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The Spirit Of Safe Driving

That safe driving campaigns do not necessarily lead to fewer automobile accidents is the opinion of two university psychologists quoted in Tuesday's Daily Nebraskan. The two firmly deny that even the sanguinary "And Sudden Death" produces the expected result, namely careful driving.

These methods fail because they frighten most drivers, changing fair drivers into poor ones, and poor drivers into poorer ones. This causes more accidents, for it has been proved that carelessness, and not fast driving, is the cause of most automobile wrecks.

There may be much truth in this contention, even the fear is a great motivator. Even more interesting, however, are the proposals made by these two psychologists by application of which highway mishaps can be reduced.

They include the creation of a "driver's vigilante" committee, composed of some hundred excellent drivers who would act as a check on the behind the wheel antics of others; the pinning of medals of distinction for careful driving on those people who have fewest accidents; and extensive and stiff examinations before a person will be allowed on the highway.

Undoubtedly tests would impress prospective drivers with the necessity of learning and obeying traffic regulations, and here is where most cities fail in their efforts to keep their streets and the country's highways clear of debris and bodies. They campaign for safe driving and for carefulness on the highways, while daily they issue driver's licenses to persons unqualified to handle a car. Their effort to curb accidents is that of the fellow who locked the barn door after the horse was stolen.

If safe driving is to become a reality and not a hypothesis, steps must be taken to see that only capable people are behind driver's wheels. Until a strict and adequate system of examinations is forced upon the driving public, that public will continue to smash itself up on the highways.

There is a beneficial aspect of a vigilante committee, and that is that people reported

over a certain specified number of times will be deprived of their right to use the highways. But the Daily Nebraskan doubts seriously if any American citizen can arouse enough vigor within himself to do any more than shudder over the number of accident victims yearly. The average American driver is far too busy to look out for the welfare of his fellow man.

The benefits of safe driving campaigns and of gruesome exposes is of course questioned after the record highway death toll of last year, when such articles were the vogue. However, the material cross at the side of a road where a fatal accident has taken place, or a picture of death gripping two cars on a highway should, thru fear, help create an element of carefulness. The descriptions given in the popular "And Sudden Death" should remain in any reader's memory.

That, however, is not enough. The highways cannot be made safe until strict driver's rules are enforced, and, further than that, until an attitude of careful driving has been fostered and nurtured among the driving public.

Wonder what "Father" Norris thinks of his "baby"—the new unicameral legislature—now that it is fully a day old?

STUDENT PULSE

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

Jefferson, What Crimes Are Committed in Thy Name! TO THE EDITOR:

Two items of Jeffersonia have appeared recently. One was a news account reporting that Irene DuPont had contributed \$73,000 to the "Jeffersonian democrats" the past year. The other was an address to a university class by a nazi who said that national socialism occupied the same place in German life which Jeffersonianism occupied in American life. (It should be mentioned here that nazis, unlike ordinary cut throats and unlike partisans of communist dictatorships, move in the best circles of the land, even among the "liberals" who professedly are opposed to "all dictatorships, fascist or communist.")

There is an element of truth in the nazi's assertion concerning Jeffersonianism and Hitlerism, even tho the comparison was fundamentally unsound. (It should have been enough for Jefferson, the author of the declaration of independence and the leading progressive of his day, to turn over in his grave to have his name coupled with that of Hitler.) The element of truth is this:

"Jeffersonianism" has in our country become a mask under which interests of great wealth have sought to hide their activities. The title has been assumed by men such as the DuPonts, men whose economic ancestors Jefferson would have been the first to denounce in his day. Similarly, national socialism has been a movement in which the German DuPonts, the Thyssens and Krupps, have sought to cloak their tyrannical rule. German national socialism is a "national unity" based on violence and repression, on the "disciplining" of the working class and the persecution of Jews, Catholics, progressives, and radicals. It is a dictated unity, not one achieved thru a true harmony of national interests. The "socialism" of national socialism was purely demagogic and was denounced by every group which had ever favored socialism.

A few comments might be made upon these phenomena. One is that patriotism, a very admirable quality in itself, has changed its standing during the years. In the 18th century it was, according to Dr. Samuel Johnson, the last refuge of a scoundrel. Today it is very nearly the first. Secondly, the American people are to be congratulated upon their decisive rejection of the spurious "Jeffersonians" in the past election. I am beginning to think that they can detect a scoundrel even when he wraps himself in red, white and blue and quotes from the words of the great third president of the United States.—Thomas Larson.

Y. W. SPEAKER RELATES LIFE OF MISS COPPOCK

Vesper Service Features the Story of Missionary's Work in China.

Professor Adeline Reynoldson, of the history department, and also vice president of the Advisory board of the university Y. W. C. A., spoke at the weekly vesper service Tuesday afternoon in Ellen Smith hall.

This meeting was sponsored by the Nebraska-in-China staff, of which Mildred Holland is the chairman. Miss Reynoldson spoke concerning the life and works of Miss Grace Coppock, of the class of '05 at the University of Nebraska, who was the first general secretary of the Y. W. C. A. in China.

"We at Nebraska are so proud of Grance Coppock whose life meant so much in opening up a great work in this field of service," said Miss Reynoldson. "Her great religious faith, her belief in and love of people, her good common sense, and her keen sense of humor all went to make one of the finest personalities that ever lived. On such lives as these peace may yet be built."

Maxine Durand was in charge of the worship service and introduced the speaker, Mrs. Yerde Robinson played "Chopin Prelude, Opus 28, No. 15" as the piano prelude. The vesper choir, under the direction of Margaret Phillippe, sang a special number.

Bulletin

Student Council.
Student Council members will meet in room 106 of University hall at 5 p. m. today.

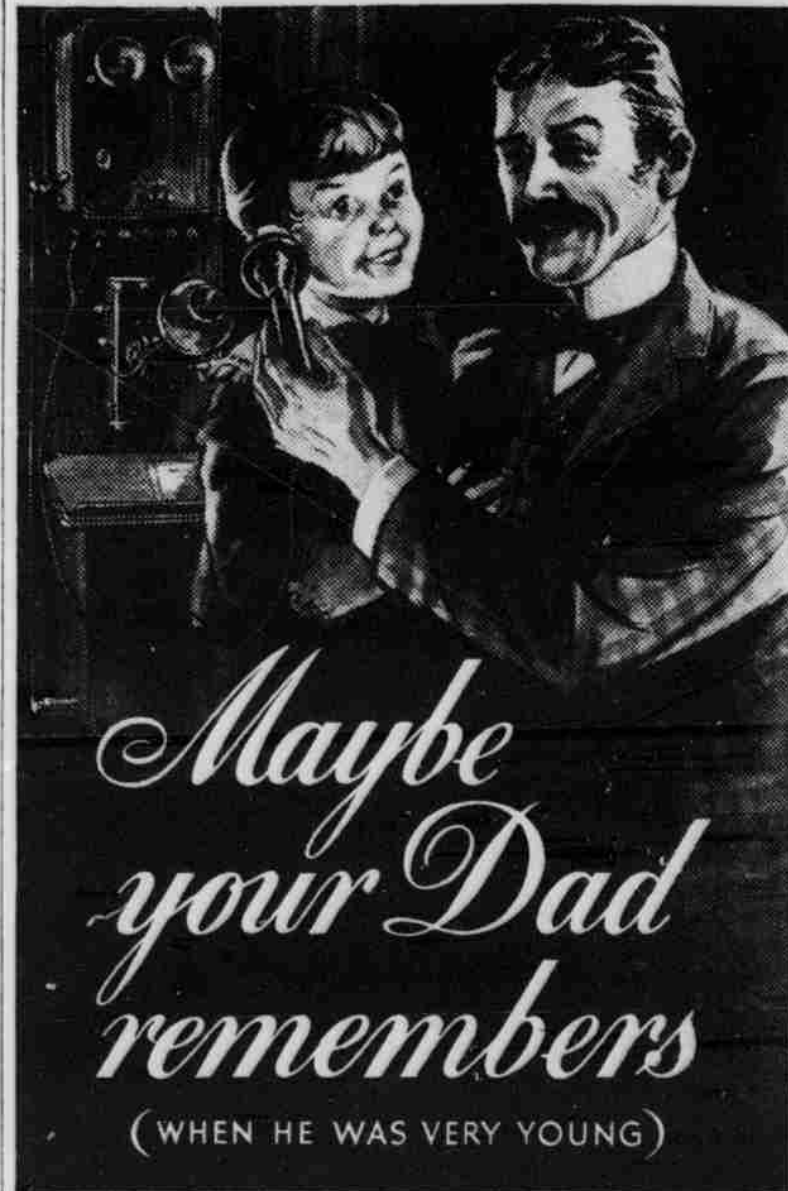
Scabbard and Blade.
Scabbard and Blade will hold initiation at 5 p. m. today in room 205 of Nebraska hall. All members are required to attend.

Phalanx.
Formal pledging of new members by Phalanx will be held Thursday afternoon, Jan. 14, at 5 p. m. in the "N" club rooms of the coliseum.

Coed Swimmers.
University women who wish to participate in the intercollegiate telegraphic swimming meet are requested to attend the meeting in room 101 of the Armory at 4 o'clock.

Lutherans.
Lutheran students will meet with Rev. H. Erck for Bible study at 7:15 p. m., Wednesday, Jan. 13, in room 203, Temple building. This meeting will take the place of the regular meeting scheduled for Jan. 20.

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preparations for the party are as follows: Program, Betty Cherny, chairman; Elizabeth Waugh, Mary Mullen, Barbara Meier, Joan Gault, Dorothy Jane Yetter, and Jean Hughes; refreshments, Marjorie Crabill, chairman; Marian Kidd, Kathryn Johnson, Jean

Meents, Virginia Rapp, and Betty Jean Davison; favors, Vee Louise Marshall, chairman; Virginia Coleman, Phyllis Greene, Mary Jane Hendricks, Ellen Funder, Janet Lau, Ruth Sobes, and Mary Margaret Maley; publicity, Dorothy Benz and Helen Pascoe, co-chairmen; Lorraine Lynn, Frances Van Anda, Maxine Grant, Betty Orme, and Vic Gillan; Tickets, Barbara Selleck, chairman and Nana Talbot, and prizes and judges, Jane Barbour.

SEVENTEEN GIRLS JOIN METHODIST'S SORORITY SUNDAY

Seventeen university girls were initiated into Kappa Phi, Methodist sorority, Sunday afternoon in the St. Paul Methodist church, and a new patroness, Miss Alverda Simpson, was inducted into office.