

Increased Attendance . . .

. . . Increased Public Interest

Fact that the University of Nebraska, according to news releases today, is listed as No. 18 in attendance figures among the nation's institutions of higher learning is relatively unimportant.

The meaningless classification according to number should provoke, however, another question which naturally follows: "At what low figure in national rating does the university rank as an institution organized for teaching and study in the higher branches of learning?"

There is no secret about the fact that many faculty members today are spending valuable time—time needed for research and study—in the preparation of committee reports demanded by the accrediting association as "reasons" or "excuses" for unfavorable status.

But probably the most important result shown by the report of Dr. Raymond Walters, president of Cincinnati university, is that despite depressed business conditions in the current decade, American college and university attendance in this period has shown a gain of 22 percent.

Perhaps, at least the partial solution lies in analysis of the question: "Why this rapid increase in enrollment the past few years?"

Winning football teams that supply good publicity and advertising material for any college cannot be overlooked. Financial help in the form of more than \$38,000,000 in a typical year given by the institutions themselves to 330,000 students as scholarships, grants-in-aid, loans, and similar assistance has provided incentive to many highschool scholars.

The sheer circumstance of a lack of jobs for the nation's youth also has had its effect. Students, without financial means, will endure stinky basement rooms reeking with oil stove fumes and live on a daily diet of hamburger loaf; others, with the means, will live in luxury with good-looking clothes and shiny automobiles.

Greatest of all reasons for increase, however, may lie with the new emphasis placed on a college education—the "university education is necessary to be successful" attitude. The financial successes of such men as Henry Ford, John D. Rockefeller, or Mr. Insull, all of whom had little if any higher education, are now looked upon by student and parent alike as attainments in a day gone by.

"The impasse that faces civilization today is not due to any lack of intellectual power. Rather it has arisen because we have attacked our problems by the wrong method, a method characterized by rule of thumb, expediency and self-interest. The right method is the scientific method which, if doubled with sensitivity to the human values of freedom and individuality, will save our civilization from the irresponsible technologist and the scheming politician.

News Roundup

By Davis, Loos, and Mahnken
A BUY-PEACE PROPOSAL.

Information has leaked out that Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau last spring had a peace plan all his own. The secretary had proposed buying up the greater share of the world's supply of essential war materials in an attempt to stave off the present conflagration.

The utopian plan failed of execution because it was soon realized that sufficient money—it would have required 100 million dollars a month—was lacking for such an ambitious venture. Furthermore, it was hardly conceivable that all the possessors of such essential materials could be expected to co-operate, notably Soviet Russia.

ANOTHER EMBARGO OF 1807?

Mr. Morgenthau's plan reminds one of President Jefferson's unsuccessful embargo of 1807. It's also easy to imagine the reception this proposal would have received in the industrial sections of the country if one stops to consider the fate of the embargo of 1935, recently repealed.

President Wilson thought to buy permanent peace with men and money 22 years ago; now Mr. Morgenthau thinks to buy peace with just money.

How serious a threat is Garner?

Hardly a week-end passes these days without another aspirant for the presidency announcing himself as "receptive." The statement of Vice President Garner that he would accept the nomination for president is deserving of more than passing notice.

Thus came an answer to the question which had been worrying political observers for some time. It is interesting to note that of the three democrats indicating their receptive moods, Garner alone did so without indicating his willingness to step aside if President Roosevelt should seek a third term.

HAS SUPPORT OF POKER PLAYERS.

One wonders how serious is Garner's threat to seek the office. Vice presidents seldom are the most available presidential timber. Chosen due to their leadership of one of the minor factions of the party in order to assure a degree of party unanimity, the candidates for the vice presidency lack the widespread popular appeal needed for the chief office of the nation.

Garner's strength is not negligible, however. Texas would back him. Conservatives of the party revere him. John L. Lewis' outbreak of last summer resulted in all the whiskey-drinking, poker-playing voters solidly supporting him.

Yet it seems that the real purpose of Garner's candidacy is negative, to prevent the president's running for a third term. Opposition to a third term will center around Garner, and will then await the best opportunity for barter.

Scrap Irony
Chris Peterson

With respects to the Alliance Times-Herald for an embryo idea, we shall give you a short, snappy and complete war glossary so that you can talk intelligently when this so prominent matter draws conversation.

WAR: A sanguinary conflict between two or more nations, in which the right is always on each side and the wrong on the other. In modern warfare, one of the chief weapons is . . .

Propaganda: The publication of news items showing that the people of the other country are brutes, butchers, etc., and that their ancestors were all morons, all for the purpose of helping out . . .

Conscription: A universal expedient which, no matter how patriotic you may be, makes you dig up all the reasons in the world why the other fellow should be taken before you to follow the . . .

War Leaders: The fellows who stay a safe distance behind the firing line and be a . . .

War Hero: Any soldier going to war, as distinguished from . . .

Bum: The same soldier looking for a job after the war is over.

"If the new generation of which you are a part has not the wisdom to sweat for its own security as free men on the long, adventurous road, college education is no good and the driving fire of ingenuity has gone out. With wisdom, young men will come not to care whether they wear white collars or no collars. The trouble is that there are too few of us who are ambitious enough, ingenious enough, courageous enough to provide our own personal security." Famed Editor Grove Patterson tells Oberlin college and all U. S. students how they can attain success without artificial securities.

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DEAN'S NOTICE

VACATION—FINAL EXAMINATIONS

Christmas vacation will be two full weeks in length beginning at noon Wednesday, Dec. 20, and ending noon Wednesday, Jan. 3. Registration for the second semester will start Monday, Jan. 15, and continue until noon Saturday, Jan. 20. Schedules of second semester courses will be available at the registrar's office on and after Jan. 12.

In ruling on the issue of granting early leaves to students for the Christmas vacation Dean Thompson decided, "Distance of travel, seasonal employment, special personal conveniences and the like do not constitute an emergency and will not be accepted as excuses for absences prior to vacation."

Final examinations will cover a period of nine school days from Thursday, Jan. 20, to Saturday, Feb. 3.

RIFLEMEN MEET JAN. 4

No more meetings of Pershing Rifles will be held until after Christmas vacation. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 4.

CORN COBS.

Corn Cob activities must turn in their lists of pledge work hours to George Cameron by noon tomorrow or credit will not be given.

All pledges who have not yet checked

their luncheon ticket sales with Ed Wittenberg in the DAILY office are asked to do so at once in order that proper credit may be given and the accounts closed.

The following men are requested to turn in their Cornhusker sales books and money to the Cornhusker business immediately: Backlund, Herman, Dodd, Taylor, Busker, Milligan, Hunt, Dosek.

All activities are to be cleared up before vacation. Corn Cobs must report in uniform to the Union office tonight at 7 to help in the Union Christmas party tonight.

TEACHERS' CHRISTMAS PARTY.

Students in teachers college will begin their Christmas festivities with singing in the halls Wednesday morning. Classes will be dismissed during the afternoon for the annual program. The evening will be spent in games and dancing at the customary party. Later gifts will be exchanged and refreshments served.

The afternoon program will consist of: A Christmas PoemBess Parmenter Today There Is RingingMixed Chorus Sing NoelAll The Virgin's Slumber SongGirls Sextette BethlehemMixed chorus The Shepherds' Christmas, a cantata by Martin Luvans.

YWCA VESPERS.

Y. W. vespers will not meet today.

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Dental graduates all find practices

"Of course all our men are located," states Dean Hooper of the dental college referring to the placement of last year's graduates, adding, "Most of them are in quite satisfactory locations."

There were 18 in the 1939 group of dental graduates. Records show that between graduation and the following August, all of these men had found places to practice. According to Dean Hooper, the dental profession has never really been overcrowded and probably will not be for several years to come.

"It is apparent that there will be a demand for more dentists in future years, especially in views of decreased dental college enrollments in the country," he predicted.

Bureau picks 60 for speaking list

Program committees for community clubs, local alumni organizations and other similar associations desiring to secure university speakers will not be able to make selections from a classified list of speakers and the titles of their talks according to Ellsworth Duteau, director of the University Speakers' Bureau.

Duteau announced last Friday that names of 60 faculty members chosen by Deans and heads of departments have been added to the bureau's list of speakers, as a result of the first effort in the history of the university to make available a classified list of qualified university lecturers to represent the university.

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