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State education conference strikes cooperation keynote

Five day meet brings leading educators

Representatives from twenty Nebraska colleges and universities gathered at the university Monday through Friday of this week for a five-day conference on pre-service and in-service education of teachers.

The conference was the result of a meeting of educators called by Dean F. E. Henzlik of the university teachers college in Lincoln last March. Its purpose was to bring educators from all types of institutions and all sections of the state together to work cooperatively on common problems of teacher education that are state-wide in scope. Similar conferences held in other states have proved valuable in eliminating misunderstandings between schools and overlapping in the state's program of teacher education.

The conference was planned by a committee headed by Dean Henzlik and included Chancellor B. F. Schwartz of Nebraska Wesleyan University; Dean J. A. Jimeron of Peru State Teachers College; Dr. Archer L. Burnham, secretary of the Nebraska State Teachers Association; Dean F. E. Weir of Hastings College; Miss Viola Weatherfield, Nemaha county superintendent of schools, and Dr. Charles F. Dienst of the state department of instruction.

Meetings, which were held in the Student Union, opened Monday with registration at 9 a. m.

Novotny states . . .

Teachers must be trained according to social order

Public schools expect colleges to prepare teachers so that their pupils will be good students when they, in turn, may enter college, stated E. L. Novotny, superintendent of Beatrice schools, at a meeting Monday evening in the Student Union.

Addressing a state conference on teacher education, Novotny declared that teachers must be trained according to the social order in which they are to work. Human relationships are the greatest current problem, and teachers must be trained to direct their children's thinking toward this and to teach them to deal with it, he said.

"People in early times solved the problem of having too little," he stated, "but today we have not yet solved the problem of having too much."

Child not clay.

Teachers must know how their students' minds work, Novotny believes, since "a child is not a piece of clay to be molded. He is an organism that grows and must be guided and surrounded with goals and purposes as a thinking individual."

Education should be more functional, he said, with subjects taught more in terms of use. He advocated setting up a training school for teachers which would put elementary and high school grades together in a situation resembling that which prevails in most state schools.

UN students to wear new 'Howdy' badges

University of Nebraska students will enter a "howdy" week from Sept. 15 to Sept. 20. The Student Union is sponsoring "howdy" badges to be given to every student during registration days. Students and faculty will be urged to wear their badges, which state their names, home towns, and classes, and to greet their old friends as well as to meet the new students.

The "howdy badge" idea was the inspiration of George Gostas, former Union Board of Managers chairman, who believed that students did not make enough effort to be friendly the first week of school to their new and old friends.

6,000 badges are being printed with names obtained from the office of admissions. The badges were designed by Dean Bowman, a fine arts student, are about three inches in diameter, and red and cream in color. Mortar Boards and Innocents are cooperating with the Student Union to encourage the wearing of the badges and to make hospitality a by-word on the Nebraska campus.

Union closes Friday, August 1; opens in fall

The Student Union will close late Friday afternoon, Aug. 1, for the month of August. The union will open Wednesday, Sept. 3. The Corn Crib will open doors Sept. 5, and the main dining room and pan-American room will be open Thursday, Sept. 12.

Schultz to show museum expedition film Monday

A technicolor film on Nebraska archaeological expeditions will be presented in the Union parlors XYZ at 7:30 p. m. Monday. Charles B. Schultz, director of the university museum, will present a talk along with the film of fossil diggings in the fertile Nebraska plains.

Henry Reider of the museum staff will present a concert on his famous bonophone after the films are shown. The bonophone was made from fossil bones collected by the staff expeditions. Reider has made a trip to New York to present his unusual instrument over a nationwide broadcast. The bonophone has a peculiarly mellow tone unlike a xylophone.

Henzlik states schools related to democracy

Dean F. E. Henzlik of teachers college told teachers that any teacher training program must be



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related to democracy and that therefore the discussions must proceed in recognition of the problems of democratic culture. He listed the purposes of the conference as to discover (1) what kind of teachers and teaching is wanted in a democracy, (2) what procedures and methods will develop those characteristics wanted in teachers, (3) what kind of organization and administration are necessary to reveal facilities and utilize the resources available to accomplish these ends.

Objectives of the conference, as stated by Dean Henzlik, are to make clear problems in teacher education, set up goals for achievement in the work, itemize facilities and resources available within the various institutions and the state for the work, and to acquaint representatives of the various institutions with each other and each other's work.

Bimson presides.

O. H. Bimson, assistant superintendent of Lincoln schools, presided at the opening session, and Dr. W. H. Morton of the university teachers college led a discussion of problems to consider in teacher education. Work groups were to be assigned with small group meetings scheduled for the afternoon.

E. L. Novotny, superintendent of Beatrice schools, spoke on "What Do the Public Schools Expect From the Colleges in the Preparation of Teachers?" Monday evening at 7:30. Dr. Charles F. Dienst of the state department of public instruction presided.

Virginia Ford captures beauty queen crown

Walking off with top honors in the beauty queen contest at the 1941 Food Retailers picnic was Virginia Ford of Lincoln, freshman last year at the university. Miss Ford was selected from a group of 22 contestants and was awarded a cash prize.

Picked by Artist George Petty, Miss Ford was selected as one of the six Nebraska beauty queens last spring and was pictured in the 1941 Cornhusker. She was presented at the annual Student Union-Cornhusker dance.

Other winners in the contest Wednesday were Betty Jacobs and Jane Newman. Pictures of the winners are on page three.

Summer theatre group presents 'Dark Victory'

"Dark Victory," the play whose movie version won an academy award for Bette Davis, was staged by the summer theater department of speech Wednesday evening at 7:30. The public was invited to attend the production without charge in the air-conditioned Student Union ballroom.

Fay J. Stanley of the speech faculty directed the production and took the role of Dr. Frederick Steel, which was played by George Brent in the motion picture. Virginia Thede of Columbus portrayed Judith Traherne, the Bette Davis role. Tallulah Bankhead was the star of the original New York production in 1934.

The play was written by George Brewer and Bertram Bloch, and the complete cast of Wednesday's performance, in the order of their appearance, follows:

Dr. Frederick Steel . . . Ray J. Stanley, Lincoln
Miss Wainwright . . . Anna Pederson, Clarkson
Dr. Parsons Jon Pruden, Lincoln
Judith Traherne Virginia Thede, Columbus
Alden Blaine Mildred Manning, Lincoln
Ben Ewing Bob Black, Lincoln
Connie Ewing Berenice Demuth, David City
Janette Borden Joyce Burke, Lincoln
Leslie Clarke Romulo Soldevilla, Lincoln
Miss Jenny Ruth Rowaldt, Lincoln
Michael Clarence Flick, Lincoln
Josie Jenn Travis, Lincoln
Postman Jack Donley, Lincoln

Paul Bogen, Lincoln, was stage manager, and Bette Rosenblatt was in charge of properties. Music was played between acts.

Moritz discusses work of placing new teachers

Dean R. D. Moritz of the university summer school outlined the problem of teacher selection and placement at the closing summer administrative clinic Tuesday afternoon in the Student Union.

Dean Moritz is director of the university department of educational service in teachers college, thru which placements are made. Following his talk a general discussion of the problem was held with all members of the audience participating.

Survey shows . . .

Nation's coeds have definite ideas about their ward robes

That tailored clothes were the "most likely to succeed in the glamour game" was one of the many results of a survey conducted by Good Housekeeping magazine thru coeds over the campuses of the United States and the NEBRASKAN on this campus.

The polling, which was taken just before school was out, was done by women who gave their views on clothes, and their budget. Results of the survey prove very interesting.

About 45 percent of the coeds spend \$100 to \$200 yearly on their clothes and about 16 percent \$500 during the same period of time. 37 percent of them spend less than \$25 for a coat and 34 percent spend from \$10 to \$20 for a suit. Results showed that 44 percent owned five to ten sweaters.

Everything tailored.

Coeds want tailored clothes for everything, but they want to dress them up with original accessories the poll showed. A date dress is a simple wool dress, not necessarily a dressup faille or velveteen. Next to saddle shoes, coeds over the country like brogues and loafers.

New footwear fads coming over the horizon are white rubber boots, cowboy boots and wooden shoes. It was discovered that college women like to wear long pearls and earrings with sweaters and that they hate knee-length socks, anything frilly and especially slinky evening clothes.

Moritz tells clinic duties of school heads

Selection of teachers is the most important responsibility of school superintendents, stated Dean R. D. Moritz at the closing administrative clinic Tuesday afternoon in the Student Union.

Listing the four most important duties of the superintendent as selection of teachers, supervision of the school curriculum, establishment of proper relationships between the school and community, and sound financial policies, Dean Moritz said he believed most superintendents reversed their order of importance.

"Surely the selection of good teachers is the greatest factor in determining the success of any school," he declared.

UN is evidence.

As evidence that the University of Nebraska is training good teachers, Dean Moritz said that follow-up returns of 411 teachers now in the field showed the following ranking by superintendents: 70 or 17 percent) superior; 231 (or 56 percent) good; 79 (or 19 percent) average; and 31 (or 7 percent) poor.

The university dean explained that the educational placement bureau has set up a committee to study improvement of credentials. Questionnaires are being sent out to superintendents of the state to discover what employers want to know and how the present form of credentials sent out might be improved.

In an informal discussion following Dean Moritz's talks, it was suggested that the graduate credit hours shown on credentials be broken down into the various courses taken, and that as a policy in selecting teachers, school districts should stand part of the individual's expense who is not elected when more than one teacher is invited to make personal application to a superintendent or a board of education.

Reversibles again.

Reversibles are first among survivors of last year's crop of fads, polo coats second and are at the head of the list when it rains.

Coeds like initials on everything, colored cotton stockings, and the new V-necked sweater for white shirts. The military influence appears in knapsacks instead of purses, in insignias, and in khaki or white army tunics worn with regulation soldier leather belts.

These are the results of the poll made by the coeds. Wonder what the men think of them.

Summer paper discontinues publication

With this issue the NEBRASKAN will discontinue publication until the fall. The paper which has been provided for summer school students has kept these people posted on activities which have taken place on the campus during the session.

Members of the staff for the weekly paper have been Paul Svoboda, editor; John Mackey, assistant to the editor; Betty Dixon, business manager; Shirley Russell, Marjorie May, Bob Schlater have been contributors to the summer NEBRASKAN.