

UN Taxidermist . . . Velich Likes Birds, but He Spends Most of His Time Mounting Them

. . . Starting with an Owl

He liked to hear canaries sing when he was a baby, his mother said. Then when he grew up his love for canaries extended to other birds; he liked them all.

But he liked better to mount them, and now he is the only taxidermist of Morrill and Bessey halls. Ralph Velich, blond, six foot junior, has for occupation taxidermy—and French lessons.

Velich's career in taxidermy began ten years ago when he was in South Side high in Omaha. He shot an owl one day on a hunting trip, mounted it and retains it today as one of his most treasured possessions of his adolescence. After working for three years off

and on in an Omaha taxidermy studio he entered the university and started doing taxidermy work for the zoology department in his first year.

Mounted Thousand Birds.

Birds which he has mounted total over a thousand, he estimates. Two albino coyotes which he mounted last year are placed among his best specimens because "one albino is rare enough but when you get two—it is pretty unusual. I just have to put whiskers in them before they are ready to display."

Mournfully, Velich tells of an experience in Arkansas when he

was the museum expedition last summer. He had left his box of specimens in the hills "and Arkansas is just full of pigs, you know, and the next morning I came back and there wasn't a thing there."

Birds Most Important.

His birds were completely ruined, and Velich rates the incident as "the most detrimental thing to my collecting that has ever happened. Birds are the most important thing to me, anyway."

But if he did meet up with sad events while on the expedition, he also ran onto some excitement. For in Snowball, Ark., the expedition chanced upon an old Indian cave. With every shovelful of dirt and sand turned over they found arrow heads and pieces of pottery, bone awls—and human bones, Velich relates. "Most fun I ever had," he said, "and the dirtiest job, too."

With Guidance, Counselling . . .

Cornell A . . . empts to Relieve War Restlessness of Students

. . . In New Program

ITHACA, N. Y. (ACP). Cornell university has launched a program to quell war restlessness among its students.

The plan proposes student guidance and counselling, with emphasis on health and recreation. "College authorities have been concerned," a statement said, "with the disrupting effects of the world situation, not only on enrollments but also on the morale of the students pursuing their normal courses."

"The signs of restiveness and uncertainty, as well as the loss of interest of some students in maintaining high academic performance, made their appearance last year."

A councillor of men has been

appointed to direct a clearing house for their problems. He is expected to give advice on financial aid, personal and vocational problems social adjustment and student employment.

'Human Alarm Clocks' Don't Sleep Soundly

UNIVERSITY, Va.—(ACP)—"Human alarm clocks" may have something which they can impress their friends, but they don't do themselves any good by being able to hop out of bed at any given time.

This is the contention of Dr. J. H. Elder of the University of Virginia.

Dr. Elder says that if you make up your mind to wake up at a certain time you probably will, but the "preoccupation of the subconscious mind prevents sound sleep and causes waking, tossing and general restlessness." It's hardly worth the trouble, he intimates.

Grad Assistants Plan New Club

Fifty graduate assistant professors met for dinner in the Union Monday night. Allen Sher, master of ceremonies, suggested that the graduate assistants form a Graduate club to express the ideas and opinions of all graduate students of the university.

Poli Sci Profs Attend Meeting

Dr. R. V. Shumate, and Dr. J. P. Senning, political science professors, will attend the annual convention of the American Political Science association in New York, Dec. 28-31.

Presiding at a round table meeting on the State Legislature will be Dr. Shumate. Dr. Senning will participate in the same meeting.

Sinfonia Plans Unusual Program

Harmony Hour, Sinfonia's weekly program of recorded music at 4 p. m. every Monday in the music room of the union, will present an introduction to the concert of the Lincoln Symphony Orchestra.

This Monday the music on the program of the orchestra will be heard on records and will be discussed from an introductory angle. Mimeographed notes will be distributed as usual.

Concert . . .

(Continued from Page 1.) concert promises to be of unusual interest.

Chenoweth, born a Nebraskan, taught for several years at the school of music. He is now on the faculty of Occidental college and Holmesby University in Los Angeles, where he teaches piano and organ.

The orchestra, under the direction of Leo Kuncinski, will play the overture to Hansel and Gretel by Humperdinck, Mendelssohn's Italian Symphony, the Irish Rhapsody by Victor Herbert, the Satirical Dance Polka by Shostakovich and the Sorcerer's Apprentice by Dukas.

With \$35,000 Home . . .

Texas U. Reaches Milestone With Unusual Co-op Society

AUSTIN, Tex. (ACP). A new milestone in student housing was passed this fall at the University of Texas when 80 thrifty students moved into their new \$35,000 co-operative home.

Student co-ops have operated on other campuses for 25 years, and at the University of Texas for 5 years. But the campus guild is the first group known to have financed, built and operated such a

house. Previous co-ops used rented houses or, in a few cases at other colleges, residences donated by philanthropic persons.

One of the finest structures in Austin, the campus guild co-op house was conceived and brought to reality entirely thru efforts of the students. They borrowed the money on their own, prepared the plans, awarded the building contract and did most of the work themselves.

Nine university boys began clearing the lot last July, and in the course of construction 145 students labored on it, receiving the same wages as the few non-student workers.

The campus guild started in 1936 with a group of boys seeking to reduce their college expenses by living together, buying wisely, economizing wherever possible and doing a share of the housework.

Michigan Prof Urges Changes In Patent Law

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (ACP). Dr. Robert W. Kelso, University of Michigan sociologist, urges drastic revision of the patent laws so that "the people, acting in the interests of common welfare, should be a definite partner in the ownership of every patent."

Kelso advocates shortening of the period of monopoly granted inventors and that "profit should inure to the public after reasonable takings have been allowed to the owner of the patent."

U of Kentucky Celebrates Birth

LEXINGTON, Ky.—(ACP)—Gov. Keen Johnson has appointed 15 members of the University of Kentucky faculty and administrative staff to make plans for celebration of the 75th anniversary of the university in 1942, and at the same time plan for inauguration of Dr. Herman Lee Donovan, newly elected president of the university.

Texas U Plans List of Poems For Declamation

AUSTIN, Tex.—(ACP)—Texas student declaimers aren't going to be losing any more contests because judges don't like the poems being recited.

The University of Texas Interscholastic League has compiled a list of 2,988 poems that may be used in junior declamation contests this year. Use of any other poem would disqualify the participant from the contest.

Two years have been devoted to preparation of the list, according to Frank L. Winship, director of speech contests, who believes it is the only complete list of poetry suitable for use in grade schools.

To Aid Consumer . . .

Course Shows How to Avoid Rising Prices in World Crisis

. . . By Getting Most from Money

BELLEVILLE, Ill. (ACP). A course designed to enable every consumer to fight his way thru rising prices caused by the defense program and still save money has been announced by Lee Clerc college.

The course is offered in night school and is open to men and women for both practical value as well as college credits.

Directed by Prof. Charles Wuller of Le Clerc college and St. Louis university, it will follow advice of the federal government in how to purchase. It will cover the intricacies of new defense taxes and detailed operation of 12 federal housing agencies.

Students will be instructed in how to get most for their money in virtually every type of consumer goods and will be shown the var-

ety of government bulletins covering nearly every subject of interest to consumers.

"During the current national defense program there is a greater need for consumer education than ever before," Prof. Wuller said. "I want to keep the course as flexible as possible. I want to get the opinions of the people in the class, find out what they want to know, and plan the course for their needs."

University of Texas geologists predict a peat industry for Texas from recent extensive finds of the substance thruout the state.

Largest concrete dome in the world, 110 feet in diameter, is at McAlister auditorium of Tulane university. Hayden Planetarium dome, 90 feet in diameter, is next.

Forty Famous Acres

Forty Famous Acres is a comment on the day's news in blank verse form written by Bob Owens, University of Texas student, for the Daily Texan. Tho it does not appear every day, the column often hits literary heights for its method of catching the feeling behind the news. Today we bring Nebraskan readers one of the better examples recently published.

OWED TO WAR.

Greer,
Kearny,
Reuben James,
Not the names of men,
But milestones in America's entrance
Into the second World war
To save the world for democracy
And other mercurial things,
Americans are still holding doggedly
To the idea that "Hitler is a beast,"
"England and France are all right,"
and "God wouldn't let Germany win
the war."
And besides, "Hitler don't want Amer-
ica."

Secretly I think they know that Hitler
Has heard about the democratic freedom
Here in America and wants to come
over and try it.
Yeah, a lot of Americans are believing
in our invincibility
Just as they believe in the 'infallibility'
of the Aggies.
There will come a day
Maybe you'd better watch
The night also.

America's older men may be secure,
But take a look at the young men,
The draft age fellows without exemp-
tions.
The young ones have felt fairly secure,
But the morning the Reuben James sunk,
There were many pale, disturbed young
faces
Who looked soberly at many things
They were not so sure they would be
seeing permanently,
You could see young fellows in typing
class
Reading the old practice sentence,
"Now is the time for all good men to
come to the aid of their country."
There was something ominous about that
line
That perhaps some were translating thus,
"It's high time you answered the call of
your home draft board."

Young men are more serious,
More sober in thought when they're not
drunk,
More careful in speech—
(Especially on subjects that
Embrace democracy, freedom,
Racial differences, the isms,
and John L. Lewis.)
More young men now are falling in love
Or at least they are getting exemptions
Because they have dependents.
They don't necessarily go hand in hand,
The young couple, I mean.
One must consider when one votes for
war,
That one is voting for
High prices, fighting, death,
Undemocratic processes,
Ten years of primitiveness,
When one votes against war,
He hurts his "national pride,"
"One simply must not bear the indigni-
ties,"
One must hurt oneself and all one's re-
sources
Into the fray while yet there is time."
"It is later than we think."
Or do you own steel and munitions
stock?

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Thus far when we speak of conscripting capital, It has been of a "conscripted tease."

Boucher . . .

(Continued from page 1.) agriculture," declared Boucher referring to agricultural education at Nebraska. "All research projects in our agricultural experiment station program are directed to the solution of immediate problems of the profession: Our educational program in the College of Agriculture constantly reflects the discoveries of the experiment station; and our agricultural extension service carries these discoveries immediately to practitioners all over the state in a continuation in-service professional educational program."

In closing Chancellor Boucher assured his audience that projects such as the P-F-L program will always enlist the ardent interest and enthusiastic support of the university.

Tulane university has a scholarship for descendants of Confederate soldiers.

Seniors at Appalachian State Teachers college (NC) broke tradition to elect a co-ed Dorothy Griffith, class president.

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