

# Bored With Modern Nebraska? 3,000,000 B.C. Was Exciting!

By **NORMA CHUBBUCK.**  
So you think Nebraska is dull? You didn't live soon enough!

The Nebraska of three or four million years ago might have pleased you more. Proof that things would have been exciting then can be found any time on the second floor of Morrill Hall, where many of the pre-historic fossils which have been uncovered in Nebraska are on display.

Since in Nebraska there are more fossil mammals to be found than in any other state, an abundant variety of fossils are displayed. The late director of the museum, Dr. E. H. Barbour, used to say about Nebraska, that you could "dig down anywhere and find an elephant fossil."

**HAD YOU LIVED** in this region several million years ago, one of the terrors of your life might have been the giant Mosasaur. More than 25 feet long, the reptile once swam in the inland sea which covered Nebraska and Kansas. The Mosasaur lived in Jurassic and Cretaceous time, better known perhaps as the Age of Dinosaurs.

Though no dinosaurs are known to have lived in Nebraska, neighboring state Wyoming was once home to many "terrible reptiles." A cast of the head of a fossil Tyrannosaurus, the "King of Dinosaurs," is on display in the museum. Now being made ready for display is a 20-foot-long Stegosaurus, or "Armored"

Dinosaur. When completed, it will be displayed in Founders Hall, west of Elephant Hall.

**SWIMMING IN THE** sea at about the same time as the Mosasaur was the Porthus, a giant fossil fish, which was found in Franklin county. This giant fish often grew to 15 feet or more, and was the great-great-etc.-grand-dad of modern salmon, herring and trout.

In the vicinity of Garden county, "Hortense" was once one of the brighter lights. Hortense is the name given by some Morrill Hall art students to the giant camel, inhabiting Nebraska as "recently" as 900,000 years ago. "Hortense" was one of many camels in this part of the country. Other camel fossils found in Box Butte county indicate that the ancestors of the modern camels and llamas may have originated in Nebraska and Wyoming.

**THE LITTLE SNAPPING** mud turtles found near Nebraska streams today do not begin to compare with the turtles of the past. During the Age of Dinosaurs, turtles grew as long as 12 feet, and swam in the sea of Nebraska and Kansas. More recent giant tortoises lived just before the beginning of the Ice Age but were not quite as large as those of "Dinosaur" time.

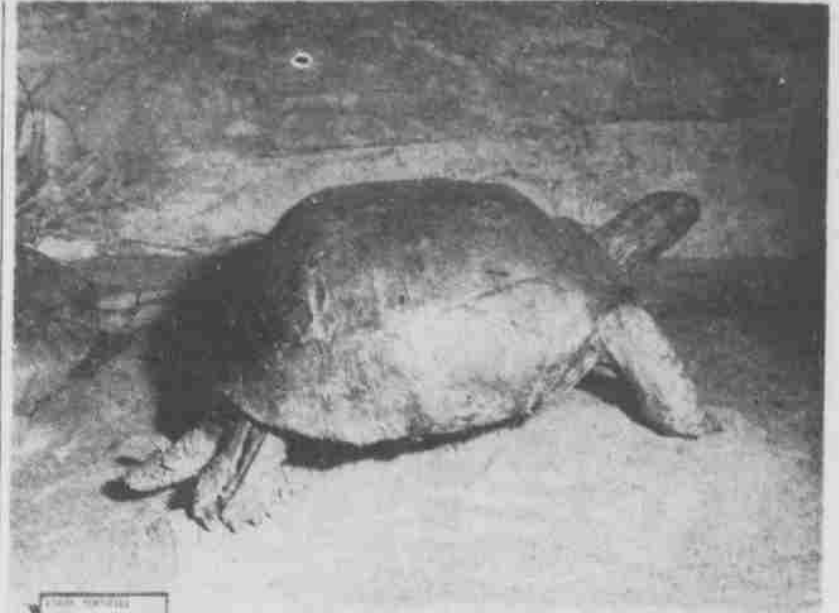
Dinohyus is another interesting inhabitant of the museum. A giant hog, Dinohyus gets its name from the Greek words meaning

"terrible pig." Discovered in Sioux county, this specimen is the largest yet found. The only other mounted specimen of Dinohyus is found in the Carnegie museum in Pittsburgh.

**PERHAPS THE MOST** famous fossil in the museum collection is the elephant from Lincoln county. It is the largest fossil elephant on record and has attracted nation-wide attention and publicity. Also to be found in Elephant Hall is more proof that Nebraska was far from dull a million or so years ago. The scoop-tusk elephant from Cherry county, the shovel-tusk from Frontier county, and the long-jawed elephant from Brown county all prove that elephants were once predominate in Nebraska.

**THESE ARE ONLY** a few of the fascinating examples of former Nebraska life. Equally interesting are the specimens of primitive beavers, no more than a foot long; the display of the evolution of the horse from the size of a small dog to the present size; the display of big game which could once be found in Nebraska; and the Devils Corkscrews, strange objects believed to have been the home of small beaver.

If you need more proof that Nebraska has had its share of "strange and wonderful" things, why not walk through the second floor of Morrill Hall some day? It's interesting!



**THIS GIANT TORTOISE** is an example of what Nebraska life was like a million years or so ago. Living just before the Ice Age, many of these turtles grew as long as 12 feet. The University Museum in Morrill Hall has many examples of pre-historic life in Nebraska, as there are more fossil mammals to be found in this state than in any other. Other examples of what Nebraska used to be, including a 25-foot Mosasaur, a giant camel, foot-long beavers, giant pigs and elephant fossils, are on display on the second floor of Morrill Hall.

## Students Party Plans Convention

Plans for the All-Campus convention of the Students' Party were announced Saturday by Carl Froendt, party chairman. The convention will convene at 7 p. m. Tuesday, March 29, with the keynote address following seating of the delegates.

Discussion and action on platform committee recommendations are next on the program. Nomination and selection of candidates will occupy the major part of the convention's time. Adjournment will be at 10:15 p. m.

Each district of 20 party members will be represented by three voting delegates at the convention. Froendt asks all districts to send their completed petitions and lists of convention delegates to the Students Party, Union, by Tuesday noon. New districts may be recognized at any time before official seating of delegates.

**Ballot**  
Name: John Paul Jones.  
Sex: Male.  
Class: Sophomore.  
College or school: Bus. Adm.  
Filing for: Student Council representing Bus. Adm.  
Party affiliation: Liberal Party or Independent.

## Duke Emphasizes Social Sciences

During the last two years the social science requirement for an engineering degree at Duke University has doubled, according to Dean William H. Hall of the Duke College of Engineering.

One hundred forty-eight hours are required for an engineering degree. Four hours of physical education are included in the requirement and the rest are divided as follows: 55% devoted to engineering courses; 25% to math, physics, and chemistry; and 20% to the social sciences.

## Tennis Short Called Best Movie of 1949

By **CUB CLEM.**

"How to Play Tennis," a short featuring Alice Marble at the narrow end of the racquet, was acclaimed the outstanding motion picture of 1948 by The Daily Nebraskan staff after a smoky, stormy judging session at Don's Friday night.

The picture, a five-minute thriller, was cited by the staff as being "wide in scope, breathless in dramatic qualities." Though the short fell off toward the end when Miss Marble broke her swinging arm, the message was sufficiently hair-raising to merit the Rag's top award.

**RUNNER-UP** to "How to Play Tennis" was "Urubu," now playing at the Varsity theater in Lincoln.

"Arc of Triumph" was called the worst picture of the year by the writers.

Other awards were dolled out as follows:

**Best Musical—"Words and Music,"** a somewhat blown up version of the lives of Richard Rogers and Larry Hart.

**Best Psycho—"The Paleface,"** starring Bob "The Profile" Hope, and Jane "The Profile" Russell.

**Best Paleface—"John Loves Mary,"** starring Smilin' Jack Carson, Ronald Reagan, and some new actress whose name the staff has forgotten.

**Best Comedy—"Rope,"** starring a whole batch of psychological misfits.

**Most Controversial Picture—"Mother is a Freshman,"** with Loretta Young and Van Johnson. This show was also acclaimed for best revealing American college life as it really is.

**Best Written Picture—"Hamlet,"** Young Bill Shakespeare shows promise for the future. Some of his punchlines were little short of terrific.

**Best Picture in Foreign Dialect—"MacBeth,"** with Orson Welles in the title role. His version of the Scots dialect sent the critics and the audiences into spasms of laughter.

**Best Actor of the Year—Frank Sinatra,** for his sympathetic, swashbuckling interpretation of "The Kissing Bandit."

**Best Actress of the Year—Ava Gardner** in "The Bribe." She outshines all actresses in Hollywood in knowing how to use her natural talents.

**Best Supporting Actor—The** corpse in "Rope."

**Best Supporting Actress—The** role of Addie Ross in "Letter to Three Wives."

**Best Male Singer—Perry Como**

for his "Blue Room," in "Words and Music."

**Best Female Singer—Doris Day** for her "Its Magic," in "Romance on the High Seas."

**Best Song—"Sweet Georgia Brown,"** as rendered by the voluptuous dancer in "The Snake Pit."

**Most Photogenic Actor—Charles** Laughton as the down-and-out middle-man in "The Bribe."

**Most Photogenic Actress—Vera** Ellen as the (censored) dancing partner to Gene Kelly in the "Slaughter on Tenth Avenue" scene of "Words and Music."

**Best Male Comedian—Richard** Widmark, for his humorous work in "Road House."

**Best Female Comedian—Joan** Fontaine, for her brilliant job in "Kiss the Blood off my Hands."

**Best Line of the Year—"You're** built too low to the ground chum. They're going right over your head. I'm throwing 'em at you, an' you ain't throwing 'em back." by the rooster in the Henney Hawk cartoon.

## Missionary To Give Talk On China Work

Rev. Egbert W. Andrews, recently returned from the communist trouble-zone in China, will give an illustrated address at 7:30 p.m. Monday in Parlor A of the Union.

The Rev. Andrews, a missionary of the Orthodox Presbyterian church, is on furlough from his work in Shanghai and is touring the United States. His speech will be sponsored by the Inter-Varsity Christian fellowship. He will show color movies and slides of his work in China.

**REV. ANDREWS** has been working among the students of the universities and colleges of Shanghai. He will discuss the effect of present Communist controversy upon the life of China, and the possibility for the future of Christianity in China.

Born in China, Rev. Andrews grew up in that country and is familiar with the problems of the Chinese people. He served in China during the war, and after his discharge from the Army he again took up his missionary work, mostly in Shanghai. He will return to the orient in the fall if political conditions permit.

## From the Front Page

By **Bruce Kennedy**

**A SENATE-HOUSE** conference approved the home rule provision of the Federal Rent Control Bill, Friday night. As the bill now stands states, cities, towns, and villages can get rid of Federal rent control if the governor approves. While the conferees overcome that obstacle there still remains a few differences. Agreement on these should be ironed out soon.

In an AP survey Friday it appeared evident that states would not abolish rent controls right away. On the whole, rent decontrolling will not begin, the survey said, until a later date.

**TWO MEMBERS** of Truman's administration who played an important part in the cold war, resigned their positions in Washington. They are Admiral Leahy and Ambassador Walter Smith. Smith served as an ambassador to Russia and Leahy was Chief of Staff under both Roosevelt and Truman.

**GOVERNOR Val Peterson** criticized the Hoover commission for its report of the Missouri Basin Inter-Agency Committee and the Pick-Sloan Plan. One of the questions the Nebraska governor wanted to know just where the commission got its information, which in his opinion was not altogether true.

**SLASHING** of funds for the Marshall Plan because of Europe's economic comeback, was challenged by Senator Vandenberg. Vandenberg said that production and industrial levels are not the only means of measuring Europe's recovery. He believes the financial assistance should continue at least until all the factors of recovery are certain.

## Oberlin Students Request Changes

A two-session Student Congress at Oberlin College recently debated and voted on a resolution prepared previously from suggestions submitted by student organizations and individuals.

Final recommendations were sent the President William E. Stevenson for consideration by him and appropriate administrative bodies.

The resolution contained more than fifty specific recommendations grouped under the heads Rules and Regulations, Residences and Dining Halls, Classroom Problems, etc.

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