

## Legislative Censorship Holds Less Danger Than Editorial Erskine

**OLDEST YALE GRAD DIES**  
CINCINNATI, O. — Edward P. Bradstreet, the oldest graduate of Yale university, died at his home here recently at the age of 100. Until about two years ago Mr. Bradstreet maintained his law office and was active in community affairs. He was a member of the famous class of '53 at Yale which had 111 members at graduation. When he celebrated his 100th anniversary on June 5 he was honored by the Cincinnati Yale Club at a banquet. Before going to Yale Mr. Bradstreet was a student at Western Reserve university in Cleveland, O.

In 1858 Mr. Bradstreet and his wife were playing chess in a public room of a hotel at Hanibal, Mo., when they looked up to find Abraham Lincoln watching the game. Lincoln was invited to join the game and did so.

Although because of the barren shores of Labrador sailors call it "Land of Naked Rocks," inland Labrador is a land of much vegetation.

Sight-seeing excursions for college students, once almost unheard of, now are common adjuncts to college training.

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NEW YORK—The most dangerous form of literary censorship in the United States is not legislative action prohibiting certain forms of literary expression, but the taboos placed on the author by the public and the editors and moving picture managers who select what the public shall read and hear, Dr. John Erskine, professor of English at Columbia university and author of "Helen of Troy" told the New York Advertising club at its weekly luncheon last week.

The author today has to choose between reaching a large audience and reaching an audience which will understand what he is attempting to say, the Columbia professor said.

"The largest audience is reached through the talking pictures," he said, "the next largest through the magazines, and the smallest through books. However, the most permanence is found in books, and I think you will find that there always will be books, even if the author has to publish his own, regardless of the developments in the talking picture field."

The real danger today, Dr. Erskine said, is that the American author will, because of the influence of magazine and motion picture editors, become merely an entertainer. The American public, he said, does not like to learn the truth about America, although it enjoys reading foreign books telling the truth about Europe, because "we always are willing to believe the truth about a foreigner."

The minute an American magazine reaches a circulation of more than a million or so, Dr. Erskine said, the editor begins to think his readers are all of a standard type, to which he must cater.

"How the editor arrives at the conclusion as to what type of matter his readers enjoy, no author has yet been able to figure out," said the author.

The opportunity to the author is greater today than ever before, he said, but the temptations to do inferior work also are greater.

### Board Grants Leave Of Absence To Adriance

The Board of Directors of A & M at its last meeting, on the endorsement of President Walton, approved leave of absence of Dr. Guy W. Adriance of the department of horticulture, from September 1, 1931 to June 1, 1932.

Dr. Adriance's leave of absence was recommended by Dean E. J. Kyle in order that he might accept a national fellowship offered by the National Research Council. The work is to be done at Cornell university under the supervision of Professors L. H. MacDaniels, and O. F. Curtis.

The investigation that will be taken up by Dr. Adriance involves an anatomical and physiological study of cutting during the process of root and shoot formations. The results obtained from these studies will be applied to the propagation of pecans by cuttings which is a part of an extensive program of study on pecan propagation being conducted by the horticultural department of this college.

Dr. Adriance received his B. S. degree in Agriculture from Texas A & M; his M. S. from the University of California; and his Ph. D. from The Michigan State college. The work in connection with his doctor's degree was done with fruit setting in the pecan.

He will be accompanied by his wife and young daughter.

No one has ever succeeded in keeping nations at war except by lies.—Prof. Salavador de Madariaga.

President Hoover's effort to artificially stem the course of the debacle made me think of King Canute.—Henry W. Morgenthau.

## Students Plan To Rid Kansas Of Bootleggers

LAWRENCE, Kan.—Undergraduates at the University of Kansas are looking twice before rounding dark corners these days—especially those students who have a liking for a little nip of hard liquor now and then.

This is because the University Daily Kansan published a letter following the arrest of eight students for using liquor and the passage of an anti-liquor resolution by the campus fraternities. The letter read:

"TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

"In reply to the so-called 'clearance resolution' passed by the men's Pan-Hellenic Association and the student councils, 'clearing' the drinking problem on this campus, we, a group of eight students, with the co-operation of an outside group, are taking it upon ourselves to see that these promises are fulfilled.

"Among the student body we hope

to gather sufficient information to rid the campus of its student drinkers and bootleggers and see that your diplomatic 'blacks' are not idle threats.

"We are forwarding a copy of the letter to the men's student advisor, the president of the men's student council and the University Daily Kansan. Watch your step.

"(Signed)

"THE GROUP OF EIGHT."

## MONTFORT DELIVERS LECTURE

Professor P. T. Montfort of the department of agricultural engineering, left last Sunday to address a short course for the women of the home service departments of the electric power companies of the southwest.

This course is being held at the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Oklahoma. Professor Montfort is expected to return Thursday.

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