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A Cause Worth More Than Ten Student Unions.

Reports from the flood zone early Wednesday morning are encouraging; Cairo reports that the city is reasonably safe in spite of a high wind that is pounding menacing waters on the levee. Death's zero hour is nearly over, but not for the Red Cross.

For when flood waters have receded, their battle has only begun. Disease, epidemics, and the sufferings of one million homeless Americans are the evils which this organization must combat with a courageous spirit that inspires every Nebraskan to throw backing to the cause.

Nebraska students can help. The Red Cross has authorized the student newspaper to receive voluntary contributions from individuals or student organizations, with the hope that fraternities and sororities will lend support to the fight for lives.

But Red Cross officials make it clear that contributions be voluntary. There must be no race to "keep with the Joneses." They appreciate a quarter that is sacrificed more than ten dollars for publicity.

'Six Drawers of Discarded Yellow Papers'

Ed Hillier, editor of the University of Washington Daily, cleaned out his desk the other day and found: "Six drawers of discarded yellow papers, pamphlets, books, and reports, all of them blurred with the smeared notes of one-time ideas." They constituted what college editors call "tombstones," or traditional editorials that are printed in the first and last issues of the paper, bull sessions, ROTC, growing enrollment, trees on the campus, and the traditional editorial on traditional editorials.

Today we honor the greatest traditional Nebraskan editorials—the inaugural masterpiece. Often the same in context, each editor has carefully added his personal interpretation to the "tombstone" filed in the Rag office desk. But it is these excerpts showing personal variations that are interesting; here they are for ten years back:

William Cejnar—1927.

College is a great place for the development of the mind. This development implies occasional changes of opinion. The editor of the college paper, no less than other students who browse around in the university's store of knowledge, is likely to change his mind.

Oscar Norling—1928.

Whenever a new editor begins his initial attempts at interpreting news and campus opinion, there are several who expect a more or less radical departure in editorial policy. . . Far be it, then, for

the present one to attempt in a single semester to radically change that which has been steadily built up during the past 27 years. He merely picks up the reins and drives on.

Cliff Sandahl—1929.

There are a number of things which the Nebraskan thinks should be improved. Yet we refrain from mentioning them here and rather take the attitude of developing the ideas during the course of the semester. It is our belief that before paying tribute, or contrarily, "panning" anything or anyone, a thorough investigation of the facts should be undertaken.

Elmont Waite—1930.

We may not be able to summarize any accomplishments, but by jingo we can at least string enough words together, resonantly, to make a nice noise, call it "declaration of purpose," "statement of policy," or what you will.

We are not subsidized by any organization or person. Nor are we bound by obligations to any student group or groups. We shall print what we think, and we hope you like it.

Bill McCreery—1931.

Whether the new editor roars like a lion or brays like an ass, he will receive countless messages of disapproval. . . Hoping that it may inject some sentiment and pride into a student body which verges dangerously on dormancy, the Nebraskan bows unceremoniously from the stage.

Art Wolf—1932.

Contrary to the usual belief, the paper has no quarrel with the administration, rather, it seeks to aid that department as much as possible and seeks to aid it not only by active boosting, but by presenting criticism where criticism is merited.

Phil Brownell—1933.

Everybody likes to watch a good scrap, particularly if the onlookers are in no danger of becoming embroiled. . . We protest against the attitude that we should subordinate whatever better judgment we may have to the tastes of the readers for something entertaining or radical.

Burton Marvin—1934.

Since the paper is a permanent institution, each of its staffs must work for the best interest of the university, and in many cases the editors encounter difficulty in using foresight instead of momentary prejudices in writing editorials during the semester.

Jack Fischer—1935.

The Nebraskan will seek to be critical, but not in a destructive sense; if improvement cannot be suggested together with criticism, the editorial tongue will be held.

Irwin Ryan—1936.

Probably one of the most apparently useless and yet quite customary tasks of a newly inaugurated editor is to propound principles and matter of policy to be followed during the semester. Today the Nebraskan, beginning a new regime with a new staff, takes issue with time honored custom's demand that a statement of policy should be set forth by refusing to yield to its dictates.

Contemporary Comment

Lippmann Becomes 'Economic Royalist' To the Prejudiced

Among the incidental developments of the presidential campaign whose after effects still linger is the defection of Mr. Walter Lippmann from the ranks of the liberals. Dark, stygian gloom was the atmosphere in liberal camps after Mr. Lippmann stated the reasons why he was going to vote for Landon. Mr. Lippmann, said the liberals sadly, had sold out. He had committed the unpardonable political sin of changing his mind and for that reason should be relegated to the ashens of political thinkers.

When men think as we would like them to think, they are truly liberal. They are "outposts of opinion on a troubled political horizon." They are the "molders of public opinion." They are "keenly intelligent students of the complex order of society." They are the "bulwark of intelligent freedom of thought and of action."

But when men began to think as we would not have them think—Then they become "economic royalists," "outposts of fascism," "enemies of social progress." They become "blind to the need of change," they become "hard headed conservatives whose mental processes cease to be mental."

We are not so much concerned with the nature of Mr. Lippmann's mental processes as with the mental processes of those who criticize him in the manner which we have indicated.

We find it hard to believe that Mr. Lippmann is now in the throes of the Mr. Hyde side of

Stevenson's famous one man combination. The intellect of the Walter Lippmann of "Public Opinion" is the intellect of the Walter Lippmann of the New York Herald-Tribune. Mr. Lippmann's change of mind is better justified than that of his critics; he has arrived at his conclusion thru logical reasoning—they at theirs thru their own bigotry.

Vocational Training For What Ails Labor

From the Oklahoma Daily. By Louise LeBarre.

The demand for workers and the supply of workers just doesn't add up right in the present employment situation. There are some 9,000,000 unemployed, and at the same time a great many business and industrial concerns are crying for qualified men to fill positions.

Maladjustments and confusion, resulting from improper training or no training at all, is partially responsible for this condition. Most of these unfilled positions are for men and women who are skilled in work in which the hands are used. For too long, far too many people have had the wrong conception of what education is supposed to do for an individual. Too many graduates leave schools expecting to step into executive positions.

Too many frown upon work that must be done with the hands.

A change in the educational system in which more emphasis is placed on vocational training would do much to aid the employment problem in future years. This sort of training can

do more than any other thing to adjust the individual to the practical problems of everyday life. It can be made to dignify all types of work, whether done with the head or the hands.

There would be far less confusion and widespread unrest if more people were taught to do the kind of work they were best fitted to do, and there would be far more happy and far fewer disappointed human beings.

And more than that, perhaps the inconsistency in supply and demand for workers would make the employment problem less of a problem.

BARBOUR'S WORK RECEIVES PRAISE IN JUDSON POEM

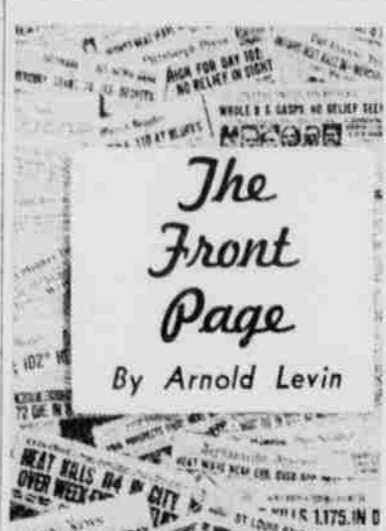
A trip to the Morrill hall museum and a lifelong appreciation of the "creative work" of Dr. Edwin H. Barbour, its founder and director, was responsible for this poem, written by Howard Judson, Omaha business man. Judson is a nephew of Frank Judson, former university regent. He is particularly interested in collecting the poems of a paleontological nature and presented this latest of his compositions to the Morrill hall collection:

A man from Lincoln, well known For delving into rock and bone, Could hardly eat—the late at night Some times he'd find a trilo-bite.

Of Lind and curly sides was he And often he was proud to be! But all the while he'd think of data On Looney and Cambrian Strata.

When worn and tired he'd try to sleep, Some ancient form from out the deep, Would rear its snake-like neck and head, And laugh—till he'd fall out of bed.

His dreams would mix things in a stew You'd almost think he drank some brew, Would rear its snake-like neck and head, Got acquainted with ore-magnets legs.



The eye of the nation is focused on a small city built where the Ohio and Mississippi rivers meet. Cairo, Ill., as 6,000 men strive to hold raging flood waters behind the city's only defense from inundation, a seawall recently reinforced with sandbags.

Once a not very prominent but busy little river town, Cairo today is flashed in streamer headlines from coast to coast, as the grasping flood waters which seek her and which have already laid waste the whole of the fertile upper Ohio river valley bring her into prominence.

Fighting bravely the fate which has overtaken other river towns and cities over a 1,000 mile long floodway, Cairo has become a last battleground of man's fight against the elements. She is still holding out, despite the threat of a river which on three sides is flowing at a level higher than her rooftops, a river which at any moment might break thru the retaining walls with its added barricade of sandbags and sweep the city, like a modern Atlantis, to its doom.

Six thousand men still patrol the seawall, believing their might can match that of the mighty rivers on rampage. They fight the river and pray and believe, a spirit exemplified by one levee fighter who said: "After such a fight, fate will not permit a catastrophe."

Tuesday, and if myth is to be the criterion, Nebraskans will dig in for another six weeks of cold weather. Popular as Mr. Groundhog may be with home-remedy prophets, we still would like to meet the fellow who saw a groundhog come out of his burrow, become frightened at his own shadow, and scot back in with the resulting cold snap. Or are we just too scientifically cynical?

Speaking of science, a bill was introduced in the Nebraska unicameral legislature yesterday labeled an euthanasia—nice word, that—bill. It was introduced by John H. Comstock, cum laude graduate of the university law school, and provided for mercy deaths. Any adult suffering from an incurable and painful disease might apply for "a merciful death" under the terms of the bill, with district judges in the role of referee, their function being the appointment of two doctors and a lawyer as a committee of investigation and recommendation in the case.

It will be interesting to watch the progress of this bill thru the new one-house. There is bound to be opposition from all sides, and only a few hardy souls in approval. Arguments against are plentiful, but fall back eventually on the spiritual. Pro-arguers attack the problem from the angle of science. The ancient controversy renewed, with every prospect of fine debate in Nebraska's own state house. It's just our idle hunch that the bill will die in committee, or if it is ever brought to vote, will be relegated to the causes lost.

PROFESSORS WRITE ON TAXATION, UNICAMERAL

Stoke, Aylsworth Prepare Articles for Current Magazines.

Two university political science professors have edited articles appearing in journals in the past month. Appearing in Iowa Law Review is an article by Prof. Harold Stoke. Dr. Stoke's feature was titled "State Taxation and the New

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Bulletin

Student Council.
Committee reports will be heard at the student council meeting at five today.

Orchestra.
Orchestra will not hold its regular meeting this week. The assignment committee has the studio floor.

Cornhusker.
All persons in search of activity points are requested to report either to Bill Marsh, editor, or to Sid Baker, business manager, in the Cornhusker office all this week.

Lutherans.
Lutheran students will meet with Rev. H. Erck for the regular Bible class Wednesday, Feb. 3, at 7:15 p. m., in room 203 of the Temple building.

Dramatic Group.
The dramatic hobby group will meet Thursday evening in Ellen Smith hall at 7:00 p. m.

Sigma Delta Chi.
There will be no biscuits and marmalade for the brethren of Sigma Delta Chi this noon, as was previously reported.

Chem Engineers.
The Chemical Engineers Society meeting originally scheduled for Feb. 3 has been postponed until Feb. 10.

Federal Instrumentalities. In the March edition of the National Municipal Review will appear an article headed "Nebraska's Unicameral Legislature" by Prof. L. E. Aylsworth. During the past few weeks Professor Aylsworth has also been presenting 5-minute interviews with Dr. Frank Arnold, president of the Nebraska Federation of County Taxpayers Leagues, over radio station KFOR. Dr. Aylsworth's interviews, which are presented every Saturday at 12:35 p. m., have been concerned with county government.

INJURED EARDRUM ENDS WRESTLING FOR LARSON

All-American George Sauer's Brother Outstanding Bidder for Post.

A veteran of much wrestling warfare, Ray "Swede" Larson, 145 pounder, will no longer wear Husker colors in future collegiate netwrestling matches. While practicing recently, Ray punctured an eardrum, and this mishap closed his chances of further competition. Ray was a dependable point assembler, and was a holder of two letters, Keith Carter and Eddie Sauer, brother of All-American George, are the outstanding bidders to Larson's vacated post. Both are adept matmen, but the edge goes to the latter. In the all-school tourney Sauer garnered the 145-pound honors and defeated Carter in the semifinals. Sauer made his collegiate tus-

sling debut last Saturday against Iowa State. Being out of practice, the Husker was pinned by his more seasoned Cyclone opponent.

IOTA SIGMA PI'S TO HEAR M. GERE SPEAK ON EUROPE

Speaking on her recent travels in Europe, Miss Muriel Gere of the Lincoln high school will address the meeting of Iota Sigma Pi national honorary fraternity for women in chemistry, to be held at 6:00 Wednesday evening in Avery laboratory. Also included in the meeting will be the initiation of a new member, Miss Eloise Benjamin, into the organization. Following the initiation, there will be a dinner in the regular rooms used by the chapter.

In an effort to do away with traditional commencement exercises, the Traveler, University of Arkansas student newspaper, editorially proposed "the nuisance, nonsense and expense of graduation be eliminated." The editorial said the exercises are of little import and add an unnecessary burden and expense.

KAHLER, MATHER, PFEIFF HEAD TRI-COLOR RUNNERS

Coach Schulte Schedules Opening Contest for Next Monday.

Bob Kahler, Jim Mather and Bill Pfeiff, members of last year's frosh grid squad, have been selected captains of the Red, Green and Orange teams, respectively, for the first tri-color track meet, Feb. 8. Coach Henry Schulte and his assistants, Ed Weir and Harold Petz, urge all students with any kind of track ability to come out and participate in this meet.

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