansas, will succeed him in the coming session of congress. . . . The League of Nations is facing its most critical test in an effort to prevent war in Manchuria. . . . and from the Sunday State Journal and Lincoln Sunday Star the headline, "Coolidge finds a life of quiet to his liking."

There is a new extension to offer.

NEW TEACHING PLAN

(Continued from Page 1.)

Peiffer, "History of Italy," "Europe After 1815," "The Renaissance"; Prof. J. E. Sellers, "Recent American History," and "The West in American History." Miss Adeline Reynoldson is teaching a course, "The British Overseas Empire." E. N. Johnson has two courses, one "European History to the French Revolution," and the other "European History after the French Revolution." J. C. Caldwell is offering two courses in English history. Miss Lyman Teaches.

Miss Blanche M. Lyman is teaching the following courses: "A Survey of American History to 1828," illustrated by means of motion pictures prepared by Yale university, the "Yale Chronicles of American Photodramas," a course, "Survey of American History to 1828," without the motion pictures, and "Survey of American History After 1828."

Prof. Roy E. Cochran is offering four courses, two on "History of the Foreign Relations of the United States," "The Era of the American Civil War," and "The Reconstruction Era."

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From the fund of his own experiences in China, Dr. Anton H. Webb will discuss the Manchurian crisis at World Forum luncheon Wednesday noon at the Grand hotel. For four years from 1934 until 1928, Dr. Webb served as missionary in Yachow, Szechuan province, China.

Dr. Webb, who was sent to China by the American Baptist board, will explain the background, and some of the events leading up to the situation in Manchuria today. He will also offer suggestions as to possible solutions for the international differences represented in the dispute now in progress.

Tickets for the luncheon are on sale today in Social Sciences building from 9 until 1 o'clock, in the Y. M. C. A. offices, or in Ellen Smith hall immediately preceding and following Vespers services at 5 o'clock. If purchased today, the price is twenty-five cents. They are available at the door Wednesday for thirty-five cents.

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