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Lincoln's Success . . .

(Ed. Note—Col. J. P. Murphy, commander of Nebraska military units, has spent a great deal of time doing research on the life of Abraham Lincoln. Herewith is presented Colonel Murphy's message occasioned by the anniversary, Feb. 12, of Lincoln's birthday.)

Things do happen, and they happen as well to presidents as to pages. Obstacles and opportunities present themselves. The problem is to divorce the one and wed the other. So much in life is dependent upon just this, that it is deserving of our attention in reviewing events that mark the turning point in the life of a man who came to be loved and honored second to none of America's citizens. But it is interesting to know that failure in business and the subsequent necessity for work of some kind—found him welcoming his first political appointment.

During the brief span of three years of his life in the village of New Salem, Illinois, early in his career, this community had adopted him and fostered his political ambitions. Tho beset by many difficulties, he had found that the friendships formed there had endured. His rugged honesty and sincerity of purpose had commended him to the judgment of his neighbors in this frontier town. And today, tho but a memory, New Salem promises to be a perpetual memorial to his early struggles. There he met his first love, Ann Rutledge, and there he satisfied his first political ambitions. He bore the imprint of both these experiences thruout his life. Tho disappointed in love he was a successful in politics. True indeed, Lincoln's immortality is rooted to his failures and successes while a citizen of this phantom town on the banks of the peaceful Sangamon river.

Lincoln built success upon failure. The life of Lincoln contains many lessons for young men of today, and none is more striking and more useful than that of persistency in the face of failure.

Lincoln ran for the state legislature and was defeated. He became partner in a dry goods store that failed and left him to pay the bills. His personal property was offered for sale to satisfy a judgment and was bid in by a friend. He was disappointed in love and later married against his own better judgment. While preparing to enter the legislature he was forced to borrow \$200 to purchase suitable clothing, and he did not pay this back until many years later. He was later elected to congress and at the expiration of an uneventful two year term he became a candidate for United States Commissioner of the General Office, but failed to get the appointment. He was offered the governorship of Oregon Territory and his wife refused to let him accept. He was a candidate for the senate and lost; for the republican nomination for vice president and lost; and again for the senate and was defeated by Douglas. His soul tempered by adversity, he became president of these United States and a world figure.

It is true that "For the stout of heart success is often built upon failure."

Nightmare Antidote

One of the nightmares a managing editor has at least once a week concerns that day when at least 40 publicity chairmen for 40 different organizations will dash into the office demanding "a two inch box on the front page."

Created specifically to ease the managing editor's mind about such matters is the Bulletin, a column of notices open to any organization on the campus. In it may be found a day by day account of meetings and announcements for clubs, colleges and other groups.

The Nebraskan urges students and faculty to make use of the Bulletin ad to get into the habit of using it. Front page boxes are space-wasters unless they contain front page material. Wider use of the Bulletin will help both the paper and its public.

Hell and High Water

By Les Gloffely

Buttug, button, who's got the beauty queens. Now that the choosing of the 12 candidates is out of the way, we've been hearing the usual gripes and cheers from the students, who didn't get to vote. Watching the presentation last Saturday night, one thing was for sure—the soldiers entrusted with choosing the candidates just didn't give a darn who got it.

We heard one GI remark "Let's vote for her; I like the earrings." His buddy replied, "Yeah, but this next one looks more like the home type." In addition, the GI Joes had no little trouble remembering 12 numbers to vote for, even with their dates prodding them ungently in the ribs every time a sorority sister was presented. Another pair of lads in khaki had the idea of co-operation down to a fine point. "You vote for the Chi Phi's," one said, "and I'll boost the Kappa Omegas." Neither one had given the girls more than a cursory glance-up and down.

When the votes were counted, a wastebasket full of them had to be tossed out, uncounted, because many of the soldiers couldn't find 12 numbers to vote for. It's a sad situation when 12 beautiful girls can't be found on the campus.

YOUR UNIVERSITY Alumni Set Goals

As you make your way through the snow to Wimberly's composition class or Deming's chemistry lecture today, let your mind wander back to your predecessors at Nebraska and take a minute to think of the great university reputation that is yours to maintain.

While sitting in the law building, listening to Steponik's views on the Continental Novel, consider that 56 years ago Gen. John J. Pershing might have been in that same room studying hard for that law degree which he received from Nebraska in 1888.

Few students realize the number of prominent persons who once sat in the same classes which we now so cheerfully cut. Willa Cather, famous Nebraska authoress, received her A.B. from Nebraska in 1895. She was the author of "One of Ours," which received the Pulitzer Prize in 1922, and "Death Comes to the Archbishop."

Ruth Bryan Rohde, daughter of William Jennings Bryan, was a Nebraska student who later went into the diplomatic service as minister to Denmark. She is now a prominent author and lecturer.

Dr. Roscoe C. Pound was the former dean emeritus of Harvard law school and is now a traveling professor for Harvard. He has long been considered one of the outstanding educators in the country. Dr. Pound received five degrees from the University of Nebraska, including his A.B. in 1888.

Dr. Irving S. Cutter, prominent columnist, received his bachelor of science degree from Nebraska in 1898 and is now dean emeritus of the college of medicine at Northwestern university.

Herbert Brownell, jr., was one of the youngest members of the New York state legislature a few years ago and is now a prominent New York attorney. He managed Thomas E. Dewey's gubernatorial campaign. Brownell received his A.B. from Nebraska in 1924.

President of Eastman Kodak Co. is Thomas J. Hargrave, a Nebraska graduate of 1912. Wendel Berge, UN graduate of 1925, is the assistant attorney general of the United States, in charge of the anti-trust division in Washington.

A man whose voice you have often heard on the radio is Grant Parr, war correspondent and NBC news commentator who has been in Egypt and "other points in Africa." He received his A.B. from Nebraska in 1936. Another of our country's outstanding foreign correspondents is William G. McGaffin, who is back in America after having recently traveled in London, Paris, North Africa and India. He graduated in 1932.

The list of famous Nebraskans could fill this entire paper and their interesting lives have contributed a great deal to American history.

Next time you go to class, stop and think of the reputation that is yours to maintain for your university.

'Little Foxes' Primes For Opening Feb. 16

"On Stage! Places!" are the battle cries as "The Little Foxes" undergoes criticism and polishing at nightly dress rehearsals this week.

Under the direction of Berne Enslin, the cast is priming for opening night, Feb. 16. One change in casting has been made with the replacement of Vic Fer-

ris in the role of Oscar. Robert Samardick previously held that role.

"The Little Foxes" history began in 1939 when it was first played in New York City. Tallulah Bankhead, well known stage actress, played the lead as Regina in that production. After completing one of the longest runs on Broadway of any play in history, it was put on the road, touring the country for several months.

B. Davis Stars in Picture. A few years later "The Little Foxes" was taken over by Hollywood, and produced, starring Pette Davis as Regina. Supporting leads were played by Herbert Marshall as Horace and Teresa Wright as Alexandra.

Saturday evening, Feb. 19, the play will be given especially for military trainees and their dates. Prices will be reduced to 25c per person, with no reserved seats. The public is also invited for that evening at the regular admission price of 55c.

The property committee is sending out a call for furniture of the Victorian era. Anyone willing and able to loan any pieces of furniture may get in touch with Uni Theater or the rag.

City Church Parties Fete St. Valentine

Lincoln church activities for the week-end will be highlighted with Valentine parties sponsored by the various denominations.

Rev. Ray V. Kearns announces a Valentine party at the Presbyterian Student House tonight at 7:30. All Presbyterian students who attend are asked to bring a one cent comic Valentine.

The Pilgrim Fellowship club at the Vine Congregational church will hold a Valentine party on Friday at the church on 25th and S streets. Rev. E. Merle Adams will be in charge of the party.

Services Tonight. Religious services will be held tonight at the synagogue on 18th and L streets with Rabbi Harry Jolt in charge of the services. Sunday services will be held at 11:45 a. m. followed by a brunch and a dance. All trainees and students are urged to attend.

Confirmation instructions given by Rev. L. W. McMillin will be held Tuesday, at 7 p. m. at the Episcopal church. Sunday services will be held at 8:30 and 11:00 a. m.

YM Secretary Speaks. Roger Williams Fellowship will meet at the First Baptist church on Sunday at 7 p. m. Jerry Benjamin Knissin, guest speaker, will discuss "Youth and Today." Mr. Knissin is city YM secretary. Worship service will be led by Gene Wild with Betty Jacobs presiding.

The Wesley Foundation Student Fellowship will give the usual party for all campus trainees from 8 to 11 o'clock Saturday night. Sunday evening they will sponsor a meeting at St. Paul Methodist church. Lunch will be served at 5:30 and will be followed by a program beginning at 6:15. Leslie Johnson and Zelma Waldow will lead a discussion on the topic, "Crusade for a New World Order."

A/S Glen Holmes Wins Air Medal For Island Flying

A/S Glen N. Holmes, cadet in the 348th CTD on the campus, received the air medal on Monday, Jan. 24, from Major Ewing W. Kinhead, head of the University Air Corps Training Detachment. Cadet Holmes was cited by the war department for having successfully completed over 100 hours in operational flight missions in cargo airplanes in the Aleutian area between June 30, 1942, and April 1, 1943.

The award was made at retreat ceremonies, after which the detachment passed in review in honor of cadet Holmes. He arrived at the university on Dec. 20, 1943 to begin his college training to become a pilot, bombardier or navi-

Uni Professor's Articles Appear In Magazines

Prof. R. P. Crawford of the school of journalism has written three articles appearing in current national magazines.

He is the author of the lead article in Barron's for Dec. 13 entitled "The Scramble for Oil," an economic analysis of the petroleum situation. "An Epidemic of Getting Well," a story of socialized medicine in a Texas county, is printed in the December Magazine Digest. The National Digest also contains one of his articles, "So You Want to Buy a Farm."

It takes five years for the termite to complete its life cycle—including the time he spends gnawing at the underpinnings of your house—a University of Texas zoologist has learned.

SATURDAY NIGHT

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