

Opportunity . . .

Alumni Groups Number Forty

By SAM JENSEN

A visit to the office of The University Alumni Association might find a 1940 graduate thumbing through the Association's complete files in search of information concerning former University students living in Atlanta, his destination, or perhaps a small group from Columbus, Ohio is conferring with Alumni Director Jim Pittenger concerning the possibility of adding another out-of-state alumni group to add to the 40 existing clubs.



Courtesy Lincoln Journal Pittenger

The Association acting through its publication The Nebraska Alumnus and its alumni clubs serves as a contact with the University and with higher education in general for the former students and friends of the University, Pittenger said.

By keeping in contact with higher education in general, Pittenger said, the alumni member is able to understand the progress of education and culture. In this manner, the University and the Alumni Association are able to serve all of Civilization.

Chancellor Clifford Hardin told Alumni at the recent Alumni Roundup that the 40,000 former University students living in the state should be marshaled into a vital force for higher education.

He also mentioned that a University student only pays for one-fifth of the cost of his education by tuition fees.

Commenting on this Pittenger said, "If, upon graduation we shoulder any obligation for the education we received it is the responsibility to insure that those who follow have opportunities that are equal or better than those we have received. One of the best ways to discharge this obligation is by taking an active part in the program of the Alumni Association."

Pittenger outlined a few of the services of the Association. They include publication of the Alumnus and bulletins, maintenance of files with up to date information on alumni, formation of alumni groups all over the nation, public relations work, Homecoming events and other special alumni get togethers such as the Spring Roundup.

Haylofters Schedule 6 More Plays

Marv Stromer, Portia Hawley, Bob Eaton and Jack Parris are featured players in this week's Hayloft Theater production, "Accent on Youth."

Next week the Theater will present a "double feature" with two old fashioned melodramas, "East Lynne" and "Fireman, Save My Child," being presented.

The following three weeks the following productions will be produced by the University group: "Fatal Weakness," "You Can't Take It With You" and "Life With Father."

Bell Urges Close Parent-Teacher Tie

Parents "carry the torch of public education."

This declaration was made Monday afternoon by Dr. Millard Bell, superintendent of schools at Wilmette, Ill., at the "Clinic on Home-School Relations."

"I think," Dr. Bell continued, "there is a general, almost groundswell of, acceptance of the philosophy that we have a joint enterprise between parents and educators" in education of children.

Just as a "better supervisor-teacher relation" results when it is realized that the "common interest is doing something for the child," Dr. Bell said, so it is with parents.

Parent-teacher cooperation, he continued, does much to solve the problem that "teachers have been afraid of parents, and parents have been fearful of teachers."

This cooperation, Bell said, helps to alleviate the fact that "children sense that situation" of parent-teacher hostility.

Citing the church as a social institution where "we've tried to work independently" with conflicting schedules resulting, Bell said conflicts resolve themselves "when we get back to our common objective of what was good for the child."

"We neglected parents," he said. We must get "out of a role of

leaders and dictators," Bell added, and "get into a position of partnership with parents."

He called upon professional educators to share "all we know about learning, child development and growth as utilized in planning experiences and programs."

Seeing a "confusion in the public mind over who's who," Bell said that the public is "either for public schools or not. All want the best for their children."

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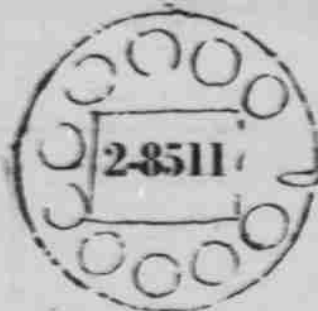
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