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Her new book is *Killers of the Dream*



Lillian Smith, famed author of "Strange Fruit," last month brought the public another stirring story of the South in "Killers of the Dream." Partly autobiographical, partly sociological, the book is described by critics as an attempt to open the gates that now bar mankind from a fuller and richer life. Miss Smith is well known for her work with the Rosenwald fund which terminated last year.

Marian Anderson in Israel Benefit
 NEW YORK. (ANP). Marian Anderson, famed contralto, will be presented in a concert at a supper sponsored by the American Fund for Israel Institutions in Hotel Astor, Nov. 30, it was disclosed here last week. The concert-supper is to raise funds for the 99 institutions in Israel supported by the fund.



by **JAMES C. OLSON**, Superintendent
STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
 Albinus Nance, Nebraska's fifth

governor, was only 30 years old when elected, the youngest man ever to be chosen as the state's chief executive—although Keith Neville, Nebraska's World War I governor, was only 32 when first elected; and Thomas B. Cuming and J. Sterling Morton, acting governors of the territory, were mere boys of 26 when first appointed.

La Fayette, Ill., March 30, 1848. La Fayette, Ill., March 30, 1948. He enlisted in the 9th Illinois Cavalry when only 16 years of age and fought with the regiment in numerous Civil War battles. After the war, he began the study of law at Knox College in Galesburg, Ill., and though he left before securing his degree, he was admitted to the bar of Illinois in 1870, at the age of 22.

Shortly thereafter, the young man responded to the call of the West, removing to Nebraska, where in 1871 he took a homestead in Polk county. For a while he tried combining the law and agriculture, but his legal work prospered to such a degree that he decided to give it his full time, moving to Osceola where he opened an office.

Indicative of the rapidity with which young Nance established himself in his new home was his election to the state house of representatives in 1874, despite the fact that he had been in the state only three years and was only 26 years old. He was re-elected in 1876 and was chosen speaker of the house of representatives. Also during 1876 he served as chairman of the Nebraska delegation to the Republican national convention in Cincinnati.

The next honor to be heaped upon the young man's head was his nomination for the governorship by the republican party in 1878. He defeated W. H. Webster, the democratic nominee, by better than a two to one majority. He was re-nominated by acclamation in 1880, defeating former Sen. Thomas W. Tipton in the general election.

Governor Nance's administration was relatively tranquil. The state was beginning to shake off the effects of the bitter depression which had threatened to stunt its growth in the middle Seventies, and was moving into one of its greatest periods of prosperity and growth. The governor contributed to stability by a conservative and economical administration of the state's affairs.

Scarlet Sports

When the Jayhawker had cleaned its claws and flown back to its home down south, we took a look at the statistics and discovered an interesting fact.

Nebraska, weak last year on its pass defense, ranked first in the Big Seven on pass defense, that is, yards gained by opponents on passes. Nebraska led the loop, having yielded only 463 yards to foes via the sky in seven games. Iowa State was next with 595 yards in eight games. Considering the potent passing attack of most of the Husker foes, we feel that Glassford's work on pass defense has paid off. The Scarlet defense deserves recognition, too, for holding a powerful team, a team that scored four touchdowns against the mighty Sooners.

Efficiency in performance, according to Glassford's grading scale, improved almost 25 percent from the time of the Oklahoma game to the Kansas homecoming heartbreaker.

The Nebraska lads won everything but the score against KU. They outplayed the Jayhawkers at every turn. Consistently they marched the length of the field, but couldn't crack the rugged KU defense when it counted. A capacity homecoming crowd cheered and cringed alternately during the game.

After it was over, there was one prevailing attitude. "We should have won that game," was a typical comment expressed by players, coaches and spectators.

But in taking another look at the future, we can't help thinking that things are looking better. Glassford's varsity and Ike Hanscom's freshmen teams have gained national acclaim. An article last week by Whitney Martin from New York reflects the view that the nation is again looking to Nebraska for more great football teams.

At the expiration of his second term, Governor Nance, still not 35 years old, "retired" to his law practice at Osceola. A few years later he removed to Lincoln, and then to Chicago where he engaged in handling railroad stocks and bonds. He died Dec. 7, 1911.

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Jackie Robinson Must End Tour In One Month
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