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EDITORIALS

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Amen, Brother!

The following is from the Bi-State Weekly, Delmar, Delaware:

A manufacturer of farm machinery has placed himself on record as admitting his equipment is too efficient! Farmers who own this equipment were surprised recently to receive a message asking them not to use the company's harvesting implements, such as its mechanical corn pickers, to full advantage.

These machines, the company warned, are a potential threat to wildlife on the farm. "The modern corn picker" (for example) the message stated, "which scarcely misses an ear or kernel, leaving

slim pickings for birds and animals.

"Farmers who wish to protect wildlife and provide good hunting for themselves and their friends can save animals by 'cutting corners.'" This is done, the company explains, by cutting diagonally across the back corner of each field harvested, thus leaving a natural shelter stocked with feed for "your own wildlife."

Few farmers, we think will begrudge "the bushel or the forkful that you waste . . . giving a break to game already hard-pressed from every side." And most, we are sure, will say "Amen, brother."

Trenton Six Prisoner Dies Awaiting Trial

TRENTON, N. J.—(ANP)—Collis English, one of two Trenton Six prisoners still awaiting trial, died of a heart attack last week in the New Jersey State prison.

English and Ralph Copper were to stand trial a fourth time for the slaying of an aged white shop keeper in 1948. Originally six men were charged with murder and convicted in 1948, but thanks to various civil rights groups such as the NAACP and the American Civil Liberties Union, the men were awarded new trials.

Eventually four of the Six were freed, but English and Cooper were convicted. Only a few months ago, the New Jersey State Supreme court ordered a new trial for Cooper and English.

Funeral services were held for English at noon, Saturday, Jan. 3 at the Union Baptist church. The Rev. Walter P. Offutt, Jr., church secretary of the NAACP, repre-

sented Executive Secretary Walter White at the final rites.

Death came to English as a sort of climax of a series of illnesses plaguing him throughout three trials.

Cooper is still in prison awaiting a fourth trial.

N.U. Grads

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versity of Nebraska.

Mrs. Cleo Ross Meeker and Mrs. Heleh Patrick Seward, native Lincolnites represented Alpha Kappa Alpha. Mrs. Meeker is a graduate of the University of Nebraska School of Fine Arts and is a teacher in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Mrs. Seward is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Patrick of Lincoln. Mrs. Seward now resides in Columbus, Ohio.

University of Nebraska graduates representing Kappa Alpha Psi were Wanasebee Fletcher and Burt F. Newton. Mr. Fletcher has a master's degree from the University of Nebraska and teaches in Omaha.



by JAMES C. OLSON, Superintendent STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The convening of the 65th session of the legislature on January 6 brings to mind the first time Nebraska's lawmakers met in Lincoln, January 7, 1869. This was the first regular session of the state legislature, although it appears on the official record as the fifth, three having been four special sessions held earlier in Omaha.

They met in the new capitol, built of native stone at a cost of \$75,000, a building much admired for its beauty, but of such faulty construction that it soon had to be replaced. The capital city itself was little more than a year old, and as Governor David Butler warned in his message to the legislature, "not by any means free from inconveniences."

Governor Butler went on to say: "Though deprived for the present of many of the means of entertainment that are found in older towns, which have facilities for more rapid communication, you will find the citizens of Lincoln to be a hospitable and generous people, vieing with each other during your brief stay, to make your sojourn among them agreeable and fruitful pleasant recollections."

Among the important tasks facing the legislature, as enumerated in the governor's message, were the development of the salt deposits near Lincoln, defense against the Indians, encouraging immigration, providing for schools, disposition of state lands, providing for roads, bridges and other internal improvements. The Governor also urged the legislature to provide "a suitable residence for the use of the Executive of the State," pointing out that a person of average means could not afford to provide himself with such a residence (the Governor's salary was then \$1,000 per year), and "unless with such remedy be provided, the Executive office will be closed to all, however able or worthy, unless they are able to make a pecuniary sacrifice."

The salt deposits near Lincoln, which had been an important factor in the selection of the site as the capital city, were given particular attention by the Governor, who declared that they

Dancer, 'Amos' Take Christmas TV Honors

By Al White

NEW YORK (ANP)—Top Christmas Day performances went to the splendid presentation of "Amahl and the Night Visitors" over NBC and to Alvin Childress' interpretation of "The Lord's Prayer" in the Amos and Andy Show over the Columbia Broadcasting System.

In the opera, lovely Mary Hinkson was given the honor of dancing the role she has portrayed so vividly on the stage of the City Opera. Graceful, spirited, ingenious, this young dancer has the misfortune to hit the ballet scene just at the time world famous Janet Collins "arrived."

Miss Collins at the Met—the very acme of American music and ballet world—and Hiss Hinkson at the City—a popular and fast rising company that really gives Negroes opportunities—have done much to be proud of in the past year. But seeing lovely Mary Hinkson on TV Christmas Day was a revelation.

In the opera, the humble housewife sends her son Amahl out to call on the other shepherds to help entertain the visiting kings—three of them. This naturally brings in two dancing shepherds and a shepherdess, who also dances. She is reluctant to perform at first, but the constant urging of her two companions triumphs and the shepherdess goes into an indescribable ecstatic dance in which her two companions enthusiastically join. This is the role the lovely young colored star proudly delineates with skill and verve.

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could be "directly and indirectly a source of great wealth to the state, whose great value no one can fully estimate."

Perhaps the most important act of the first legislature was that which chartered the University of Nebraska. In addition, the legislature created the office of Attorney General, provided funds to meet the expenses of the normal school at Peru, transferred the old territorial capitol to the city of Omaha to be used as a high school, and provided for a state cemetery at Lincoln. Also, of course, many general laws necessary to the establishment of state government were passed before the lawmakers adjourned, February 15, 1869.



There is one mistake a lot of people make in wallpapering for the first time. They buy a lot of special equipment. True, good tools make the work easier. But they also boost the cost of what is basically an inexpensive job.

To hang wallpaper, you need only the following equipment.

1. Worktable 6 feet long and at least 2 feet wide. You can lay a few smooth boards or a piece of plywood on a pair of sawhorses or card tables.
2. Stepladder.
3. Pair of scissors, long-bladed if possible.
4. Straightedge 6 feet long. A straight stick will do, but you'll get along better with a paper hanger's straightedge with a metal edge.
5. Wide paste brush, which you can use for sizing, too.
6. Smoothing brush.
7. Seam roller.
8. Sharp knife.
9. Plumb line.
10. Yardstick.

To this collection, you can add other tools—notably a wheel cutter and a wheel trimmer. But they are not essential. You can get along well with a \$1.75 wallpapering kit that contains most of the special tools not in your workshop.

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