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We Plea For Lives.

NOT SO terrifying perhaps as war, but just as deadly in every particular is the appalling number of automobile accidents ultimately sounding the death knell to millions of people. Shaken nerves, fear and actual horror in many instances equal in aspect to war-time catastrophes are too often the result of a moment's negligence or an unleashed desire to get nowhere with great rapidity.

That these accidents are avoidable has been demonstrated, even under the most trying conditions. icy streets, obscured windshields and additional hazards of every sort presented themselves to the driver during the month of January. Despite these obstacles not an accident resulting in death occurred in the city of Omaha during that period of time. In Lincoln the effect was the same, a minimized death roster. Why? The answer, in the opinion of the Nebraskan, might be found in the fact that people, when aware of the dangers involved, think more carefully, drive more cautiously and act with care.

With this as a foundation for belief then it becomes the problem of all persons driving automobiles to become safety-conscious. If impressed of the necessity of constantly taking the necessary precautions instead of only on occasion assuming them the drop in the death list would grow with a corresponding ratio.

In "Significant Contrast," an editorial in Monday's Omaha World Herald the outlook is presented as both encouraging and discouraging. Says the Herald:

"The National Safety Council's review of the accident record of 1935 presents two items of information in significant contrast.

Deaths due to motor vehicle accidents have doubled in 12 years.

Deaths due to occupational accidents are less than half what they were 25 years ago.

The primary explanation for the increase in the number of motor vehicle deaths is the increase in registration and the increased number of miles the average car is driven. Registration increased in this period from 15 million to more than 25 million, while better highways and more efficient performance of cars have stimulated an ever increasing use of them. Whatever may be the immediate cause of accident and death, carelessness, speed, drunkenness, chance taking, mechanical imperfection, this is subject to the inevitable multiplication of more cars traveling more miles.

But automobile ownership and operation are going to go on growing for a long time yet. The depression checked it somewhat but did not put a period to it. The so-called saturation point is still an indefinite figure limited only by population.

Must we then stand helplessly, by and watch this inevitable multiplication take place until the appalling total of 36 thousand deaths in a single year grows to still more appalling totals? Not at all. The problem of establishing greater safety on the highways is difficult but not impossible. There is, as a stimulating example, the record of industrial employment.

Reasons for an increase in occupational deaths similar to those for an increase in automobile deaths have existed during the past quarter century. This is an era in which the machine age has made rapid progress. More machines mean more hazard and a greater probability of accident and death.

But instead of increasing deaths have

been halved during this period. The National Safety Council estimates that during the years of organized safety work since 1913 the lives of a quarter million workers have been saved. Industry has become conscious of two things, that preventable deaths are inhuman and expensive. Industrial employers, egged on by conscience, by laws like workmen's liability and employers' compensation statutes and by the standards set up by liability insurance companies have attacked the problem of accident prevention in a determined way. The results are little short of astounding.

Automobile drivers cannot be reached in precisely the same way, but they can be reached in similar ways. And they must be reached for it is upon every person who steers a car that responsibility for safety rests. There may be some automobile drivers with petrified consciences, but most, we believe, have humane instincts that can be stirred in an effective way. There also can be much more effective regulation of motor vehicle traffic and better enforcement of the rules of safe driving. The accomplishment of Rhode Island is impressive evidence of that fact.

There is a close connection between local safety records and the certainty of punishment for traffic law violations. Perhaps an excellent movement would be the establishment of safety schools for police and district court judges. It would be a helpful thing if they could be brought to a realization that human lives depend upon their willingness to incur the disfavor of traffic law violators."

STUDENT PULSE

Brief, concise contributions pertinent to matters of student life and the university are welcomed by this department, under the usual restrictions of sound newspaper practice, which excludes all libelous matter and personal attacks. Letters must be signed, but names will be withheld from publication if so desired.

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Notice. To the Editor:

According to weather reports from other cities we have been notified of the fact that Spring is almost here. Spring may be in the air but as far as the poor students are concerned, that oft sung of earthy fragrance has been completely obliterated by an overwhelming and nauseating stench of wet manure.

The poets wax eloquent in their sonnets on Spring, thriving at the thought of green buds on the trees, and tender young sprouts breaking through the crust of the earth. We have been assured and re-assured of the fact that "in the spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love," but it is an undeniable truth that these soft and mellow emotions are not kindled by the material covering the mall. Fertilizer has its purpose, and the thought of green, velvety carpet adorning the mall is indeed a reassuring one, but we implore you for the sake of our tortured nostrils to submerge the offensive manure with a load of old mother earth.—V. A.

CONTEMPORARY COMMENT

The War's Worst Child.

It is impossible to allow the recent bonus legislation success to pass without comment. Never before in the history of this country has there been so unmitigated a plundering of the public wealth; never has there been so abject and baldfaced a submission of representative government to the demands of organized rapacity.

Today, eighteen years after its close, the World War is still a historical mystery in many ways, and many of its accomplishments are loudly lamented. But one of its products in this country stands today in a position of no doubt. The American Legion, conceived during those days of rapine and destruction, has proved itself in every respect worthy of its illustrious origin. It stands forth as the war's worst offspring and the greatest threat to democracy extant in this country at the present time.

President Roosevelt often finds the occasion, in these days of political campaigning, to attack as opponents of good government what he calls "the forces of greed." He need not look traditionally to Wall street for their incarnation while the American Legion sits in the lobbies of the capitol, for the legion has shown itself to represent organized greed and has obtained results. Until strong forces organize in opposition, it will continue to get results. For the present the country awaits anxiously what the legion will demand of it next, confident that the organization will spare nothing to gain its will.—The Daily Pennsylvanian.

Intelligent Politics.

If all the voters were laid end to end we would have the reason for unsatisfactory

political administrations. Those citizens who spend their time bemoaning the prevailing political conditions have only themselves to blame, for, in the final analysis, it is either their lack of intelligence or their inability to use what they have that causes governmental evils as we recognize them today.

One vote wisely cast can hardly sway the tide, but one wise voter can exert the influence of his mind upon his fellow men who would otherwise follow the masses. The multitude has long been known to be so weak as to be guided by anyone who has the initiative to lead them. It is high time that a group of intelligent people who have sound government as their goal choose to lead their brethren rather than to allow those whose campaign bleatings are influenced by selfish desires to do all the organization.

Men with college training are the logical candidates for the noble task of injecting "bacillus intelligentia" into election day activities. Students who have interested themselves in political parties and the men they support can form sound opinions on various issues of national significance. Moreover, these students can exert their opinions by influencing their neighbors, their neighbors' neighbors and finally the nation as a whole.

In November we shall be faced with the important problem of selecting our next president. Throughout the coming months newspapers will be filled with bally-hoo against the "New Deal." Journals of opposing political nature will point to Franklin D. Roosevelt as the "saviour of the nation." Regardless of the outcome of the presidential race, critics will be with us always. Our government, no matter which party is in control, will never be the ideal of all.

But rather than simply being satisfied to sit back and criticize with the "intelligent minority," who do not deserve so gentle a title, join with a party and try to do what you can to inject some ideals and pep into the small group within your sphere of influence. It makes little difference whether you garb yourself in the skin of an elephant or a

Off the Campus

by Lynn Leonard

Largest Since War

is the loan the treasury department is asking the nation. The department wants \$1,250,000,000, 450 million of that amount, however, is intended for payment of short term loans due Mar. 16. New securities are offered in exchange for 559 millions in notes maturing April 15. The gross national debt will be raised 800 million, the amount of new borrowing to \$31,300,000,000, the largest in history. The purpose of the 800 millions is to supplement cash reserves for relief, farm and bonus payments. Interest rates on the securities approximates the record low costs for comparable borrowing set last summer. The net proceeds are expected to combine with heavy income tax payments to give the treasury a working cash balance of over 2 billions.

Fate of Revolt Leaders

and character of the cabinet that will succeed that shattered by the rebellion were the questions confronting Japan after the suppression of the recent uprising. Twenty active army officers and three that were retained headed the revolution, according to an official announcement. Two have committed suicide. Captain Teruzo Ando, alleged leader of the revolt, shot himself in the head. Captain Shiro Nonaka also took his punishment in his own hands. Another officer attempted suicide but failed. Most of the other officers involved are held in a prison on the outskirts of Tokyo.

Signing Farm Bill

President Roosevelt put into operation the 500 million dollar soil conservation-subsidy bill which congress recently passed. His action was taken just 55 days after the supreme court invalidated the original administration plan for crop administration. Roosevelt declared that the new act represented an attempt to develop out of the AAA efforts a long time program for American agriculture, which most serious minded leaders have conceded is essential. Now, everyone wonders what the supreme court will do about this measure. Possibly if the tribunal recognizes that the measure is so desired that it was passed in spite of the sweeping decision on the AAA, the odd man will become sufficiently liberal minded to make possible a 5 to 4 decision for constitutionality of this effort.

End of Italo-Ethiopia War

is the request France will make to the League of Nations, accord-

donkey. The main point to consider is that by active participation you may attract the recessive nature of that large but easily discouraged group of "intelligent non-voters."

When good government becomes the aim of the intelligent and thinking people we shall have good government—and not before. —The Daily Pennsylvanian.

Who's to Blame If Greeks Are Taxed?

The fight that is pending in the courts today concerning taxation of Greek-letter organizations marks another milestone for those social groups down the road to oblivion. It is a significant fact fraternities and sororities are being considered by many as no longer useful to the universities which they represent.

They have no one to blame; they have invited the clouds that are lowering over their heads. In days gone by, those social houses were exclusive in their own power, pledges were chosen only after long consideration; a member's pin was his stamp of approval in the business and social world.

Now these halcyon days are gone, and in their wake the embattled ranks of the fraternities and sororities stand on doddering legs. The world-wide depression of 1930 dealt the Greeks the most staggering blow, but there were many who believed that they would weather the storm. However, instead of retrenchment and sensible counter-attack, wholesale pledging was begun in a desperate effort to maintain financial security.

In general, fraternities and sororities now consider anyone a potential pledge who is the possessor of money, athletic ability, or ephemeral campus popularity. A large pledge chapter, instead of a more select group of neophytes, is the order of the day. One faltering step has led to another until the crossroads have been reached. Should the courts decide in favor of taxation, little short of a miracle could save many from going over the brink. —Oklahoma Daily.

Miss Barbour Relates Gossip Of University in 'Gay '90's'

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OFFICIAL BULLETIN

Girl's Rifle Team. Girls rifle practice, formerly held every day, will be held Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 4 until 6 o'clock.

Tassels. Tassels will meet tonight at 7 o'clock in Ellen Smith hall.

Lutherans. Lutheran students will meet with Rev. H. Erck for their regular period of Bible study, Wednesday at 7 o'clock, in room 203, Temple building.

Scabbard and Blade. Actives and pledges of Scabbard and Blade will meet Wednesday evening at 7:30 at the Delta Upsilon house.

Nu-Meds. Nu Med banquet will be held Wednesday, March 4, at the Annex Cafe.

mouse extinct pig. "Quite attractive, isn't it?" Miss Barbour will say of the elaborate plaster of paris structure erected on the elephant jaw. "Rather pretty, don't you think?"

For 25 years she taught art and wood-cutting at the university, and it is the experience of those years that has given her fingers their precision and skill with modeling. Repairing and arranging the fossils requires every bit of that skill, she insists. Big as they are, the old bones need the most careful handling.

BILL STRONG, DAN BOEHM GET LEADS IN KOSMET SHOW

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