

SOCIAL WHIRL



COMES THE MIDDLE OF JULY AND TIME TO make plans for a bit of a vacation after just two more weeks of summer school. For this week seems to be somewhat of a breathing spell after the end of the six weeks session and exams, as well as a slight relief in the weather. If you're not already infected with a virulent disease known as wanderlust you'll be sure to catch it by the time the summer session is completed and the last finishing pen stroke is dashed off on the last examination paper. Perhaps there are possibilities for going places and seeing things on your way home. One of the fascinating phases of going home, for a number of industrious summer scholars, is finding how long a way around they can take to get there. But then there are other ways of getting a vacation, too, because even those who live in close proximity to the University are finding that their imaginations are being stimulated these days by thoughts of lake winds, pine forests, or sun-warmed beaches. Far horizons and strange lands are not out of reach of any summer students—at least when they are visited in pleasant day-dreams.

MARRIED recently in the east were Miss Emily Floyd and Edgar N. Johnson, of the history department at the University. Mrs. Johnson is a graduate of the University.

SPENDING a vacation in Minnesota is L. E. Gunderson, financial secretary of the University.

MISS Catherine Crancer, who formerly attend the University will be married the latter part of August to W. Morton Spence. Mr. Spence is a graduate of the University.

ANOTHER August wedding will be that of Miss Helen Turner and Harmon Heed of Cleveland, O. Miss Turner attended the University and Mr. Heed was graduated from Nebraska where he is a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity.

ON AUG. 23 at the University Episcopal church Miss Helen Ledford will be married to Dale Parker. Miss Ledford attended the University of Nebraska where she specialized in voice training at the school of music. Mr. Parker is a graduate of the college of pharmacy at the university and is affiliated with Sigma Nu fraternity.

ANOTHER former University of Nebraska student, Miss Lucille Elizabeth Laune, will be wed on Aug. 13 at the First Christian church to Vernon F. Greer.

ANNOUNCED recently is the engagement and approaching marriage of Lawanna Carter and Orville Lund. The wedding will take place Aug. 1. Both Miss Carter and Mr. Lund have attended the university where Mr. Lund was graduated.

MISS Leona Sleck became the bride of Forest F. Eberly of Mullen on July 2. Mrs. Eberly is a

graduate of the university and a member of Kappa Phi.

AT the home of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Chapman of Aurora, their daughter, Phyllis, was married on July 15 to Gilbert Young, former University of Nebraska student.

MARRIED July 8 in Fremont were Miss Neeta Hull and Rudolph Ruser of Ogallala. Mrs. Ruser has attended the university.

SEVERAL affairs have been planned for Miss Helen Baldwin, Alpha Phi, who will be married Aug. 14 in Omaha to Willis Stork of Norfolk, a member of Delta Upsilon, at the university. Saturday Mrs. William Holmes of Omaha will entertain at a 1 o'clock dessert luncheon at her home in honor of the bride. Eight will attend and Miss Baldwin will be presented with a linen shower.

MISS Jane Walcott left recently for a month's vacation in the east. Following a visit in Leominster, Mass., and South Orange, N. J., she will go with her family to spend several weeks at Cape Cod.

PROF. and Mrs. H. O. Werner recently returned from a trip to Estes Park and Colorado Springs. Accompanying them was Miss Naomi Openheimer of Reading, Pa., who will be in Lincoln for an indefinite stay.

STUDENT WRITES ON CIVIL SERVICE

Through the experimental work done in the first twenty years since the passing of the Pendleton act which brought about civil service reform, the merit system became a permanent factor in government administration. Present tendencies, however, indicate that its permanence alone does not insure a nonpartisan service, says Dr. Adelbert B. Sageser in his thesis reporting on civil service reform.

Dr. Sageser's paper which was chosen for publication from among the theses submitted last year was in partial fulfillment of requirements for his Ph. D. degree granted him by the University of Nebraska. His graduate work was done under the guidance of Dr. James L. Sellers of the history faculty.

Attempts to Check Abuses.

"The forces and precedents leading to the adoption of the Pendleton act in 1883 were manifestations of the many attempts to check the abuses of the spoils sys-

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tem," he writes. "In the United States the true cause for the introduction of the spoils system was the triumph of democracy. Party organization became the only means through which the people as a whole could exert any tangible influence on the conduct of the government. Democratic ideals in the 1820's and 1830's forced the leaders of the party to be chosen from among those who "earned a living." If members gave time and labor to politics, they required pay for their services—hence the introduction of the spoils system."

Dr. Sageser comments that patronage became a powerful tool and that even honest Abe Lincoln became an adept at using it. The first twenty years allowed ample opportunity to test the strength and weaknesses of the merit system. Out of 271,169 places in the executive civil service, approximately 135,454 had been brought under the system by June 30, 1903. Dr. Sageser continues:

Competitive Tests.

"The attempt to improve the federal service through the use of competitive tests was not altogether successful. By transferring the selection of candidates for the classified service to the civil service commission the president and the cabinet were given more time for administrative and executive problems. This is one of the important gains. The nature of party organization, however, still places a premium on the patronage and this condition will exist until some substitute is found.

Altogether there was a noticeable improvement in the personnel of the federal service. The system attracted a different class of people described by one historian as "steady going and unimaginative." Dr. Sageser points out that the standards for entrance were not high and that salaries were relatively low. At the close of 1903, he says, there was not a real demand for the expert and the government was not offering inducements to hold college trained men or persons of exceptional ability.

"By 1903 there were several ways of evading the Pendleton act, one of the most frequent being an abuse of the privilege to appoint temporary clerks," he says. "It was possible to shift a temporary employee from place to place and thus keep him in the service for a long period."

Another device used in avoiding the law was the building of an examination around a particular individual as the department in which the vacancy occurred set up standards for the tests. Another growing factor which weakened the merit system was veteran preference."

The writer concludes that in spite of these shortcomings during the system's development the public would not have permitted its destruction. Dr. Sageser gives much credit to the civil service reform league for its work in advancing the reform movement.

PLAYERS IN STUDIO THEATER TO STAGE OLD ENGLISH DRAMA

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is structurally like the Latin plays. It is divided into parts with song or instrumental music intended to be used to separate the acts. The general plan of the play also copies the Latin sources, and like the Latin plays, a street scene is used with two houses, to the right and to the left.

Cake of Ice Safer Than Fast Driving for Cool Motor Car

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flated to high pressures, he says, since this decreases friction between rubber and fabric.

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