

## Opportunity . . .

# Teachers 'Unaware' Of Placement Plan

By ROGER WAIT

Editor's note: This week's "Opportunity" feature is concerned with a relatively unknown service available on the University campus. The seventh and final article in this series will concern the University as "opportunity" for the graduate.

"Apparently we have people here in the Summer Session who are unaware of the Teacher Placement Division or who do not care to use its services."

That declaration was made by Division Co-ordinator Wesley Meierhenry in a Summer Nebraskan interview Monday. There is a current "shortage of qualified teachers," he added.

Meierhenry urged Teachers College students who have not yet registered with the Division to do so immediately. He said that the only requirements for registration are 15 credit hours on record and recommendations of three faculty members from any college in the University.

Between eight and ten school superintendents a day come in to get teachers, he said, with between 25 and 30 openings a day.

This service includes solicitation of teaching vacancies from all over the nation, its territories and some foreign countries. An up-to-date set of credentials is maintained for each registrant, which Meierhenry said, which provides "personal data, educational background ratings of faculty members and comments" from administrators.

Approximately 1,000 persons are registered at any one time, Meierhenry said. Of these between 300 and 400 are seniors in Teachers College, he added. The rest are those who are seeking changes of position, Meierhenry said.

"It is difficult to tell at this time," Meierhenry said, "but in Nebraska we are short several hundred secondary teachers." Regarding the elementary school situation, he said, we are not quite so short.

He attributed this to past publicity of the elementary teacher

shortage and to the renewal of certificates by former teachers. But, he added, "there is still need for younger teachers in the elementary schools."

The most acute secondary short-



Courtesy Lincoln Journal  
MEIERHENRY

ages, Meierhenry said, are for teachers of home economics, commercial arts, English, mathematics, science and music.

Meierhenry listed several reasons for the current teacher shortage. Low salaries, living conditions in smaller towns, the "lack of good induction procedures which do not make teachers feel at home" and competition from industry were cited.

Not enough students are choosing to make teaching their careers for two reasons, he said.

First, he said, the depression has caused a "low point as far as potential college graduates are concerned." Secondly, Meierhenry said, the "difficulties and drawbacks of teaching have been so highly publicized that young people are not aware of changes" in education.

There is a need to get "more capable young men into college," he declared, and "a need to get more college people into teaching."

## Regents Assist In Double Play

The Board of Regents may have raised the tuition fee at their Monday meeting, but they also gave recognition to young love and saved a coed \$10 she might have had to pay as an absentee fee for missing summer commencement.

Martha Sorenson, Arts and Science senior, confused the dates of her coming wedding and commencement exercises and, finding them to be the same, chose to travel to the altar instead of the graduation platform.

The Regents, however, were understanding and waived the customary absentee fee and sent along their best wishes to the young bride.

## Seminar

# Community Education Discussed

Currently in the formative process at the University is the "Nebraska Community Education Project."

A Teachers College workshop-seminar is meeting this summer to explore ways of getting the project under way, said Dale Hayes associate co-ordinator of the project. The workshop-seminar meets every afternoon from 1 to 3 p.m. in Room 431, Love Memorial Library.

This week, the workshop met with 18 community leaders from Mullen, Neb., Hayes said, to "identify what they feel are the most imperative needs of the community" and to consider "ways of solving problems" of Mullen. Next week, workshop members will meet with representatives from Sidney for the same purpose.

During the course of the project, Hayes said, Teachers College, the state Department of Public Instruction and the Nebraska State Education Association are working "co-operatively to provide resources that might enable each of four selected pilot-center communities to improve their own community and living therein."

Other Nebraska towns participating in the project besides Mullen and Sidney are Syracuse and York. It is hoped, Hayes continued, that one of the project's results will be a "research paper which will be a record of the activities and processes that took place so they can be reported publicly."

In February 1954, a four-year investigation proposal was submitted to the non-profit Carnegie Corporation of New York City. Called "The Nebraska Community Education Study," it was proposed in a letter that "the study would be concerned with the general problem and lay educational leadership and noting the resulting influence on living standards and values in community settings."

Subsequently the corporation approved a two-year program and granted \$90,000 to carry out the study.

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## Turkey

# Goodding Appointed To Position

Appointment of Dr. T. H. Goodding, professor of agronomy, as a member of the University advisory team in Turkey was approved Monday by the Board of Regents.

Earlier, the retirement of Dr. Goodding, a member of the University faculty for 38 years, was accepted by the Board.

Dr. Goodding, who this spring received the University's \$1,000 award for distinguished teaching in the physical and technological sciences, left by air for Turkey from New York Monday evening. In Turkey he will be professor of agronomy and adviser to Ankara University. As the first agronomist named to the Nebraska team, headed by Dr. Marvel Baker, Dr. Goodding's duties will include some teaching and the training of teachers.

Accompanying him on the two-year assignment will be his wife and Miss Louise Nelson of Lincoln, who will act as his secretary.

Dr. Goodding joined the University staff in 1917 as an agricultural extension specialist then was appointed an assistant professor of agronomy in 1919.

Born at Macon, Mo., Dr. Goodding attended elementary and secondary schools at Fullerton. In 1913 he taught in a rural school near Fullerton. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in 1916.



Courtesy Lincoln Star  
Goodding

## Theater Gives Voice Of Turtle

"The Voice of the Turtle" is the Hayloft Theater play now in production.

The current play by John Van Druten stars Lou Sanchez as Olive Katy Kelley as Sally and Jack Parris as Bill. Curtain time is 8:30 p.m. at the Theater which is being run by a group of University graduates and students. Production will continue through Sunday evening.

Next week's play is "Accent on Youth."

"You'll have to hand it to Venus de Milo when it comes to eating."

"Why?"

"How else could she eat?"

## Calendar

- July 21—Square Dance Fun Round-up, Union
- Fishing Sport Reels, Union Lounge, 11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
- World Trouble Spot Forum, "Asia," Love Library Auditorium, 2 p.m.
- Craft shop open 7 p.m.
- 22—Square Dance Fun Round-up, Union
- 24—Union Free Movie, Ballroom, 7:30 p.m., "Brief Interlude."
- 25—Clinic on Home School Relations, noon luncheon; 2 p.m. Convocation
- 26—Bridge Lessons, 4 p.m., Union
- Handicrafts class, 7 p.m., Union
- 27—"Midsummer's Night Dream," 8 p.m., Howell Theater.
- 28—1955 Orange Bowl Sport Reels, color, 11:45 a.m.,

## Fifty Band Leaders Attend Conference

Almost 50 band conductors in Nebraska attended the second Marching Band Clinic Tuesday and Wednesday at the University.

Under the direction of Prof. Donald Lentz, conductor of the University Band, the clinic consisted of round-table discussions with demonstrations on all phases of marching band work.

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## First Showing

# Union Display Shows Art Work Of LePell

A new exhibit of paintings and drawings by Corban LePell, University student in art, is now on display in the Union Main Lounge. This is LePell's first one-man showing.

LePell's paintings and drawings are abstract. The themes seem to be an expression of an inner compulsion of LePell's to set forth his feelings in artistic mediums. Almost all of them employ somber colors woven in such a way as to convey an impression of mystical concern with modern life's problems.

LePell's favorite painting in the show is "Norfolk Air," although he would not give a specific reason for his personal preference. He said that his inspiration comes from progress. "Painting a painting becomes visually exciting in itself."

In LePell's opinion, Thomas Sheffield, assistant professor of art who specializes in ceramics, is the

best artist in this area of the country. Sheffield is known as an outstanding sculptor and potter.

He has been most influenced in his style, LePell said, by Sheffield; Watson Bidwell, high-school teacher of his in Wichita, and Bruce Connor, of the University art department.

LePell's other exhibitions, all in 1954, have been Exhibition Momentum in Chicago, the Midwest Biennial in Omaha, and the annual San Francisco Watercolor show. He has also participated in several local exhibitions.

LePell is employed by the Nebraska Historical Society for the summer.

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