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## EXCELLENT PLAYS

Dramatic Club Ends Season With Three Plays

"The Man of Destiny," "Holly Tree Inn," and "In Honor Bound"—  
Good Work in the Last.

The University of Nebraska Dramatic Club closed a very successful season Thursday evening by presenting three one-act plays in a very commendable manner: "The Man of Destiny," by George Bernard Shaw; "Holly Tree Inn," by Charles Dickens, dramatized by Mrs. Oscar Beringer, and "In Honor Bound," by Sidney Grundy. The audience with its usual Lincoln contrariness, refused to be on time and succeeded in marring the first part of "The Man of Destiny" very noticeably.

"The Man of Destiny" treats of an episode in which a strange lady seeks to secure from Napoleon certain letters written by Josephine to a high officer in Paris, putting her (Josephine) in a compromising position, and which fell into Napoleon's hands. The play is not very well suited to amateurs, for the part of Napoleon is one of great difficulty and there was a lack of action in the play which threw all the stress upon numerous and subtle changes in the relationship between Napoleon and "The Strange Lady" as they parried and fenced each other's words. Napoleon secures the letter, but after reading it they together burn it and the curtain falls as they sit side by side in the candle-light. Mr. Hibner, as Napoleon, appeared very well, but his voice was scarcely powerful enough to make the stronger parts impressive. Miss Hibner as "The Strange Lady" and Mr. Letton as the lieutenant, filled their parts very well. Miss Hibner's, as said before, being very difficult in the delicate changes of attitude she had to portray. Mr. Erskine as the comical inn-keeper drew much laughter from the audience.

In "Holly Tree Inn" Mr. Purcell and Miss Adams acted the part of the childish sweethearts very convincingly. Miss Tully as Mrs. Cobbs, an elderly Yorkshire inn-keeper's wife, had mastered the dialect well, which was Mr. Murphy's only failing. As Job Cobbs, the old inn-keeper, he was a good old man, but had not much trace of Yorkshire dialect. The minor parts of Captain Walmers and Betty, the servant-girl, were well taken by Mr. Hibner and Miss Holcombe.

The last play, "In Honor Bound," by Sidney Grundy, is a very delicately written piece of work, with many strong situations, and although the theme is old as the world, the emotional appeal is one which reaches all alike and the interest was held perfectly from beginning to end. The acting was superb and no praise would be flattery. The plot in brief is this: Philip Graham leaves England for several years and returning, we see

him in the library of his friend, Sir George Carlyou, a lawyer and member of parliament, who hands him a letter just arrived for him. On the boat from Australia Phillip has fallen in love with Rose Dalrymple and he tells Sir George, omitting the girl's name. Sir George divines that Phillip left England on account of an old love affair and advises him to see that the old love releases him before he marries the new. Phillip is surprised at Sir George's keenness, who goes on and cynically analyzes his whole case, telling him that his first sweetheart was a married woman and even the name of his second, who, in fact, is Sir George's niece just over from Australia and who is at the theater with Lady Carlyou. Phillip is surprised, but confides in Sir George and asks his advice. Sir George, as the guardian of Rose Dalrymple, advises him to get a letter from the woman releasing him to marry the girl. Meanwhile Lady Carlyou and Rose have returned and Phillip is in consternation, for his earlier lover is no other than Lady Carlyou, whom he has not known to be Rose's aunt. When they are alone, Lady Carlyou bravely writes the letter and signs it. Sir George enters and Phillip incautiously discloses that he has the release. Sir George asks where he got it so soon. Phillip prevaricates and says in the letter he has just received. As the guardian of Rose, Sir George demands it. Phillip demurs and appeals to Lady Carlyou, whom Sir George accepts as arbiter. She tells Phillip to give the letter over. Sir George burns it without reading. Lady Carlyou begs his forgiveness and, touched by her self-sacrifice and given courage by her courage, he forgives "in payment of a debt I have long owed you,"—so all ends happily. The work of Mr. Johnston and Miss Gould as Sir George and Lady Carlyou was thoroughly finished. They were complete masters of their parts and made the most of every line and every suggestion, filling the roles with dignity and effectiveness. Mr. Bumstead and Miss Linderman, although in the less important parts of Philip Graham and Rose Dalrymple, were equally as good and the whole play was so smoothly and artistically given that it left nothing wanting. One will go to the theater a long time before he sees a piece presented any better by professionals. The following are the casts of the three plays given:

**The Man of Destiny.**  
Napoleon Bonaparte...Aldis E. Hibner  
A Strange Lady...Neva M. Hibner  
A Lieutenant...Harry P. Letton  
An Inn Keeper...Samuel A. Erskine  
**Holly Tree Inn.**  
Job Cobbs, Landlord of Holly Tree Inn...Allen (Pat) Murphy  
Captain Walmers, of Walmers Court...Aldis E. Hibner  
Harry Walmers, only Son of Capt. Walmers...Johnnie Purcell  
Mrs. Cobbs, Landlady of Holly Tree Inn...Bashie Tully  
Betty, Chambermaid...Bessie Holcombe  
Norah, Harry's Sweetheart...Bonnie Adams  
Scene: Sitting room of the Holly Tree Inn.  
Time: New Years Eve.  
Place: On the road to Gretna Green.

**In Honor Bound.**  
Sir George Carlyou, Q. C., M. P....Ed. Johnston  
Philip Graham...Alden Bumstead  
Lady Carlyou...Frances Gould  
Rose Dalrymple...Kathleen Linderman  
Scene: Room at George Carlyou's, London.

## TRACK TEAM GOES

TEAM MEETS KANSAS TODAY AT LAWRENCE.

The Prospects of Winning Are Good—  
Weights and Hurdle Events  
Look Easy.

The University track team left yesterday for Lawrence, where they meet Kansas University today in the annual dual track meet.

Thanks to the fact that the University has no athletic field, the team is in no better condition than it was at the time of the preliminary meet last Saturday. The weather has been cold and wet all week, permitting no good work-outs. The fair ground track has been in abominable condition and the work on the engineering building has so far advanced that track work on the old field is impossible. Had the University a good athletic field and a cinder track such as all other schools of its size and importance are equipped with, the track teams would be able to go into these meets without the plea of poor condition. It is to be hoped that our future track teams will not have to do their running around the tennis courts or on the poor track at the fair grounds.

Notwithstanding the difficulties under which the team has been laboring this spring, they left for Kansas confident of winning the meet. Judging from the comparative scores of the Kansas preliminary meet, held ten days ago, and our home meet of last Saturday, the Cornhuskers apparently have the advantage. Kansas will doubtless win the quarter-mile hands down, since their star man, Dennis, ran it in 52 1-5 last week. In the half-mile, too, they are looked upon as likely winners. Priest, their half-miler, ran this distance in 2:06 2-5 at their preliminary meet, which is a second faster than Davis's time last Saturday.

In the hurdles and weights Nebraska is expected to win everything. McDonald has been showing up in good form in both the high and low hurdles. Sid Collins is regarded as a sure winner in the hammer and shot and probably the discus as well.

In the dashes Wildman looks a little better than his Kansas opponent, Haddock, on paper. However, Haddock is known to be a fast man and our sprinters will have no easy time in beating him out.

Knobe and Parker are expected to have a hard fight in the high jump. The fact that Parker jumped only 5 feet 4 inches in the Kansas meet is no indication that he can't go higher, since he was not hard pressed. Knobe is in good form this spring and will not quit at less than five feet seven or eight.

The pole-vault is an uncertain quantity. McMasters (our only entry) has been handicapped all spring by working with a short pole. Under the circumstances he has been doing well, however, and he is expected to give a good account of himself.

In the distances Captain Alden,

Davis and Bauman ought to gather in a few points. It has not yet been definitely decided just what events Alden will go into. He is unquestionably a good miler and he has run the two-mile in close to ten minutes this year. However, if he drops out of the half mile to run in the two-mile it will leave only one man, Davis, entered in the half, which is undesirable.

This afternoon the Freshman track team meets the Wesleyan Varsity team at Wesleyan.

## "MOTHER'S" SUNDAY.

White Carnation the Emblem—U. S. Senate to Observe the Day

Tomorrow is "Mothers' Day" in Lincoln. According to Secretary C. M. Mayne's plan, every man in the city of Lincoln is requested to wear a white carnation on his coat lapel on this day; is urged to write her a letter such as he has never written before if he cannot go to see her, and to go to church for her sake.

The plan as originated by Mr. Mayne has met the heartiest approval of prominent men down town. Governor Sheldon says that it is destined to become by next year a nationally observed day. Yesterday Senator Burkett introduced a bill in the Senate that Sunday be observed as such a day by the members of that body and of the House.

Tomorrow the pastors of all the churches in the city will have especially prepared sermons for the occasion. Men especially are urged to turn out and make this a greater success than the celebrations given in honor of Washington, Lincoln or any of the nations honored statesmen. It is the homage due every "mother" in the land.

## Nebraska "Almost" Wins.

In the game yesterday at Minneapolis the Cornhusker team won another paper victory. They played the Gophers to more than a standstill through eleven innings. In the end of the last inning, however, it became too apparent that without regard to the rules of baseball, the Gophers had ten good men in the game, the work of the tenth man, Umpire Mulane, being of such a nature as to class him the star for the Gophers. Accordingly, Captain Bellamy wisely decided that if Minnesota wanted the game so badly as all that, they could have it. Nebraska made five errors to the Gophers' nine, and outbatted them eight to five. Beltzer struck out ten men, while only two Nebraskans fanned the breezes.

## Sophomore Notice.

Sophomores who have not secured tickets for Ivy Day may obtain them from the following committee: Marie Barr, Janet Lawrence, Josephine Huse, Grace Kimmel, Lorenzo Flower, John Dirks, John Hepperton, C. Modesitt, John Trude, L. W. Hawkins, R. L. La Chapelle, Harry Ingles and S. A. Mahood.

Pies like mother tried to make. Baked fresh twice a day by an expert woman pie baker, at The Boston Lunch.