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Saturday Slate Features Round-Table

NEWSPAPER IS NOT UNDERSTOOD STATES CONCLAVE SPEAKER

Ours Is Age of Transition Declares Editor of Lincoln Star.

By EMMETT DEADMAN, Fairbury High.

"No other agency is so misunderstood as the American newspaper." This was Mr. J. E. Lawrence's statement when he addressed the Nebraska High School Press Association Friday. Mr. Lawrence, who is editor of the Lincoln Star, went on to say that ours is an age of transition and although we suffer many adversities, it only gives us greater power to face the future. He also stressed the fact that since the turn of the century a heavy premium has been placed on failures and that he who fails must pay the full price. In speaking on "The Newspaper of Tomorrow" he stated that it must take a more positive stand in the defense and promotion of public welfare.

Dean T. J. Thompson in his address of welcome said that the newspaper's statement could not be thrown down the sink as the results of a chemical experiment but remained there as tomorrow's history. He also read a paper on "An Outsider's View of Journalism."

Service Is the Ideal.

Mrs. Marie Weeks, former publisher of the Norfolk Press, in speaking on "Journalism for a Career" made the point that "profit must give way to service through leadership," if the American newspaper is to hold its place in the public eye. She also stated that the school paper must represent the school and not the school board nor the faculty. According to Mrs. Weeks our school papers are too much subject to standardization.

That the high schools should have a course in which the pupils study the news in the papers was the suggestion made by Mr. Gene S. Robb when speaking on "New Furrows for Newspapers." He said that there are 2,300 daily newspapers in America today with a circulation of about 44,000,000. Mr. Robb told of the departure of the Hearst papers from the accepted news style by not having the headline tell the story but to merely serve as bait to attract the reader's attention. Sample copies of

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Association President



—Courtesy Lincoln Journal.

Miss Mary Nichols, instructor in Journalism at Kearney high school, who is president of the Nebraska High School Press Association, having been elected at the conference of the organization a year ago.

RUTH BEHRMANN OF OMAHA NORTH WINS NEWS STORY COMPET

Howard Shaw of Same School Second; Maudie Fowler, Alliance, Third.

Ruth Dohrmann of Omaha North high school received first place in the news writing contest sponsored by the Nebraska Press association Friday. Bernard Shaw of the same school ranked second, and Maudie Fowler of Alliance high school was third.

The winner of first place will have as a reward her name engraved on a loving cup which will remain in the possession of Omaha North until the next convention. The trophy award has been presented thru the courtesy of Mr. Fred Minder, secretary of the Nebraska Press Association and it is the first time that one has been offered for such a contest.

There were approximately fifty students entered in the contest representing about twenty-five different schools.

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ALUMNI CONVERGE ON UNIVERSITY CAMPUS FOR ANNUAL EVENTS

One of Busiest Homecoming Days in Past Few Years Planned.

With hundreds of alumni from all parts of the state expected on the campus, one of the busiest Homecoming Days of the past few years is scheduled to get under way early this morning. In addition to a full program of campus events a Nebraska Day program has been planned by Lincoln merchants to honor week end visitors.

Opening the morning's program is the annual Kosmet Klub fall Revue which is to be presented at the Stuart Theater at 9 o'clock. Featuring the program is the presentation of the Nebraska Sweetheart, while fraternities and sororities are presenting fourteen acts of vaudeville.

N Club Men Honored.

N club men who earned their letters before 1900 will be honored at a luncheon presented by the present organization. A special table will be set for the guests, fifteen of whom have signified their intention of attending. Following the luncheon the group will go to the club's rooms upstairs in the coliseum, where an initiation will be held. The men will then attend the Missouri game in a body.

First on the afternoon's schedule is the downtown parade headed by the university and Beatrice

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'Ode to Journalism' In Which Delegate Tells of Convention

By MARY JANE DAVISSON, Nebraska City.

Instead of the proverbial "sword-fish" the most effective password to the Nebraska State High School Journalists' convention is wide eyes and "all ears."

No matter how much sophistication and worldly wisdom I may have tried to assume during this event, I have a confession to make—even though I'm not a coed—I've been simply thrilled beyond articulation at my first delicious taste of "big time" Journalism.

The first thing that put me all in a dither was the sight of all the university Journalism "young hopefuls" hurrying to their classes. Then I was overwhelmingly impressed at the thick veil of non-chalant braindust that permeated the office of the Daily Nebraskan. It proved to me that there was something to this thing called stick-to-it-iveness, although I have been inhumanly emptied to tell the vendors of such sage advice to go sit on various and sundry tacks.

The most outstanding impression I gained from the news-writing contest was that the atmosphere, instead of being filled with the "I'll be glad when you're dead, you rascal you!" spirit, was utterly friendly. Of course, everyone was aware of the competition, but they all seemed to want to give

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'Greeks' Again Put Up Homecoming Decorations

Times are better again, is the general explanation arising from people passing by the sorority and fraternity houses. When asked for an explanation they tell how, for the first time in three years, sororities and fraternities are decorating their houses for Homecoming Day.

Altho there is to be no contest according to Owen Johnson, Innocents society president, there will be many original and unique decorations. He is certain that it will add to the glamor of the day,

PRESS DELEGATES REVIEW PROBLEMS

Prominent Journalists Will Speak to Specialized High School Groups.

BY ROBERT M'GEACHIN, Lincoln High.

Round table discussions will feature Saturday morning's program of the Nebraska High School Press Association to be held in the Social Sciences building at 9:45. Authorities on various phases of journalism will speak to the groups, and discussions will be led by representatives from high schools thruout the state.

Topics of discussions, seven in all, include sports, the annual, the mimeographed publication, make-up and typography, head line schedules, finance and editorial. Prior to the round tables, a general business session of all representatives to the convention will be held at nine o'clock.

Ware Discusses Sports.

Frederick Ware, sports editor of the Omaha World-Herald, will speak to the sports round table in the auditorium. The annual will be discussed by R. R. Maplesden of the Burger-Baird Engraving company of Kansas City, in room 105. Student comment will be in charge of a representative of Hastings high school, Richard Irwin, Fullerton high school, will be discussion leader for the round table of E. J. Beaurivage on the mimeographed publication. Mr. Beaurivage, a representative of the Nebraska Typewriter company, Lincoln, will meet

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SPECIAL STAFF TAKES PAPER

Press Convention Delegates Work as Publishers Of Nebraskan.

New faces were prominent in the office of The Daily Nebraskan Friday, when, for the first time, a group of delegates to the Nebraska High School Press Convention took a turn at news writing for the campus newspaper.

Delegates who assisted were Maudie Fowler, Alliance; Margaret Kaufmann, Columbus; Emmett Deadman, Fairbury; Emil Hanson, Fremont; Max Franzen, Holdrege; Robert Wade, Kearney; Robert McGeachin, Lincoln; Edmund Steeves, Jackson High, Lincoln; Mary Ann Tompkins, Merna; Janis Johnston, Benson High, Omaha; Regina Liske, Silver City; Armand Dedrick, Superior; Martha Craig, Albion; Mary Jane Davison, Nebraska City; Dale Ganz, Alvo; Janis Armstrong, Greenwood; Lucille Todd, Neligh; Lois Owens, North Platte; Betty Walker, Columbus; Oscar Clarke, Beatrice and Barbara Rosewater, Central High, Omaha.

New Scenes Impressed on Mind of High School Girl

A glare of lights, after a long ride in comparative darkness; a sudden increase in traffic; people hurrying along at an hour when the home town streets are deserted; looking into peoples' faces and realizing with a shock that they are all strange; the self-sufficiency of everyone, showing no interest whatever in their fellow-beings; a woman with a fur coat occupying the same seat in a bus as a home-ward-bound laborer. This is Lincoln at 10:30 p. m.

Lincoln at 7:30 a. m. presented a different appearance. The air was crisp and students were hurrying to 8 o'clocks. Noticeable were the number of fur coats, the general chicness of co-eds, and the inimitable gait of the college men.

Such are the impressions of a group of high school students for the first time attending the press convention.

Former Nebraskan Editor Believes Journalism Provides Good Foundation

BY BARBARA ROSEWATER, OMAHA CENTRAL.

High school journalism courses are good preparation for any profession, says Gene Robb, of the general offices of the Hearst newspapers in New York, providing that these courses are backed up by an old-fashioned "liberal education."

"The ability to write easily and clearly, and to put important facts first, is one of the keenest tools any business man can have," said Mr. Robb, "and journalism courses cultivate this ability. The high school journalism course is really just a good course in business composition."

Journalism Valuable Basis.

For prospective newspaper reporters the course is a good basis to build on. A person who has had journalism "knows what it's all about" and has a decided advantage over one who comes into a newspaper office without previous journalistic training. The course does not take the place of newspaper experience, or of specialized courses like history, sociology, arts, and sciences, however.

"I think each journalism student should learn something about the business end of the paper as well as the editorial work," Mr.

Robb said. "I am not suggesting a revision or addition to the courses given at present, but I would advise students to pick up what they can about the mechanical and business sides of a newspaper."

Robb Once Nebraskan Editor.

Mr. Robb was advertising manager of the Lincoln High Advocate and second semester editor of the 1929-30 Daily Nebraskan. He also worked part time on the Star while he was in college.

"When I try to justify to myself my change from newspaper writing to the business end of the profession, I say that on the business end I am really building up a great public organ, while a report gets life second-hand; he simply writes what other people do and never does anything himself."

Hack Writers Numerous.

Most newspaper writers are hack writers, according to Mr. Robb. Few have the fresh vivid slant on events that puts them into the big money class. But the profession has a charm and that charm grips even high school journalists.

Mr. Robb spoke on "New Furrows for Newspapers" at the general session of the journalism convention Friday afternoon.