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**PERSONALS**

Frank Carpenter, '19, went to Omaha Sunday.

Alice Forbes, 20, went to York Monday night.

Lorene Hendricks, '20, went to Wahoo Saturday.

Harry Hubbel, '18, was in York for a few days last week.

Jane Kingery, '20, spent the weekend at her home in Tilden.

Sylvia Prokes, '18, spent the weekend at her home in Wahoo.

Edward Baumann, '18, spent Saturday and Sunday in Omaha.

Adolph Kotas has left school to work in a bank at Milligan.

Bess McDonald, '19, spent the weekend at her home in Wahoo.

Elizabeth Drake, '13, of Beatrice was a guest at the Alpha Phi house Sunday.

Alice Rushton, of Omaha, was a guest at the Delta Gamma house Saturday.

Mary Hedrick, '18, and Anne Brundage, '18, spent the weekend in Tecumseh.

Elroy Munson, of Aurora, was a guest at the Alpha Tau Omega house Saturday.

Ruth Quigley, '20, and Josephine Lane, '20, visited at the home of Jessie Killan in Wahoo over Sunday.

L. C. Barker, M. E. '16, with American Blower company of Detroit, Mich., visited the engineering offices yesterday.

Mae Hurka, '19, has been offered a position as a teacher of Bohemian in a ten weeks' summer school at Cedar Rapids, Ia.

Edness Kimball, '19, has been called to her home in Casper, Wyo., by the illness of her sister. She will return to school this semester.

Melvin M. Garrett, a member of the February graduating class, who has been working in Buffalo, N. Y., has returned to his home in Madison, Wis., to visit his parents before joining the officers' reserve training camp at Fort Snelling.

Carl W. Mengel, C. E. '16, formerly with the John L. Roper Lumber Co., of Wenona, N. C., as acting chief drainage engineer, has been called to the engineers' reserve corps training camp at Oglethorpe, Ga. He has a second lieutenant commission.

**BAND GIVES UP COAST TRIP PLANS**

Tentative plans for the trip of the cadet band to the coast have been abandoned, it was announced at a meeting last evening, because so many of the men who intended to make the trip have withdrawn for war service. Fifteen have left school already and a number more expect to leave before the end of the week.

Raymond J. Saunders, '17, of Red Cloud, captain of the band, is himself withdrawing from school to go to the Fort Snelling training camp. A smoker for the departing men is being planned.

No more practices will be held the rest of this week or the following Monday because of the May festival in which the band will assist. The next regular practice will be Tuesday evening of next week.

**PUBLISH CAUSE OF TREELESS PRAIRIES**

Why trees are not found growing naturally in prairie regions except along stream courses is a problem which has long been discussed by both laymen and scientists. Various theories such as fires, wind, and buffaloes have been advanced, but only recently has any extensive quantitative work leading to the solution of this problem been attempted. Dr. J. E. Weaver of the department of botany and A. F. Thiel, a graduate student, in a recent publication summarize the results of their investigations which have extended over a period of years in both Minnesota and Nebraska.

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