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CONTRACT SIGNED FOR SPECIAL WORK

Agreement for Training Com-pleted With Captain Knight

MORE INSTRUCTORS

Teaching Force in Engineering Department Must Be Increased—Remodel Buildings for Soldiers' Use

May 15th 675 soldiers will be in camp at the University of Nebraska. Captain Andrew Knight, holding authority from the War department, has signed the contract in triplicate which will bring this camp for special training to the University.

Work is being started today to prepare barracks for the soldiers. The superintendent of grounds and buildings has been given orders to install showers and toilet equipment in the mess hall where those that study at the city campus will be quartered. Soldiers that take training on the city campus will be housed in the horse barn, the judging pavilion, the machine shed. Flooring and remodeling will be necessary in the buildings and the superintendent is beginning work on these also. No work is necessary in the Temple building or the cafeteria in the Home Economics building, where the men will be fed.

Increased Instructing Force

The engineering department will increase its teaching force by about twenty instructors. No definite arrangements for security these have been made. Minor changes will be necessary along other lines in the engineering department on both campuses.

According to the terms of the contract, a copy of which is to be placed in the building today, 250 men will be given training in automobile mechanics; 50 in machine shop work; 200 in radio telegraphy; 90 in tractor mechanics; 20 in wood shop work, and 20 in wheelwright practice. Those studying automobile, tractor and wheelwright mechanics will camp at the farm camp and train there. The rest will be on the city campus.

To Continue Indefinitely

Classes are to be held eight hours a day with an hour of military drill during the evening. The camp life training that is purely military, will be under the supervision of regular army officers.

The camp will be started May 15 and (Continued on page four.)

STOCK JUDGING TEAM WINS HANDSOME TROPHY

Chancellor Receives Valuable Bronze Statue Recently Awarded to Huskers

The handsome and valuable trophy recently won by the Nebraska stock judging team has been received at the chancellor's office.

This is a bronze statue of a prize standing about two feet high and valued at \$700.00. It is known as the A. Spahr Trophy, and is awarded by the Chicago Stock Yard and Meat Company. It is awarded annually to the winner of the stock judging contest and anyone winning it two successive years gains permanent possession. The University of Nebraska was the first to win the honor in 1913. In 1914 and 1915 no contest was held. Purdue University won it in 1916 and Nebraska in 1917.

This trophy will be kept at the chancellor's office for a few days and will then be placed in the library building on the farm.

ELDA WALKER TO AID IN BARBERRY CAMPAIGN

Field Assistant in Bureau of Plant Industry—Will Destroy Rust Plant

An educational worker in the barberry eradication campaign, Dr. Elda B. Walker, associate professor

of botany has accepted the position of field assistant in the bureau of plant industry. The movement against the barberry bush, which menaces the nation's wheat crop, is purely a war measure. It is estimated that Nebraska's wheat crop for 1917 was reduced by 900,000 bushels by black rust. This parasite which grows on the barberry bush, can be carried for many miles by the wind, hence the work of eradicating them in the towns where they have been planted for ornamentation is as necessary as eradicating those within the immediate vicinity of the wheat fields.

In urging that barberry bush be dug up, a distinction is made between the "common" barberry and the harmless "Japanese" barberry. The common barberry has a notched leaf at the tip, and may be either green or purple. It is a tall shrub with bright yellow flowers in longated clusters. The Japanese barberry is a low bush, with smooth leaves and pale yellow flowers scattered promiscuously over it.

WORK IS COMMENCED ON NEW TENNIS COURTS

Scraping Being Done and Clay Provided for

READY IN TWO WEEKS

Chas. E. Chowins, Superintendent of Grounds and Buildings, Estimates Ground Will Be in Condition

Work on the six new tennis courts was begun Wednesday. Charles E. Chowins estimates that they will be ready for students within two weeks. The finance committee passed upon the budget allowing for the appropriation Saturday. The work is being done by Y. T. Stephens Excavating Company, which has handed the excavations for all the new University buildings.

The clay for the new tennis courts will be from that which was excavated from the site of the new Social Science building. It has been decided not to move the athletic field fence east and include the tennis courts in the athletic field. All the land around the new Chemistry building is to be landscaped.

The tennis courts may not be of much use to University students before vacation, but the summer school students will enjoy them. They will also add very much to the appearance of the campus. In the fall opportunity will be found for using them by the regular students.

OVER HUNDRED HUSKERS NOW AT CAMP DODGE

Lieut. F. S. Perkins Writes There are 105 Nebraska Officers Stationed at Iowa

In a letter received at the Cornhusker office from Lt. F. S. Perkins, it is found that there are now 105 Nebraska officers at Camp Dodge, Iowa. He indicates that the men are kept (Continued on page three.)

GRIM HAND OF WAR FELT ON CAMPUS

Every Sign of Conflict Mustered in by Spring

CADETS HARD AT WORK

Spending Overtime in Endeavors to Master Drill Manuals Before Arrival of "Compet" Day

No "perfect peace" or "solitude" is inspired by the event of spring on Nebraska campus this year. Very much to the contrary the huskie commands of officers are heard all about the campus directing their companies in various movements over and, preparing them for the big annual "compet" which is to take place Friday afternoon, May 3.

The drilling of the University cadets has reached a point in excellency not common to student soldiers of previous years and the enthusiasm of the men is such that a perfectly peaceful observer who by nature hates the cruelties and senseless destruction of war, before he is aware, imagines bayonets directed squarely at himself and can hear the incessant cracking of the machine guns so really that his higher instincts impell him to move from the scene of the imaginary conflict and betake himself of his bomb-proof cellar (also imaginary) under an educational edifice.

Corporals "Botch" Commands

All during the evening hour the hoarse commands are heard: "Company right turn," "right by squads." Every command is executed in excellent order by the subordinated cadets, so perfectly in fact that the captain already beholds the mirage of the award on "compet day." His countenance assumes the attitude of the sublime and his voice approaches the eloquent when at the command "right front into line" a corporal desirous of an advance position and also entertaining a

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CO-EDS TO COMPETE IN SWIMMING MEET

Class Teams Prepare for Contest to Be Held in Lincoln High School Pools

Close competition is expected at the girls' swimming meet to be held Saturday, April 27, from 4:30 to 6:00 o'clock in the Lincoln high school pool.

All women students are invited and no admission will be charged.

Several weeks of good training has produced some quick and skillful swimmers who will exhibit their ability to manage themselves at fancy performances done in rivalry with others equally efficient. The competitors will be judged both for form and speed. Winners will be awarded points in the Women's Athletic Association, which will count toward an "N" sweater.

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Sigma Gamma Epsilon to Hold Open Meeting

There will be an open meeting of Sigma Gamma Epsilon Thursday at 8 o'clock in Museum 301, at which there will be illustrated lectures by members of the fraternity on subjects of geologic interest. These will include "The Cyanide Process in Gold Recovery" by A. S. Clayburn, and the "Flotation Process" by C. A. Happold. Those interested are cordially invited to attend.

Prof. Leva B. Walker to Take Government Position

Prof. Leva B. Walker of the botany department has received a three-months' appointment as pathologist in the small fruit investigation at Washington, D. C. While there she will be associated with Dr. C. S. Shear, former Nebraska, who is at the head of the small fruit investigation.

NEBRASKA PINS HOPES ON SPEEDSTER QUARTET

Plan Winning Track Events to Offset Field Work

AMES HAS MANY STARS

Brings Team of High Valley Standing to Compete with Cornhusker Representatives in Saturday Meet

Nebraska pins its hopes of victory over the Ames Aggies, Saturday, on Captain Townsend, McMahon, Finney, and Graff, who are expected to repeat their early season form and win a large majority of the track events, which must be done in order to offset Nebraska's weakness in the field. Ames is confident of duplicating last year's victory and Coach Merriam has rounded out a well balanced team, in order to uphold the high standards of former "Cyclone" track teams.

Wilken, the star vaulter of the Missouri Valley, stands a good chance of raising the conference record Saturday, for he has a habit of clearing over 12 feet in his daily workouts. Nebraska will also be well represented in the pole vault and should come in for at least three points, as Gerhart has made 11 feet on several attempts. Coach Stewart is experiencing considerable difficulty in finding men to take care of the broad and high jumps, two events in which Ames looms up particularly strong, through the showing of Dimmick and Boyd at the Missouri dual. Boyd and Dimmick have marks of 22 feet or better in the broad jump, while they are both high jumpers of no mean ability. The shot put seems to be a toss up between Wagner and Hubka, since both men have shoved the 16-pound ball over 40 feet. Discus is also in doubt, as neither school has produced so far, a man who has placed in valley competition.

Nebraska Relies on Speedsters

The real strength of the Nebraska team lies in the runs and the track followers are counting strongly on McMahon and Townsend, the scarlet and cream speedsters, to make it first and second in the two short dashes. Vort is able to be out for the 440 again, which advances Nebraska's stock considerably. Four of the fastest distance runners in the conference will face the starter's gun, when Graff, Kretzler, Hawthorne and Kromer go to their marks in the mile and two-mile runs. Kromer, Stone and Hawthorne gathered 24 points in the long distance races against Missouri, which makes it plain that the Nebraska runners will have kept competition in these grueling events.

Coach Hager of Lincoln High challenged Stewart to a special half-mile relay between Lincoln High and the University freshmen. The challenge has been accepted and the freshmen are determined to clean up the high school lads, as they did last winter in basket ball. Gillilan, Newman, Smith, Bailey, Hilly and Danforth are the freshmen candidates who will run for places on the relay team in the try-outs tomorrow afternoon.

Sigma Phi Epsilon will entertain about eighty couples at the annual dance at Lincoln hotel, Friday, April 26. The chaperones will be Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Danielson, Mr. and Mrs. John Barton, Prof. and Mrs. N. O. Bengston, and Prof. E. L. Jenkins. The out of town guests will be Lt. Roy M. Inbody and Lt. H. Thusen of Camp Dodge; Glen Ruby, Denver, Colo.; Harry Sanders, Omaha, Neb.; Pace Marshall, Panama, Neb.; Wilbur Sherman, Tecumseh, Neb.; and Charles Brown of O. T. C., Camp Funston, Kansas.

REGENTS CONFER LATE IN NIGHT

Discussion of Vital Problems Prolongs Session

MEET AGAIN THIS MORNING

Cantonment Contract Ratified—Uphold Dr. R. G. Clapp—Council of Defense Petition Regarded Seriously

Consideration of weighty problems now confronting the board of regents prolonged its session last night until nearly 12 o'clock, when adjournment was taken until this morning at 9 o'clock.

The government contract for the army cantonment at the University was presented as prepared by Captain Knight and Dean O. J. Ferguson and ratified after a short discussion. The petition of the State Council of Defense was taken up after routine matters had been disposed of and its consideration occupied the rest of the time until adjournment. The final action of the board will be taken after conclusion of the discussion which begins this morning.

The work on the annual budget which was left over from the last meeting was not taken up and will be held up until the discussion of the defense petition is ended. A good deal of work will be required before the budget can be passed upon and it is probable that it will cause another late session before finally approved.

The executive committee of the regents met at 5 o'clock to hear Mrs. J. Beghtol Lee concerning her opinion of the physical education department affairs. Dr. R. G. Clapp was present. After the hearing the committee met in conference and last night rendered its opinion that Dr. Clapp was justified in asking for the resignation of Mrs. Lee on the grounds of insubordination.

CADET BAND TO PLAY LAST CONCERT OF YEAR

Will Entertain Students With Series of Select Numbers at Regular Convocation

The University cadet band will give a musical program at Convocation at the regular Convocation hour today, in Memorial hall. This is the last concert to be given by the band this year except for a few extra occasions for which it has been secured to take a part.

The band has been working hard on a program to play before the students today. It will consist of marches, selections and popular pieces. Probably some pieces written by Professor Cornell, director of the band, will also be made part of the program. The band concert is hailed generally as the most popular Convocation number of the year and the students invariably turn out in large numbers to hear the campus musicians.

Today is not expected to be any exception to the rule since Professor Cornell's company has qualified again this year as a bunch of excellent entertainers and a good program is assured.

OUT TO WIN!

We are in the war to win; and thereby to put an end, we hope for all time, to the horrible threat levelled against civilization by the German government. We must win; we must have no other thought. Defeat would mean the destruction of everything enlightened statesmen, philanthropists, churchmen and patriots, including our own beloved forefathers have struggled for down through the ages. Victory in this war will establish liberty and peace on a sure foundation for our descendants. They will not have to suffer as we have suffered. But to win requires something more than mere declarations. It requires long-sustained, co-operative, concentrated effort on the part of all of us. It requires great sacrifices made, not reluctantly and grudgingly, but cheerfully and willingly. It requires loyalty in thought, in word and in deed. Let us send our young men to the battlefield with the firm assurance that behind them is a great nation united in their support. Such an assurance will sustain and inspire them and make them invincible.

J. W. WADSWORTH, Jr.

Wilder Chosen to Succeed Rhodes as Leader of Husker Machine

Harold Wilder, '19, of Central City, known to his Cornhusker cohorts as the "cave-man", was elected captain of the 1918 football machine by the members of the team last evening to fill the vacancy left by Roscoe B. ("Dusty") Rhodes who leaves soon for his home in Ansley to go with the draft quota from his county in May. Wilder played at right guard or left tackle during the past season and due to his ability to get into every play was one of the most conspicuous line men on the team.

One of the surest ways in which a team could go wrong was to try to send a play through Wilder's



position and if the play didn't go near him he was usually near the bottom of the pile when the whistle was blown. In spite of this fact, however he was one of the few men on the team who has been ready to play his best on the day of the game.

Wilder was chosen as right guard on the all-Valley eleven because of his ability to break thru and spill plays before they were started and to get down under punts almost as quickly as the ends. The smashing fearless confidence and the ability of the new captain-elect will be a big asset to the Cornhusker machine when it hits its hard schedule next fall.