

that an endeavor is being made by the citizens to have these hillsides replanted.

**Opportunities for State Planting**

The state of Nebraska offers also a large field for economic planting of forest trees. In this state alone there are probably over eleven million acres of land unfit for agriculture. The Forest Service has already begun planting work in the sand hill region, where every year it is extending its planting operations as far as possible, and meeting with success. One of the leaders in this movement in the sandhills, I am told, was our own esteemed Dr. Bessey, and it was through his influence the first groves were set out, some of which are in a flourishing condition.

The sand hill region of this state corresponds somewhat to the celebrated Landes District in France. This area was originally a desolate waste of drifting sand dunes, where it was supposed nothing would grow, and

**Social and Personal**

Mr. H. W. Coulter, '11, from Kansas City, is spending a few days at the Phi Gamma Delta house. Mr. Coulter is connected with the McGraw Tire and Rubber Company.

The engagement of Mr. Leslie Lewis, '15, and Miss Fannie Lane, '15, was announced Sunday. Miss Lane's home is in Portland, Oregon, and is a member of the Pi Beta Phi. Mr. Lewis is a member of Phi Gamma Delta fraternity and lives at Fairfield, Nebraska.

The Pi Beta Phi sorority held its twentieth annual banquet Saturday night at the Lincoln hotel. Covers were laid for sixty. The affair was arranged in patriotic style, with flags used for the chief decorative features. Miss Jean McGahey presided as toastmistress. A number of the alumnae were here for the event.

Florence Frost Baird, daughter of Judge and Mrs. Lincoln Frost, died Friday evening, at 5 o'clock in this city. Mr. and Mrs. Baird were married last August and since that time have been making their home in St. Joseph, Mo. Both were former students of the University. Mrs. Baird was a member of Delta Delta Sorority and a Silver Serpent.

The fifth annual banquet of Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity was held at the chapter house Friday evening. The toastmaster was Thomas Kokjer and responses were made by Richard Koupal, Professor Bengston, Arthur Bates and Glen Ruby.

The formal party of the fraternity was held at the Rosewilde, Saturday evening. Dinner was served at small tables in the ball room at 6:30 o'clock. The grand march was led by Miss Opal Musser and Mr. Lloyd Harden, and Miss Jeanette Finney and Mr. Glen Ruby. The out of town alumni were Harry Cotton, Ottumwa, Ia.; Harold Morrison, Norfolk; Laurie Woodward, Guy Wiegand, Omaha; Clifford Kiele, Florence; William Dresher, Grand Is-

land; Vernon Andrews, Beatrice; Glen Tonks, Central City; M. Willis, South Omaha, and Warren Doolittle, North Platte.

The Alpha Phi sorority held its annual formal party Friday night at the Lincoln. Eighty couples attended. Miss Janet Wheeler, Mr. Don Mapes, Miss Virginia Leitch and Mrs. E. M. Burr led the grand march. The chaperones present were Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Haggmann, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Branch, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Doyle, Miss Betta Park, Mrs. E. C. Holland. Among the dancers were the following from out of the city: Laura Zimmer, Edna Birss, Omaha; Joaquin Cobble, of Fremont; Agnes Anderson, Aurora; Mabel Hall, Kansas City; Mabel Montgomery, Superior; Martha Morton, Nebraska City; Ardath Moran, Nebraska City; Marie Finley, Peru; Bettie and Helen Drake, Beatrice. The programs were tiny booklets, ornamented with sorority monogram in gold. The sorority patrons and patronesses are Mr. and Mrs. Grant Watkins and Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Branch.

The Kappa Alpha Theta sorority held its annual formal at the Lincoln Saturday night with sixty couples in attendance. Miss Ruth Bridenbaugh and Mr. Otto Zumwinkle, and Miss Florence Wood and Mr. Edwin O'Shay led the grand march. Those present as chaperones were Mrs. F. E. Sanborn, Dr. and Mrs. James T. Lees, Professor and Mrs. E. H. Barbour, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Avery, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Atwood, Dr. and Mrs. E. J. Angle, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Wood. A large number of the alumnae residing in Lincoln attended the dance and quite a number came from a distance for the party, among whom were Martha Noble, Alice Rushion, Clara Linley, Margaret McCoy, of Omaha; Virginia Stubbs, Council Bluffs; Margaret Dodge, Otilla Scurman, Sybil Hodges, Hadassah McGiffen, of Fremont; Margaret Donelan, Plattsmouth; Helen Copsey, York; Ruth Temple, Lexington; Bernice Borchers, Nebraska City; Helen Daniels, Aurora.

which in its former state was a great economic loss to the French people. Someone conceived the idea of reclaiming it. Herbaceous plants were first started, then shrubs and finally pine trees. After once getting a footing the trees improve these areas with additional humus, and change completely the site conditions. The Landes District has now many fertile fields, and is a health resort.

Let us hope that the planting now being done in our own sand hills may meet with the success which has attended the forestation of the sand hill region of France.

**Other Values from Planting**  
Aside from the value of the final crop, which is the economic value usually figured in tree planting, because it can be measured in dollars and cents, there are other great benefits or unmeasured values resulting.

Under this head comes the protection a forest cover gives to watersheds, regulating and conserving the flow of streams, thus preventing floods, erosion and low water. The presence of a forest makes towns more attractive and better places to live in. Take away a forest, and it often changes a scenic wonder to desolation. Planting is also a gain to the community in another way. It employs a great amount of local labor, and large amounts of money are spent locally for supplies and equipment. On the National Forests, 25 per cent of the value of the crop, returns to the state to be used in building schools and roads.

Arbor Day has done a great deal to promote tree planting where greatly

needed, but better yet it has caused a love for the trees and places made beautiful by them. It also enlarges our view to possibilities in future planting, on areas now waste lands, both for economic and aesthetic reasons.

Lincoln may never have its municipal forest, or the sand hill region of our state may never be a second "Landes District" but "without a vision the people perish."

WM. W. MORRIS.

**TRY-OUTS HELD FOR SENIOR PLAY CAST**

Cast Will Soon be Announced For "The Sunken Bell" a Drama

Senior play try-outs were held last evening in the Dramatic Club rooms. The cast has not been decided upon as yet but will be announced soon. The play, "The Sunken Bell" is a heavy drama, which Professor Alice Howell and the committee feel necessitates a strong cast to fill the difficult roles.

**PRISONERS ENJOYED DRAMATIC CLUB PLAY**

"Monsieur Beaucaire" Was Given Friday Evening at the Penitentiary —All Convicts Admitted

The Dramatic Club play, "Monsieur Beaucaire," was given at the penitentiary Friday evening. All the convicts were admitted which seldom happens in a year and were very appreciative.



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Hans Goettich, Mr. Damrosch's librarian has been in charge of these archives. Its insurance (\$100,000) would not, in event of its destruction, defray the cost or worth of the thousands of notations, expression marks and corrections added in years of rehearsals.

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