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## BRUNER PRESIDENT

IS ELECTED BY ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

## FORMER PRESIDENT HONORED

Memorial Service Was Held Friday Evening in Honor of Dean Bessey and His Lasting Influence

Prof. Lawrence Bruner, head professor of entomology at the University of Nebraska, was elected president of the Nebraska academy of sciences at the closing session of the twenty-fifth annual meeting of that body Friday evening. Professor Bruner will succeed the late Dean Charles E. Bessey.

The new officers are: Vice-president, Prof. C. O. Carlson of Doane college; secretary, A. E. Sheldon of the University of Nebraska; treasurer, A. J. Mercer of Kearney normal school. The old officers were: President, Dean Charles E. Bessey of the University of Nebraska, vice president, Prof. A. A. Tyler of Bellevue college; secretary, A. E. Sheldon of the University of Nebraska; treasurer, Prof. W. G. Bishop of Wesleyan university.

The election followed a dinner in faculty hall, Temple building, in which thirty men and women participated. At the close of the business meeting a short memorial service was held in honor of Dean Bessey. The following spoke in his memory: Prof. A. A. Tyler of Bellevue college, Prof. G. D. Sweeney of the University of Nebraska, Prof. E. H. Barbour of the University of Nebraska, Prof. Herbert Brownell, Professor Cunard of Grinnell college and Dr. George T. Moore of St. Louis.

"They say that Doctor Bessey is gone," said Professor Cunard. "But he is not. He is in reality still among us. His mortal remains lie out there in the cemetery, but his influence is as great as ever. He lives in every school house in the state of Nebraska. The spirit which he instilled into his students will spread throughout the country in the years to come, and his achievements will never be forgotten."

Professor Bruner was called upon but he was too overcome with emotion to speak. A tinge of sadness was noticeable throughout the meetings of the day and evening. It was one of the few sessions in the history of the Nebraska academy at which Doctor Bessey was absent.

Following the service the scientists adjourned to the Temple theater to hear Dr. George T. Moore give an illustrated lecture on the Missouri botanical garden, of which he is director. Doctor Moore gave a history of the founding of the garden and told how, contrary to popular opinion, it is privately owned and privately endowed and not supported in any way by the city of St. Louis. The garden was first established by Doctor Shaw in 1859 and has now grown into one of the show places of St. Louis. The slides, many of which were colored, showed all parts of the garden, including the modern green houses, the water lilies, the ponds and the gorgeous flower beds.

The sectional meetings were held at the Temple building Friday afternoon. The meetings started at 2 p. m. and lasted during most of the afternoon.

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## INTERFRATERNITY BASEBALL LEAGUE

Second Division Results in Tie—Sig Eps Beat the Phi Deltas 7 to 6

The second division of the Interfraternity Baseball League was thrown into a three-handed tie when Sigma Phi Epsilon defeated Phi Delta Theta by a score of 7 to 6 Saturday morning on the athletic field. Three teams, the Phi Deltas, the Sig Alpha, and the Sig Eps, have each lost only one game and these teams must play a second series to decide the division championship. The winner will then play Delta Tau Delta for the championship of the league.

The score:  
Sig Eps ..... 0 0 0 4 1 0 2—7  
Phi Deltas ..... 0 0 0 1 2 1 2—6  
Batteries—Sig Eps, McMillen and R. Thiesen; Phi Deltas, Smith and Abst. Hits—Off McMillen 3, off Smith 8. Umpire—Pressley.

## "SUNKEN BELL" IS A GERMAN FAIRY TALE

Senior Play is a Fairy-Like Mystery and is One of the Ten Plays the Author Wished Preserved

The "Sunken Bell," the play chosen by the Senior Class for its annual production, is a fairy-like mystical play by Gerald Hauptman. It is the ninth one of the ten plays which he considers worth preserving. His inherent dreamy nature is manifested throughout the entire play.

When he had almost doubted his genius as a playwright he received word that the Grillparzer prize had been awarded him for his *Hanale* and it was at this time he wrote the "Sunken Bell."

Hauptman has chosen to call the "Sunken Bell," a German fairy tale. Those who wish may take the play literally and refrain from reading into it the deep significance that most critics find there. A brief outline of the characters follows:

Heinrich (Leon Snyder), the bell-founder who breaks his heart in a vain effort to reach the sun and create a wondrous chime.

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## MANY "GREEKS" ATTEND PAN-HELLENIC DANCE

Programs Had Fraternity and Sorority Symbols Grouped About a Large "N" on the Cover

One hundred and fifty couples attended the annual Pan-Hellenic dance at the Auditorium, Friday night. Exceptionally good music was furnished by Ward's twelve-piece orchestra.

There were very few decorations except the pennants of the different fraternities and sororities hung in the balconies. Booths and easy chairs were arranged at both sides while refreshments were served on the platform.

The programs were square, with a large "N" upon the front, about which were grouped the names of the fraternities and sororities represented in the Pan-Hellenic organization. The patrons and patronesses were Mr. and Mrs. Verne Hedge, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stewart, Prof. and Mrs. P. M. Buck, Lieut. and Mrs. Samuel Parker, and Mr. and Mrs. George Fawell. Marion Shaw acted as master of ceremonies.

## CONTEST ON TONIGHT

LAW STUDENTS TO DELIVER ORATIONS

## ANNUAL ORATORICAL CONTEST

By New Ruling the Contest Will Hereafter Be Restricted to Freshmen and Junior Law Students

The Annual Law School Oratorical Contest will be held this evening in room 101 of the Law Building. Four contestants have entered for the two prizes of \$35 and \$15 offered for excellence in oratory.

The contestants with their respective subjects are:

Clinton L. Ross—"Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men."  
V. E. Skipton—"The Dawning."  
Miss Effie Cover—"Minimum Wage for Women."  
Orville Chatt—"Abraham Lincoln."

By the rules of the contest, the orations of not exceeding two thousand words are written and delivered by the contestants to a committee on composition. These judges are Librarian M. G. Wyer, Mr. S. J. Tuttle of the Law College, and Mr. Ernest H. Graves of the Finance Office. The judges of delivery are Dean Charles Fordyce, Prof. F. W. Sanford, and Mr. Watkins. Each committee grades the work on a basis of 100, and the two ratings are added together to determine the respective ratings of the contestants.

The provisions of the contest heretofore have required the orations to be in the hands of the Dean of the Law College by April 1. In an interview with Dean W. G. Hastings, he intimated that the date of future contests would be changed so as to fall during the month of January. The orations, as usual, will be required to be in a month previous to the contest. Another change under contemplation is that of restricting contestants to the first two classes of the Law School, as the entrance of Senior "Laws" into the contest tends to discourage competition from the other classes.

### Notice

All football men be sure to be out Tuesday afternoon for the final practice of the season.

## COMPETITIVE DRILL THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Military Department Work Will Be Concluded for the Year—Complete Announcements Later

Next Thursday afternoon the Military department will conclude its work for the year. The program is as follows:

Assembly at 1:15 p. m.  
Company Competitive Drill.  
Individual Competitive Drill.  
Presentation of Sabers by Sponsors.  
Presentation of Prizes by Chancellor.

Announcement of Appointments by Adjutant.  
Military Parade and Regimental Review.

More information regarding next Thursday's drill will be seen in a later edition.

## AGRICULTURAL CLUB ELECTED OFFICERS

Resume of Year's Work Was Given by the President, J. B. Rice—G. L. Bush is the New President

At the last meeting of the "Ag" Club held at Music Hall in the Temple on Thursday evening, May 20, the club officers and Agriculture staff were elected for the coming year. Following an interesting talk by the president, J. B. Rice, in which he gave a resume of the year's work and outlined possibilities for the future, a general discussion was taken up by the members. Several ideas were advanced for the betterment of the Club.

The election of officers was as follows: President, G. L. Bush; vice president, H. G. Neff; secretary, A. W. Ingersoll; treasurer, E. M. Partridge; sergeant-at-arms, H. B. Magnuson; editor-in-chief, Henry A. Jones; business manager, L. Boyd Rist.

## THE DEPARTMENTAL BASEBALL LEAGUE

Aggies Win Two Straight—Defeat Engineers 13 to 12 and the Freshmen 10 to 1—Revised Schedule Out

	Standing of the Teams		
	Won	Lost	P. C.
Academics	5	0	1000
Laws	3	3	.500
Engineers	2	3	.400
Aggies	2	3	.200
Freshmen	1	4	.200

The Aggies registered their first real figures in the percentage column when they won two straight games in the Departmental Baseball League last week. Friday they defeated the Engineers by a score of 13 to 12, and Saturday they beat the Freshmen 10 to 1.

Manager Gardner says he has always had a championship team, but they are just beginning to show up. They still have a chance to overtake the Academics and intend to give them a close race for the sweaters.

This week all of the games in the Departmental League will be played according to the following revised schedule:

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## GRADUATE CONDUCTS NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE

Miss Mary Skinner, Who Has Had Experience in Settlement Work, to Have Charge of Summer Work

Miss Mary Skinner, daughter of Mrs. W. H. Skinner of 1602 Poplar street, and a niece of Prof. Clarence Skinner of the State University, will be in charge of the Neighborhood House during the coming summer while Miss Helen Gregory is absent in the East. Miss Gregory will start Monday for her summer home at Wilton, Conn. Miss Skinner is especially well qualified for the position. She spent two years at Bryn Mawr and graduated from the University of Nebraska. A year ago she studied at the School of Civics and Philanthropy in Chicago and lived at Hull House during the summer. She also lived for a time at the Neighborhood House of Chicago and taught a children's class at the Tuberculosis Hospital. The past winter she has been an assistant in the Charity Organization Society office. Miss Skinner came to Lincoln from Crete, where her father, who is no longer living, was formerly superintendent of schools.

## LINCOLN PAGEANT

REHEARSALS HELD FOUR DAYS A WEEK

## EARLY CITY HISTORY SHOWN

Former Events Throughout the State and City Will Be Re-enacted on the Nebraska Field Saturday Afternoon

As the time for the presentation of the pageant of Lincoln draws near the directors and participants are busy putting the finishing touches to the various episodes.

The pageant will be given on the athletic field next Saturday afternoon instead of the State Farm as originally planned.

### The Story of the Pageant

The first scene opens with a vivid overture, suggestive of a vigorous march. From behind the scenes we hear the voices of the adventurers in the first words of their choric song: "Westward ho! Westward ho! Westward ho!" They enter, led by the spirit of progress, singing as they march. As the song ceases and the chorus recedes to the wings, the music suddenly changes and becomes suggestive of early summer on the prairie. The sprites of the prairie enter in small groups, dancing, singing and beckoning enticingly to the adventurers. The adventurers are induced to remain in this westward land and the entire assembly joins in a jubilant choric hymn to Nebraska.

As the symbolic chorus of the first scene disappears, the drums fall into a pulsating Indian rhythm and a flute breaks in with an Omaha Indian melody. There enters an Indian hunting party, singing about the wonders of the prairies. They cease their march as they come to the Salt creek basins and gather salt to cure their meats. They give thanks to the stream Nish-kithe-ke and perform some native dances. From their midst a prophet advances and prophesies the coming of the white man and the founding of the city of Lincoln. The music used in this scene is adapted from the original Omaha melodies.

The third scene is placed before the house of Captain Donovan in the village of Lancaster, which is the village which preceded the city of Lincoln on the present site. The occasion is the meeting of the three commissioners appointed by the first Nebraska legislature, Governor Butler, Auditor Gillespie and Secretary Kennard, to decide the location of the new capital city of Nebraska. Interesting action centers about the final decision of the commissioners to locate the capital at Lancaster, on account of the claims of Yankee Hill, Seward nad Ashland. A great deal of care has been taken to get characters who will really bring to life those pioneers who shaped our history.

The fourth scene is a celebration day in honor of the final proclamation making Lancaster the capital city of Lincoln. Great dramatic features hold the spectators at high tension because of the opposition of Omaha. The principal incident is the stealing of the seal from Omaha by Secretary Kennard and the pursuit by an Omaha posse.

The last scene is a symbolic presentation of the coming of the grass.

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