

Inquiring Reporter



Syphilis. The cause of hundreds of babies being born blind and deaf and dumb; the underlying factor in a large percentage of the insanity cases which arise each year; paralysis; loss of function of the limbs; huge crater-like sores covering faces and bodies; babies born with syphilitic ulcers instead of faces; thousands of deaths every year.

C. B. Turner, Arts and Sciences Freshman:

"I have known the Wasserman test. I feel that the sooner people start using their heads and get over their foolish science, the better. Venereal diseases should be brought out into the open, recognized as deadly diseases, and fought as such.

"The only reason that they cannot be controlled is that everybody is afraid to admit that they might have it. Concealed and protected by ignorance and fear, they spread.

"In some states, the Wasserman is required before a marriage certificate is issued. I think that it is a good idea. If such a method were adopted, the disease would be stamped out in a matter of a comparatively few years.

George Shackelford, Arts and Sciences Junior:

"Mine is the idealist view—that of bringing the diseases out into the open and making use of every available agency to stop them and to prevent their spread. But I'm afraid this could never be accomplished, because public opinion would not allow it. People are still ashamed of things pertaining to sex.

"There can be no laws which would definitely put a stop to the diseases, as long as we have a democracy. If this were a dictatorship, it could probably be accomplished by a national decree.

"I would have no objections to taking the test myself, and would favor its becoming compulsory."

Libby Blazkev, Pre-Med sophomore:

"It would be a good idea for everyone to take the tests—then there could be isolation and cure. I read somewhere that they are carrying on some such plan in Chicago. It clinics all over the city they are giving these tests—if they are not compulsory, they should be; for you have no other way of knowing whether or not you have a venereal disease, and you may transmit it to someone else.

"The Wasserman test should be a pre-requisite for marriage. There are a lot of cities, and I believe the state of Wyoming, that are advocating just such a plan.

"I feel that the attitude of the students is very good—they realize that these diseases are deadly killers, and should be brought out into the open and fought rather than hidden away and allowed to kill.

"The moral code is on a much different basis than that of health. Even though the fear of disease were banished, I do not feel that it would lead to any moral deterioration."

Anonymous, Arts and Sciences freshman:

"These pictures are a good idea—the students can find out a great deal from them.

Browsing Among The Books

By Bernice Kauffman.

Ever since we indelicately intruded upon the privacy of a serious young grammarian friend of ours, who, on one of these hellish-hot Nebraska days, had his coat removed, and who apologetically exclaimed, "It is so excessively warm in here that I am perspiring indecently," we have wished to give three rousing cheers for Thomas Wolfe and his novels. Not for the novels alone, but because Thomas Wolfe, a university professor of rhetoric, is conscientious enough to write them. Now, in the Oct. 9, 1937, issue of the Saturday Review of Literature, Bernard DeVoto, in an article on the editor's page entitled "Grammarians' Funeral," flatly states that he is in favor of using the language of literate speech rather than that of academicians.

He cites the example of a writer of a best seller who said, "She pulled her skirt down and pulled up her stockings," instead of the colloquial, "she pulled her skirt down and her stockings up," because he couldn't end his sentence with a preposition. Mr. DeVoto has been attacked not only for using bad grammar but for descending into the field of the vulgar. Particularly has the term "lousy" been objected to. But, defends Mr. DeVoto: "The man who must put on spats before he can talk with a friend is gooty. . . Good writing is the adoption of means to an end. . . 'Lousy' was good enough for Shakespeare and its good enough for a professor of education. If the professor means 'lousy' and refrains from writing it, he is the kind of person who would say 'lady dog' and there is no place for him in hell, heaven, or the Saturday Review of Literature."

From now on all lapses from grace in this column may be attributed to our being conscientious and not to being unconscious.

If you can't get the sweetish taste of Dale Carnegie's "How to Win Friends and Influence People" out of your mouth and if the satire, "How to Lose Friends and Alienate People" proved to be slightly flat, you will doubtless sympathize with the young anarchist who walked into the public library recently, and loudly demanded "How to Lose Friends and Annihilate People."

"Ferdinand" Not Below You.

Unless you are especially enterprising, or unless Alexander Woolcott is one of your weaknesses, you probably do not know about "Ferdinand." Munro Leaf is the author, Robert Lawson is the illustrator, and Ferdinand is a delightfully sensitive, whimsical little bull. Ferdinand, whose favorite pastime is just sitting quietly under a cork tree and smelling his favorite flowers, has a mother who is a cow, and she is an understanding mother, even the she is a cow. "Ferdinand" is found in the children's room of the library, but it is the adults who chuckle over him. To our jaundiced eye "Ferdinand" is Mr. Leaf's sly thrust at all the dear, sensitive young men who have become the heroes of 20th century autobiographical novels. In case you should think "Ferdinand" beneath your dignity let us inform you that, the other day, we espied a personal copy on the desk of an earnest young English instructor whose literary pursuits, hitherto, have been in the realm of Jacobean literature.

As a result of Carl Sandburg's recent visit which made our Nebraska "prairie" a thing romantically realistic and of the Dale Nichols exhibition of Nebraska landscapes, particularly his ironic "The Cold Wave" we have become so Midwest-conscious that it was with delight that we picked up Sophie Molk's new book of poems, "Prairie Trails." It was a sad mistake. There is no title poem in the volume, and only three of her poems have to do with the prairie, for which we, patriotically, give thanks. Miss Molk's diction is the sort of thing one tries to forget, and as for her rhythms. . . We might call her the female Edgar Guest, but even our years of stored up resentment could never enable us to treat Mr. Guest in that way.

Word has it that one professor on this campus is freely recommending Aldous Huxley's "Brave New World" to his sophomore classes and that another is giving extra credit for the reading of Lincoln Steffens' "Autobiography." When you register next semester give these men four star ratings.

Jack Frost Plays Minor Part In Turning Leaves Red, Yellow, Orange, Claims Dr. E. J. Pool

(Continued from Page 1.) pigments. As temperatures decline the green substance decomposes, finally becoming transparent and thus allowing the red and yellow pigments to become much more noticeable. Lowering temperature tends also to favor the formation of red and purple pigments in the leaf.

To state in another way, the green color of all living vegetable matter simply does not use that part of the white light from the sun which is not needed by the plant. The chlorophyll actually uses mainly the red and blue rays of sunlight.

No Green, Blue Rays.

Nature was far sighted enough in the planning of the universe to see that the red and the blue rays were the colors necessary to life, the blue and green rays which would have resulted in a landscape entirely blue. If green and blue rays were the useful ones then leaves and foliage of plants would all be red, a disagreeable color, especially during the summer months of heat and intense light.

"The most brilliant color effects come during a temperate fall marked by the absence of an early killing frost," the university bot-

Editorially Speaking

Syphilis; A Disease

Syphilis is almost a household word. The disease has lost some of its magic over the backyard fence. Except in our more imperious backwashers of superstition and ignorance, the old eyebrow raiser has suffered a definite devaluation on the gossip exchange.

In short, we have come to emphasize syphilis as a disease, a misfortune to be sure, but one that can be cleared away by intelligent action. The aspects of disgrace attaching to the disease have been relegated to a second place in our thinking. The scientific methods for detection and cure have come to the fore.

For the purposes of eradicating the disease this subtraction of the connotation of social anathema from syphilis has been pure gain. It required a 25 million dollar publicity campaign by the U. S. public health service under the direction of Dr. Thomas Parran, jr., to accomplish the feat. Metropolitan dailies, slick paper magazines such as the proper Ladies Home Journal, and innumerable publications, proud of their liberalism, have joined in the effort to make us forget the moral implications of syphilis that we might ferret out and kill the germ.

Valuable results of Dr. Parran's drive have been reflected in the colleges. Higher educational institutions everywhere are following the examples set by the Universities of New Mexico and Oklahoma, in requiring matriculating students to undergo tests for syphilis. A Wassermann test for syphilis will be given to all freshmen at the University of Oklahoma this year. For upper classmen the tests will be optional, but all students entering the infirmary will be examined.

Students who show a positive reaction to the Wassermann test will be required to take treatment in compliance with the law which stipulates that any person with syphilis must be treated until he is cured, according to Dr. W. A. Fowler, director of the student health service at the university.

At the University of Kansas, students have demanded that the Wassermann be included in their physical examination. New students entering the university have asked to be given the examination, and now more students have volunteered for the Wassermann than can be handled by present hospital facilities. The men's student council has petitioned the board of regents and the chancellor to approve this examination.

Do You Know the Symptoms?

In co-operation with the state board of health, the student health service at Nebraska will give a Wassermann to anyone who has the symptoms of the disease or some definite reason for believing that he might have it. Schools administering the Wassermann to all entering students must necessarily charge a fee higher than Nebraska's, in most cases \$15 and up.

Providing that students know the symptoms and have an intelligent attitude toward the disease, Nebraska's setup is adequate under the circumstances. The ideal requirement in regard to the disease would be to give Wassermann's to each person in the state. In view of the cost of such a statewide program, or even a similar one for the university, many doctors feel that this precaution is unnecessary. The important thing is to nip the disease in the bud after the symptoms appear.

Incidentally, students who did not see the excellent film, "For All Our Sakes" when it was shown on the campus last spring may see it in the Temple Wednesday night. The 170 still pictures comprising the reel will be accompanied by scientific explanations of the symptoms, number of cases of the disease, where it is contracted, and what is to be done about it.

"For All Our Sakes" is part of the educational campaign that has succeeded in focusing attention on the disease. Those who may have been afraid to see the film a year ago for fear of social stigma—the word "afraid" seems silly in light of the floods of discussion during the last few months—may see it now, unafraid.

There have been those who have questioned the efficacy of Parran's publicity and educational campaign. Those who felt that the disgrace accruing to victims should not be minimized must realize now that the disgrace comes too late to be a deterrent, that congenital syphilis is blameless, and that disgrace was a great obstacle to discovery and cure.

Those who feel that Parran is trying to scare people who don't live right into doing so, and believe this to be futile, must realize that the best way to keep people from contracting the disease is to acquaint them with

anist says. "If a killing frost does occur at an early date, leaf tissues are vitally damaged and the result is a sudden transition from green to dull brown."

Reds Absorb Heat. Dr. Pool states that the deeper tones, such as the reds of some of the oaks, aid the plant by dint of their powers to absorb more heat. In that these colors tend to maintain a slightly higher temperature in the living tissues, thus prolonging life activity over a longer period.

In Nebraska, the trees that give us the most brilliant colorings in the fall are the red of the scarlet, pin and red oaks, the hard maples and of course the sumach and dogwoods; the flashing yellows of the cottonwoods, ashes, and hackberries; and the dark purples of the white ash and some of the native conifers, particularly the red cedar.

"Good risks" among the students at the University of New Mexico may continue their education by borrowing money from local banks at low rates of interest.

its consequences. Knowledge about syphilis creates a strong moral code in the sexual phase of life. And finally, if the syphilis campaign has made a few neurotic syphilitics, frightened persons into mistakenly thinking they had the disease, it has certainly effected the cure of a much greater number.

Contemporary Comment

Again, the Schooner

Lowry Charles Wimberly, the Gloomy Gus of the University of Nebraska campus, once again has announced that the Prairie Schooner is about to expire. Dr. Wimberly has edited the university's literary quarterly for ten years now, simultaneously winning recognition in high places and preparing for the imminent decrease of his magazine. Somehow, a way has always been found to keep it alive.

Two hundred young intellectuals in Omaha and Lincoln have sent a petition to Chancellor Edgar A. Burnett protesting against letting the Schooner pass away. Says the petition: "We feel that an institution of learning so famous for developing football players as the University of Nebraska can well afford to lend the support necessary to keep alive such a small cultural undertaking as the Prairie Schooner."

We don't intend to enter the old row of culture vs. football, but we agree that the Schooner should be worth keeping alive. There is one thing to be said for football. It is self supporting. After ten years of existence, perhaps the Prairie Schooner ought to be finding ways of becoming self supporting. Can't Dr. Wimberly find some ambitious student who would turn his energies to the task of making it so?

The Schooner has survived by means of subsidy. If the university regents feel they can no longer maintain the subsidy, there still ought to be a way out. It should be possible for the regents to keep the magazine alive while serious attempts are made to put it on a self supporting basis. The goal is worth working for, and we hope Dr. Wimberly's gloomy prediction will again be proved wrong.—Sunday Omaha World Herald.

Editor's note: Dr. Wimberly reports that the university subsidy will be continued for another year and that his first issue for this year will be out within two weeks.

Love To the Editor.

Dear Editor: (I wonder)

I would like to call your attention to that horrible mistake you made in Friday's issue of that awful rag. You billed Jan Garber as "the Idle of the Air Lanes," maybe you didn't know the difference, after all what can be expected of a would be editor and Journalistic staff. I suggest that you stop in at the book store in the morning and purchase a dictionary. (S2.) If I were in your boots I would shine them, at least you should print a decent retraction (for spelling see Webster's Collegiate Dictionary).

How would you like to be called, "The Idle of the News World," of course you are but why advertise such stuff.

An Admirer of the funny book

P. S. You can tell where I live by the stationery. I will give you a clue; my room number has a 1 in it.

I have sold the rest of my subscription to your paper for the stamp on this letter.

Love to Funny Book Admirer.

Dear Sir, (sex determined by Y. M. C. A. stationery)

Thank you very much for reminding us of a printer's error. It is the kind co-operation of you and your kind that makes our occupation a delight. Because the friendly help of which your letter is an example is so abundant, it is only seldom that we can acknowledge it. Your letter merits special consideration because we feel that you would be a valuable addition to our staff. Your novel spelling of "Friday's," "didn't," "Webster's," "room," "called," and "dictionary" lead us to believe that you would be of great assistance. Your utter disregard for capitals at the beginning of sentences and for interrogation marks would undoubtedly make for that essential speed at deadline time. Your capitalizing "journalistic" is indeed a compliment and shows that you have a warm place in your heart for our profession.

Another subscription to the Nebraskan will cost you \$1.50. Affectionately, The Editor.

Highlights On the Air

BY ELWOOD RANDOL.

Edward G. Robinson, hard boiled stage and screen gangster, will star in a new dramatic series based on newspaper life to be heard over the Columbia network



Edward G. Robinson.

every Tuesday starting tonight over KFAB at 7. Robinson will play the role of a crusading managing editor of a tabloid newspaper in a large American city. Each program will be a timely adaptation from the American news front, written by a battery of ace playwrights including Arthur Caesar, Courtney Riley Cooper, Arch Oboler and Edward Holden. Clark Andrews will direct the production. The large supporting cast will be headed by Claire Trevor, prominent stage and screen actress.

Donna Damerel (Marge of Myrt and Marge) wasn't quite 16 when she entered the chorus of the Rainbow Gardens, Chicago night spot. Donna sprained her ankle on opening night; went thru five shows and then collapsed in the dressing room. . . "Parkyakarkus" is registered at the patent office by Harry Einstein, the comedian's real name, so don't try to use the name without permission of the copyright owner. . . Al Pearce met his wife when she attended one of his broadcasts but since they have been married she hasn't been to one of his shows. . . Stuart Allen, Hit Parade vocalist, was arrested for breaking the child labor law when singing on the stage as a boy.

Isham Jones, famed orchestra leader and song composer, will be heard from the Hotel Lincoln in New York City where they opened for the fall season recently. The talented group of musicians will be aired over the Mutual network and KFOR at 10:30.

Helen Menken, a Tuesday night drama star, is heard in the adven-



HELEN MENKEN.

ture of Brenda Williams, the woman who makes a brave fight for the success of her second marriage, in the Famous Actors' guild broadcast heard every Tuesday at 6:30 over KFAB and the Columbia network. Supporting actors of the dramatic series include Joseph Curtin, Franc Hale, Jay Jostyn, Janice Gilbert, Jimmy Donnelly, Jean Colbert and William Podmore.

A new studio program from KFOR presents Pablo Hill, baritone, who is heard Tuesday and Thursday at 3. This is Hill's third year at the local radio station and completes his 12th year of singing. He spent three years with the Associated Chautauque of Wichita, Kans.

Chain Letters.

Dear Major Bowes: "There are three girls working for me here in my laundry. They think they can sing. I wish you'd give them an audition. I can't stand it any longer." A. F. Moston, Mass.

Dear Phil Baker: "I was glad to have you back on the air especially with Patsy Kelly on the program. She's a favorite of mine and people say I look and act like her. I wrote to her about the resem-

NEWS PARADE by Marjorie Churchill

Britain to Open Fire.

Britain resorts to a move of grave import in the Sino-Japanese crisis. Defense lines on the west fringe of the international area have been provided with anti-aircraft machine guns, and the crews are ordered to fire on any airplanes that approach dangerously close.

Direct cause of the move is a Japanese airplane attack on a British outpost Sunday in which a rifleman of the Royal Ulster rifles was killed. Planes apparently of the same squadron machine gunned two parties of excursioning foreign civilians—men and women, including eight Americans.

Japan's apology and offer to send a military contingent to the rifleman's funeral were rebuffed by British officials. It seems that in this case Japan has overstepped the mark, and will not be allowed to continue to apologize—and follow the apology with a new casualty and a new apology.

Black Lying Lou.

Appeal of Haywood Patterson one of nine Negroes involved in the Scottsboro, Ala., assault case, comes up before the supreme court and is refused. Justice Black does not participate in consideration of the requested appeal.

The Patterson case is the first case of "a litigant who would have a personal interest" in membership of the court as affecting decision on his case. Opponents of Black's appointment, who may have seen in the opportunity for reopening the question of Black's eligibility have been foiled at the first turn.

Ever fickle public opinion has likewise turned on the Black eligibility question. Fifty-nine percent of the voters urged resignation before the appointed justice took his seat upon the bench. Fifty-six percent of the voters now say that he should keep his position. What-ever opposition leaders may feel on the matter, Justice Black is sitting tight, and continued side tracking of the challenges to his eligibility may keep the issue dead without chance of revival.

Labor Raises White Flag.

Peace in the two year labor war is the aim of the joint C. I. O.-A. F. of L. meeting, being held at Washington. George M. Harrison, leader of the federation delegation, and Philip Murray, chairman of the C. I. O. conferees, preside over the preliminary conference. Joining of the 3,600,000 A. F. of L. members and the 3,700,000 C. I. O. workers would present a combined, powerful labor front, and leaders of both camps are hopeful of a reconciliation.

blance. She replied "Heaven help you. Please advise me, Mr. Baker." Janice R. Peoria, Ill.

"Command Appearance," a popular feature of Kate Smith's program last year, will be revived Thursday when the songbird of the south places the hero of the month in nomination on her program which is heard at 7 over KFAB. Radio listeners will vote during the following four weeks. The winner receives an award of \$1,000 while the other two nominees are given \$250 each. Miss Smith was forced to abandon this feature last season when the program sponsor donated the funds used for it to the Red Cross to aid the sufferers in the Ohio flood area last January and February. The new feature will be heard once a month instead of weekly as was the case last year.

Lenore Utric, Broadway stage star, will be guest "funster" on the Al Pearce program when the gang watches the fun go by on KFAB at 8 p. m. this evening.

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Official Bulletin. Corn Cobs. All Corn Cobs who have not checked out tickets to sell for the Corn Cobs-Truckin' carnival may get them this afternoon from Don Moss in the Cornhusker office. Kosmet Klub. All Kosmet Klub members will meet this afternoon in the Klub's room in the basement of music school at 5 p. m.

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35c Per Person. Expecting a huge football crowd to fit into the carnival spirit that will accompany the Corn Cobs-Truckin' carnival, pep club members in charge of ticket sales have set an arbitrary goal of 700 tickets to sell for the ridiculously low price of 35 cents per person. Dating is optional for those who don't care to participate in the "truckin'" contest. The general committee of Corn Cobs in charge of the carnival is composed of Howard Kaplan and Frank Kudrna, general chairman, Murriss Lipp, George Rosen and Harold Nieman, Virginia Fleetwood heads the Tassel committee which is working with the men's pep club committee.

BIG APPLE OPENS TRUCKIN' RIVALRY AT COBB CARNIVAL. (Continued from Page 1.) enticing all persons to stop and try his luck in such games of skill as throwing balls, darts and hoops at bottles, pictures and

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