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## Hodge Podge For Thursday.

IN today's issue of the Nebraskan appears an article dealing with the place of vocational guidance, and its place in our high schools and colleges. The question is a controversial one, and on several occasions has raised a rumpus in the educational world during the past few years.

Particularly has the storm been at its peak during the past few months, what with the new deal, and philosophy of revolt running rampant in the minds of the average individual.

The controversy is not hard to analyze, if one is willing to accept a broad outlook on this whole matter. During the past few depression years there has been a strong tendency for thinking men to place more stress on the social sciences. During the preceding decade our whole national life was built largely around specialization in the fields of finance, engineering, and the professions. They have become overcrowded and as a result thousands upon thousands of our college and high school trained youth have joined the ranks of the unemployed. Certainly, if we accept this condition as a direct result of overspecialization, we must admit that vocational instruction in our public school system is at best a trifle unsteady.

THE recreation program of the summer session, and more particularly its sports program is evidently well under way, according to assurances from the student committee working under the direction of Prof. E. W. Lantz. Of some interest seems to be the "kitten ball," or playground baseball games among the men and women. Just what the committee will eventually do in regard to organizing this sport for summer school students is not known at this time. But whatever the actual course of the sport, students will find an evening of this sport an excellent tonic to keep in good spirits.

AND in regard to the place of athletics in educational institutions it is interesting to relate the plans of the university department of athletics to put on a large "athletics for all" program next year on this campus. With the return of minor sports this spring, and the increase in participation in undergraduate intramural athletics, it looks as though the concentration on "big time" athletics is distinctly passe.

THAT was a rather bitter denunciation of education and educational leaders H. L. Mencken set forth in a recent issue of the Liberty. What Mr. Mencken wants is a return to teaching of the three Rs in our public schools. He thinks that schools are too expensive, and that pedagogs are better speech makers and politicians than real honest to goodness teachers. Mr. Mencken's statements run cross grain to the plea now prevalent in nearly every section of America. Education must be brought to the fore, if youth is to be prepared to face the problems of the new deal, this sentiment seems to indicate. But perhaps Mr. Mencken is somewhat justified.

ANOTHER mixer Friday night. Last Friday the committee in charge of the affair seemed quite elated over the large turnout. They promise a low admission price if the throngs continue. But they

## 10 Greatest Living Americans Headed By F. D. Roosevelt

Franklin Delano Roosevelt, president of the United States, heads the list of ten greatest living Americans recently named by E. A. Ross, nationally-known professor of sociology at the University of Wisconsin.

Others named by Professor Ross include the following: Louis D. Brandeis, United States supreme court justice; Jane Addams, social work and founder of Hull House, Chicago; Norman Thomas, socialist party leader; John Dewey, philosopher; Eugene O'Neill, American dramatist; Sinclair Lewis, Nobel prize winner in literature; Upton Sinclair, author of forty books exposing social evils; Thomas Hunt Morgan, California physiologist who was recently awarded the Nobel prize; and Margaret Sanger, active in the establishment of birth control clinics.

are in a dilemma as to just how they are to preserve the democratic school spirit of the affair. They have announced a hostess system for Friday's mixture. If summer students want a greater spirit of democracy at their parties, they should act accordingly. Then, too, the committee will always be glad to accept worthwhile suggestions.

EVIDENTLY the drouth, the grasshoppers, the floods, the chinch bugs, an d other forages on Nebraska crops are not effecting the summer school registration. Indications point to a near equal of last years low mark.

## TEACHERS TO GATHER ON CAMPUS JUNE 27 FOR 3-DAY CONCLAVE

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will be presented by Doctor Wesley on "What Changes Must Be Made in the Social Science Curriculum on the College and Secondary Levels. Closing the afternoon's work will be an open group discussion with Dr. J. L. Sellers, university professor of history, in charge.

Thursday morning's session, with Supt. J. C. Mitchell of McCool presiding, will be addressed by Doctor Wesley on "What Changes Must Be Made in the Social Science Curriculum on the Elementary Level." At 10 o'clock Dr. Helen McIntosh will speak on "Fundamental methods in Teaching the Social Sciences in the Elementary Schools." The session will be closed by Doctor Burton who will have as his subject "Supervising the Social Sciences in the Primary Schools."

The afternoon session will open at 2 o'clock with Supt. M. C. Lefler of Lincoln as presiding officer. "The Future of the Small High School and Some Implications of Administration and Supervision Growing Out of Economic and Social Changes" will be discussed by Doctor Pittman.

At 3 o'clock Miss Alice Sowers will lecture on "What the Schools Can Do to Make Parent Education More Helpful to the Schools" and at 6:30 the conference dinner is scheduled in the Student Activities building on the ag campus. Chancellor E. A. Burnett will preside.

Following the dinner a panel discussion will be conducted under the direction of C. A. Bowers, on significant changes in the social science curricula for the new day.

Friday morning's session will have as presiding officer Miss Chloe Boldridge and Miss Alice Sowers will open the business with a lecture on "The contribution Which Parent Education Makes to School Education." Following her talk Dr. P. G. Johnson, supervisor of physical and biological sciences in Teachers College high school, will speak on "The Natural Sciences and Social Life in Rural Communities."

At 11 o'clock Doctor Pittman will discuss "A Supervisory Program for Rural Schools in Nebraska." Luncheon with Miss Eva B. Shuman will be held at the Y. W. C. A.

The closing session of the conference with Mrs. Alberta Balance presiding, will be opened by Miss Alice Cusack talking on "Influences of the Social Science on the Reading Program of the Elementary School." The concluding address will be given by Doctor Pittman on "The Supervisory Program, Applied to the Field of Reading."

## Educational World Pretty Well Split Over Subject of Vocational Guidance

Editors note: Much has been said recently concerning the value of vocational guidance in our public school systems. In the following article reprinted from a recent issue of the Literary Digest an accurate summation is made of the question, particularly with respect to the problems facing youth in the new deal.

Is vocational guidance a fake medicine with false claims, or is it a useful and dependable aid directing young people into the proper jobs and careers? If recent outbursts of educators are to be taken at face value, the educational world is pretty well divided on the subject, and the depression, with its surplus of workers over jobs, brought about the split.

"Vocational guidance as practiced today in high schools and colleges throught the country can lead only to shattered hopes and bitter disappointment for hundreds of thousands of students now receiving the so-called vocational counseling," asserted Dr. Irving Lorge, the protagonist of the fight. Doctor Lorge, who is research associate in the Institute of Educational Research at Teachers college, Columbia university, based his remarks on a 12 year survey in which 2,500 boys and girls in New York City elementary schools were studied.

"Vocational guidance is in danger of making a virtue of charlatanism," he said. Counselors and advisers, supposedly mapping out the type of work best suited for adolescents and adults, have no more basis in rendering their decisions than have fortune-tellers, astrologists, or palmreaders, he said, adding that vocational guidance today "is no better than guessing and considerably less honest."

These were strong words, and found quick reply from Dr. Harry D. Kitson, who is director of the vocational guidance department of Teachers college, Columbia university. Doctor Kitson has devoted years of work in the field and strongly denied that vocational guidance is "fortune-telling." He challenged Doctor Lorge's conception of guidance, and said it was anything but clairvoyance.

The well-trained vocational counselor, Doctor Kitson said, will refuse to predict a vocation for an advisee, deeming it "morally wrong to make people's decisions for them." The proper function of the counselor "is to help the individual to become interested in worthy occupations, to find information about them, and to examine the conditions, opportunities and rewards obtained in them. He also assists the individual in making an inventory of his present assets—physical, psychological, social, and economic.

"The enlightened servants of the vocational guidance movement are not trying to make of vocational guidance a science. Even at its highest development it will only be an art like the practice of healing, teaching, and nursing."

Another educator of Teachers college at Columbia, Dr. Harold F. Clark, economist, entered the vo-

cautional guidance controversy and suggested a new approach for the problem of jobs. In addition, he assailed many claims of the vocational counselors, asserting many of the features of training youth for certain occupations to be absurd in the face of present-day facts.

"There are approximately 6,000 positions for aviators in the country," he said, "and yet 500,000 boys of high school age have expressed their plan in vocational guidance conferences to become aviators. Obviously, only a small fraction of this number can be absorbed in this field. In many high schools it is not unusual for 30 to 50 percent of the boys to choose the professions of engineering, medicine, and law for their future careers, and yet in these three occupations there are less than 2 percent of the population."

Urging a complete revision of vocational guidance methods, Doctor Clark said there should be a master occupational plan for the entire country, based on the assumption that the 125,000,000 persons in the country must be distributed throughout the work to be done. "The primary assumption should be that all the people will be used in work—that the available work should be divided and new work created."

Writing in Occupations, the Vocational Guidance Magazine, Doctor Clark said occupational planning is necessary today in any type of economic order. "As long as every man is largely self-sufficient occupational planning is superfluous. When the industrial world begins to specialize and Detroit makes automobiles, Pittsburgh makes steel, and Lowell produces textiles, then it becomes vitally important to know something of the number of people needed to produce textiles or any other item.

"One of the few things about which we can be quite positive is that there is more work to be done in the United States than the present number of people can possibly do. We need more things and more services than we can possibly provide for ourselves. Many people have feared that the rapid introduction of machinery would displace so many men that it would displace so many men that it would not be possible to find work at all. It can not be too emphatically stated that even if new and completely automatic machinery were to be introduced into every factory in the land, unemployment would still be unnecessary."

Doctor Clark proposed an occupational plan which would involve the setting up of a central statistical agency in Washington which, on the basis of all the estimates prepared by local community bodies, would prepare a master plan estimating the number of people that will be needed in each occupation in future periods.

## GUY CHAMBERS ASKS ALUMNI SUPPORT OF UNIVERSITY IN JUNE IS- SUE OF ALUMNUS.

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ing the past year, and the method in which they are facing the new social era.

Also included in the June issue of the Alumnus is an article dealing with the Ivy Day oration, made during the annual Ivy Day festivities, by William Eddy. Mr. Eddy discusses the merits and effectiveness of creating a university lobby that will be effective and functioning. According to Eddy the only way to solve the university's problems in appropriations, and to take it out of the legislative halocaust is to form an effective and strong lobby, composed for the most part of university graduates and friends of education.

Other features included in the June issue are: "Pruning the Food Budget," written by Dr. Rebekah Gibbons, associate professor of home economics; a summary of the year in athletics at the university; the book review department, by Gilbert H. Doane, university librarian; That Every Child May Sing; and news of the classes.

## DR. BILLIG CONCLUDES TALK FOR SCIENCE TEACHERS ON FRIDAY

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ject, "The Development of Units of Study Which are Appropriate for Junior High Schools and Which Integrate This Work and the Science of Elementary and Secondary Schools."

Open group conferences are scheduled to follow each class period and special individual or group conferences may be arranged by appointment. A general conference on science problems at elementary and junior high levels is also scheduled both days at 11 o'clock in T. C. 323.

In addition Dr. Billig is scheduled to give a second special lecture on the subject, "The Responsibilities of Teachers and Supervisors in the Development of a Science Program." The time and place for this lecture has not yet been definitely arranged.

Dr. Billig, who is member of the National Council of Supervisors of Elementary Science and other professional groups, has been active in research for the development of science materials which are appropriate at the various elementary, junior and senior levels.

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## SCHEDULE OF SPORTS HOLDS ATTENTION OF STUDENT COMMITTEE

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men desiring to participate is made known.

Women's baseball has progressed with rapid strides, it was stated, with two teams already organized. The women's practice sessions are identical with the men's, and the practice grounds are just east of the baseball grounds near Social Science building.

Golf and horseshoes, while they will be more in the spotlight later in the year, are being started this week. Tournaments will be held later in the summer session, according to the committee.

In addition to the sports program the committee laid plans for the second mixer to be held in the coliseum Friday night. It was the opinion of the committee that a hostess system might be worked out to the ultimate advantage of the dances' school spirit.

Miss Jane Robb, Lincoln, recently appointed as student representative of the kindergarten and primary department, attended the Wednesday session of the committee.

Wendell Dodd was named by Mr. Lantz as chairman of the ticket sales for the Educational Confer-

ence dinner which is to be held at the student activities building on the Ag Campus next week.

According to a survey at Lehigh university it was disclosed that, after twenty-five years following graduation, Phi Kappa Kappa men still lead other members of their class.

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