

CHIPS

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THE TIME ELEMENT

Every day in every way we become more and more impressed with the amount of time which trivial matters take up in the course of conversation.

"Glad to know you" and "pleased to meet you" are the most frequently used phrases. Besides their triteness, they also lead the field in insincerity and snap judgment.

"Do you have a match?" ranks about third. While this simple interrogation lacks the sterling intellectual qualities of "What do you think of Schopenhauer?" nobody can deny its sincerity.

"What time is it?" is another question which generally accomplishes nothing but waste of time itself. This question is often the first one made in making acquaintances and advances. It is (we get this information second hand) often the opening question of con men and grafters. It may more often be an innocent and simple question but because of the possible underlying and ulterior motives it should be answered cautiously or even disregarded.

Take, for instance, the case of a young man who took a seat in the smoking compartment on a southern train, and after a moment's fiddling with his thumbs, asked the only other occupant the time.

One Thing Leads to Another. The party of the second part, a stern and substantial gentleman, straightened his tie and leaned forward. "Son," he said, "I make it a rule never to talk to strangers and I am not even going to give you the time and I will tell you why."

He breathed deeply. "Suppose I tell you what time it is? Then you are going to say, 'Nice weather we are having,' and I am going to say, 'Yes, but it looks as though we were in for a spell of rain,' and you are going to agree with me. Then the waiter is going to come thru the car announcing dinner and you and I are going in to dine and to have a few drinks. After that you will tell me the story of your life and I naturally will spread myself and soon we will arrive at my station, which incidentally will happen to be yours, too, and my wife will meet me at the station in our new car and we will drive you to your hotel and I will invite you up to our house for dinner and you will take me up on it and you will meet my beautiful daughter and you will fall in love with her and finally you will marry her and I will be damned if I am going to have a son-in-law that doesn't own a watch."

There, see the aspersions which may be cast upon you when you go around asking for the time. Moreover, the question is about as useless and pointless as a W. P. A. workman's request for a shovel that digs dirt efficiently. If you care to argue about the useless angle of that "what time is it" question, let us point out the following facts.

Case of the Latecomer. Supposing you are already late for an appointment and you know it. You ask for the time and all you do is waste time asking for it. If you are late, the best thing you can do is to hurry to where you're going without taking time to see how late you are. You might point out that if you know you are late, you must have realized what time it was an hour or so earlier. Well, if you knew then, you must have either asked somebody or consulted your own chronometer. If you have something that must be done, it doesn't make much difference what time it is. There are only twenty-four hours in the day and one is as good as another for work.

There is the story told of a farmer in the Ozarks who must have had a good deal of common sense and a realization of the importance or unimportance of the time of day. A visitor with an efficiency complex watched the farmer's hogs all crowding around (Continued on Page 2.)

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G-Men Open Uni Print Campaign Wednesday at 9

Police, Alpha Phi Omega Aid F. B. I. in Nation-Wide Program.

Students will have their first opportunity to have their fingerprints taken for civil identification when the F. B. I., university police, and Alpha Phi Omega, service fraternity, open their office in the Student Union building Wednesday morning, Nebraska is the first midwestern school where the opportunities have been offered.

Endorsing the campaign and urging that every student take advantage of the opportunity are Mayor Oren S. Copeland and Acting Chancellor Dean H. H. Foster. Expenses of the campaign are being borne entirely by the federal bureau of investigation and the university police.

Hoover Praises. In a telegram from Washington, D. C., F. B. I. Chief J. Edgar Hoover writes:

"Reference your letter May 1. Deeply appreciate your courtesy in advising me as to the progress of your civil fingerprint campaign at the University of Nebraska. It is most gratifying to know that you have completed arrangements to present the students of the university with the opportunity to have their fingerprint impressions recorded in the civil identification files of the F. B. I. I believe every law abiding American citizen should have this opportunity to protect his family and friends and may I offer congratulations upon the program which you are inaugurating. Am forwarding five thousand personal identification cards and glad indeed to make additional cards if needed (Continued on Page 2.)

MUSEUM PUPPETEERS PRESENT ADULT PLAYS

'St. George,' 'Gooseberry Mandarin' Offered By Marionettes.

For the first time in their history the University museum puppeteers will present a program of marionette plays designed specially to appeal to both adult and juvenile audiences.

Under the direction of Miss Marjorie Shanafelt, curator of visual education, the museum company announced Saturday that "St. George and the Dragon" and "The Gooseberry Mandarin" will be given at 3 o'clock Saturday and Sunday afternoon May 14 and 15 in Morrill hall auditorium. Between these two main features will be an entertaining ballet, "Moonlight and Roses."

Stress Educational Aspect.

The spring performances mark the first time that the marionettes have ever offered plays that appeal particularly to the serious minded. Always before Miss Shanafelt has confined her efforts to portraying the role of fairy characters during the Christmas vacation week of marionette shows. Due, however, to the many requests by students who return home during the Christmas period, the museum puppeteers, featuring, besides the director, Marian Schultz, Harriet Van Sickle, Mary Louise Spidell, Jack Tomer, John Mercer, and Robert Kubicek, have decided to present what they hope may be the first of a series of spring performances which will be given each year for students and the general public.

The educational aspect will be stressed and following each show the audience will have an opportunity of seeing how the puppets are worked by a demonstration outside the auditorium doors.

Life of Thresherman Is a Series Of Ups and Downs, Arthur Krogh Tells in 'American Speech' Article

Life is full of ups and downs, as any elevator boy will claim. The thresherman, however, has more ups and downs than anybody else, according to Arthur C. Krogh, sophomore at the university, in an article in the current issue of American Speech. Under the title of "The Ups and Downs of Threshermen," Krogh explains: "Before they can start a successful season, the outfit must be tuned up, taken down, cleaned up, tightened up and checked up. The bearings are taken up by tightening down or pulling up the screws and bolts for these adjustments. Loose strips of canvas must be nailed up, while rough edges of worn tin must be hammered down. Next, the outfit must be oiled up by turning down the grease cups. Fill Up, Start Up, Back Up. "The tractor must be filled up with fuel, started up, backed up and hooked up to the thresher. If the outfit is a steam rig, the engineer must get up early and steam up so that he can start up at 7 o'clock. With the aid of the tractor or engine, the thresher is lev-

eled up. Inclining ground sometimes makes it necessary to block up one end of the thresher. The tractor is then lined up and belted up to the thresher.

"The blower is turned up and the feeder is set up. The grain cleaning devices are closed up or closed down, while the grain wagons are backed up to the machine and the bundle haulers harness up their horses, hitch up to their rakes, load up and pull up to the thresher.

Idle Down, Slow Down, Shut Down "The engineer opens up the throttle, but in case of some delay may idle down or slow down the tractor. The separator man watches that no parts loosen up to avoid a breakdown or possibly a burned up bearing.

"The owner complains that too much fuel has been used up. Grain spilled on the ground is scooped up; untied bundles are raked up and at the end of the day the outfit is shut down and the belts rolled up. And to finish up, after the job is done the thresher is put up to await another season."

Have You Remembered?



Mother's Day

1,000 PERSONS VIEW 20TH FARMER'S FAIR INDOORS ON SATURDAY

Nila Spader Presides as Ag Festivities Proceed Despite Weather.

A crowd of more than one thousand persons yesterday saw the 20th annual Farmer's Fair, scheduled as an outdoor festival, presented in the Ag Student Activities building. While light, driving rain cancelled the morning parade and many of the events of the equestrian circus, the greater part of the fair, including folk dancing, style shows, riding contests, group singing, and a musical revue, was carried on within the buildings on schedule.

Before a background of white bridal wreath, palms, and ferns, the Goddess of Agriculture, Nila Spader, presided over the festival. Following Miss Spader's presentation, groups of folk dancers danced the strask, varsoviene and the Virginia reel. Three girls dressed as sailors performed a horn pipe. Musical numbers included singing by a triple trio, a boy's quartet, and the ag college chorus.

Cochran Speaks. A style show under the direction of Louise Magee gave girls from the home economics clothing classes (Continued on Page 3.)

DR. A. L. LUGN HEADS NEBRASKA SCIENCE ACADEMY FOR YEAR

University Faculty Members Monopolize Offices At Conclave.

Nebraska university faculty members in the Geography department monopolized almost every office holding position elected at the Nebraska Academy of Science convention in Hastings last week.

Associate professor of geology A. L. Lugn was elevated from vice president to president of the Academy at the business closing the 48th annual convention. Dr. Lugn succeeds Dr. Harry R. James of Hastings college. V. C. McKim of Chadron Teachers college is the new vice president. W. J. Himmel, university botany instructor succeeded M. P. Brue-nig, also of the university, as secretary of the organization.

Slaymaker Elected. Prof. P. K. Slaymaker of Nebraska was re-elected treasurer of the Academy and Prof. Nels A. Bengston, chairman of the university Geography department was elected councillor for a three year term. The 1939 convention of the group will be held in Lincoln, and Chadron will play host in 1940. Charles R. Buzzard, geography faculty, spoke on the stone and (Continued on Page 2.)

Registration Mill To Start Grinding Process Monday

LOCAL CHEMISTS HEAR WHITMORE FRIDAY EVENING

Uni Chapter Session to Hear Penn State Dean View 'Hydro Carbons.'

Dr. Frank C. Whitmore, dean and research professor of organic chemistry at Pennsylvania State college, and president of the American Chemical society, will be in Lincoln to address the public and members of the university chapter Friday, May 13, at 8 p. m., in the chemistry auditorium. Elaborate plans are being made in connection with Dr. Whitmore's visit to the city and a large audience will be on hand to hear him speak on "Hydro Carbons."

After teaching in Williams college, Rice institute and the University of Minnesota, the chemical society president spent ten years at Northwestern, becoming chairman of the chemistry department there in 1924. Still later he spent another year in Washington as chairman of the division of chemistry and chemical technology of the national research council, and since 1929 has been on the faculty of Pennsylvania State college.

Noted Author. Dr. Whitmore is a prolific writer and has been editor in chief of Organic Syntheses and has served as a member of the advisory board for the 14th edition of the Encyclopedia Britannica, besides being the author of various articles in outstanding publications in this field. Because of his eminence he was appointed a councillor of the international union of chemistry, a member of the advisory committee on cancer research of the graduate school of medicine at the University of Pennsylvania and a member of the society's advisory committee for the chemical warfare service of the United States army.

Previous to 1929 his research interests were in organic compounds of mercury both in connection with their fundamental properties and their uses in medicine. Since going to Penn State, his interests have been in the field of simple aliphatic chemistry.

COUNCIL AUTHORIZES CITY HOUSING SURVEY

University Study Underlies Recent Legislative Action.

The city council of Lincoln has authorized a study of housing needs in Lincoln based upon some preliminary studies made in various parts of the city by students in graduate school social work. The mayor and council have appointed the following members to the committee: H. J. Theobald, realtor; Walter Wilson, architect; Fred Wells, merchant; David Erickson, city engineer; and Ernest F. Witte, director, graduate school of social work, and chairman of the committee. Low cost housing has been made possible by enactment of the Wagner-Steagall act passed by the (Continued on Page 2.)

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Florence McGahey Outlines Steps in Arranging New Schedules.

Students who are attending the university this semester will register for their next term's work beginning Monday morning until noon of next Saturday, according to Florence McGahey, university registrar. Class schedules are now ready at the registrar's office in the administration building.

Registration applies only to students registered during the second semester of 1937-38, and those School of Music students registered for university credits who must file the usual "application for registration" and in addition the "school of music registration."

Hours in Afternoon. Students are required to carry at least two-fifths of their classes in the afternoon, unless they have a written approval from the chairman of the assignment committee. If the adviser has personal knowledge of the student's outside employment a note indicating that fact, addressed to the chairman of the assignment committee, Professor A. R. Congdon, will facilitate the handling of the case. Several steps should be observed by the students in registering.

1. Every man registered for military science 1 who has vacant hours either Tuesday or Thursday morning should be registered for a company on one of those mornings. Every man registered for military science 3 who has vacant hours either Monday, Wednesday, or Friday morning should be registered for a company on one of those mornings. 2. If students plan to take work (Continued on Page 2.)

FIVE HOUSES REMAIN IN FRATERNITY DEBATE

Kappa Sig, ATO, Beta, Sam, Zeta Beta Tau Still Vie for Cup.

At the end of round five of the interfraternity debate tournament, five teams remain with three victories each, and in addition Beta Theta Pi has one victory thru default of their opponents. Tuesday evening these teams will meet at the chapter houses of the affirmative teams to eliminate several of the houses.

In this round those teams that lose go out permanently. As there is one team that has a bye, it will probably take two more rounds to settle who are the best debaters this season among the eight fraternities entered. Wit the affirmative team named first the pairings for the sixth round made by lot are as follows: Kappa Sigma vs. Alpha Tau Omega. Zeta Beta Tau vs. Sigma Alpha Mu. Beta Theta Pi draws a bye.

STUDENT UNION OFFERS PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT

Any men students wishing part time work are requested to see Miss Nims in the Student Union office as soon as possible. According to John director, Kenneth Van Sant, men will be needed at various times to set up chairs for shows, lectures, and other activities, and to get the building in order for the many functions to be held there. Schedules of classes, free hours, and telephone numbers, should be turned in to Miss Nims as soon as possible.

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