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## R. O. T. C. UNIT TO BE STARTED HERE

New Military Organization Will Follow Upon Disbanding Of S. A. T. C.

220 Men of Section B Receive Discharges and Leave For Home

A unit of the reserve officers' training corps at the University of Nebraska will supplant the present S. A. T. C. organization, which is being demobilized this week.

Vice Chancellor W. G. Hastings received a telegram from military headquarters, Washington, D. C., yesterday, stating that permission had been granted by the war department for the immediate establishment of a unit of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps here. The communication further stated that an officer had been assigned as commandant at this university, who would report immediately after the demobilization of the S. A. T. C. for the purpose of organizing the new unit.

Decision was made at a meeting of the board of regents, last week, to ask the permission of the war department to re-establish the R. O. T. C. at this university, with an organization similar to the unit of last year.

Colonel Roberts was the commandant of the R. O. T. C. at Nebraska university last year, at which time three battalions, consisting of four companies each, were organized. It is not probable that the former commandant will be assigned to the unit this year, since he was a retired officer, and present plans of the government contemplate assigning an officer on active duty to Nebraska.

Although no tentative plans have been formulated, it is quite probable that the military department will be entirely reorganized by the new commandant. Should this be done, the officers appointed by the commandant last year will not be reinstated, unless they are reappointed.

## PRACTICE COMMENCES IN EARNEST TODAY

No Gloom Clouds Hovering about Husker Camp—Many Recruits in Freshman Squad

Basket ball practice started off in real earnest yesterday afternoon and the prospects were soaring up around the trolley wires. The array of material and the exhibition of basket-shooting gave every indication of a powerful aggregation. Several more new faces showed up, among whom were Monte Munn, center on the varsity football team and center on the Lincoln high state quintet last winter. Tsher, a midget from Omaha, flashed some clever, fast work, and many others made themselves conspicuous by individual playing.

All of last year's freshmen are back in their togs, with the exception of Beaton, and all will be eligible for the varsity this year. The freshman squad is gaining regular proportions, and in spite of the fact that first-year men may be barred by the Missouri Valley moguls. In conference at Kansas City the latter part of this week, a large number of men are taking advantage of the preliminary training and lining up for next season's team. The coaches expressed the opinion yesterday afternoon that the freshman team will again be lowered over valley circles.

Practice this afternoon will begin at 2:30 o'clock in the chapel. It was found that by starting at 5 o'clock, there was not enough time to get in the proper amount of work needed, so the time was set ahead.

## TWO MORE DEATHS FROM INFLUENZA IN 24 HOURS

Two more members of the S. A. T. C. unit died yesterday. Edward W. Stirk, of Battle Creek, Nebr., died late Monday night at the State Farm hospital, after a brief illness. He was taken sick with Spanish influenza, which later developed into pneumonia. John G. Cook, '22, a member of Company D, died Tuesday afternoon at the "T" street hospital of the influenza. Word of his death was sent to his parents, who are expected to arrive in Lincoln today.

Ninety-nine per cent of the men who never marry would be ashamed to let the world know the secret side of their life.

If a girl doesn't marry her first love it isn't her fault.

## BRITISH PEER TO SPEAK BEFORE STUDENTS TODAY

Lord Charnwood Will Talk to Students and Faculty at Three O'Clock

Lord Charnwood, a prominent member of the British peerage who is on a four months' tour of the United States, will speak on "Democracy in England and the United States," at a mass meeting in the Auditorium, this afternoon at 3 o'clock. Classes will be dismissed and the students and faculty will form and march in parade from the campus to the Auditorium. The S. A. T. C. will march as a unit.

A liberal supporter of Gladstone and Home Rule, an ardent admirer of Abraham Lincoln and a student of his life and times, the British peer is peculiarly fitted to promote understanding and sympathy between his country and the United States. The newly appointed committee for Promoting an Intellectual Entente among the allied and friendly countries, selected a subcommittee on relations with America, of which Lord Charnwood is chairman.

This is his lordship's third visit to this country. He arrived in America in September and will leave early in January. After giving a speech on



LORD CHARNWOOD

Lincoln at the Illinois centennial celebration, October 5, he delivered a course of lectures on the Schiff foundation at Cornell concerning "The Contributions of the British Empire to Civilization."

Before the war an advocate of the national and compulsory system of military training, since the war Lord Charnwood has had much to do with voluntary enlistment and later the administration of Military Service Acts. He is a Lieutenant Colonel of the Home Defense service, and has been a member of parliament.

## BURNET PICTURES SCENES AT FRONT

Surgeon of French Educational Mission Recounts Personal Experiences of the War

Members Conduct Tour of Inspection Following Lecture at Bessey Hall

A dramatic and intensely interesting version of his experiences on the battle front formed the address of Dr. Etienne Burnet of the French educational mission who spoke at the chapel in Bessey memorial hall at ten o'clock yesterday. Dr. Burnet is a surgeon of the French army and since the opening of the war he has kept in close touch with every situation of the great struggle.

The doctor reviewed the war from the day of its opening until the signing of the armistice and he described vividly many of the scenes which came under his personal observation while he was in the service. He mentioned particularly the conditions at the various fronts, the drive of 1914, and the Serbian situation.

"During the first months of the war," said Dr. Burnet, "I was attached as a doctor to the cavalry division. My state of mind, especially from the outbreak of hostilities to the victory of the Marne, may be expressed in two words—ignorance and anxiety. Since it was so difficult to secure any reliable information about Belgian or the French troops which had gone into Alsace, the suspense was terrible.

"In July, 1916, I was sent to the eastern front in Macedonia, which was in progress of transformation. The eastern army became a large army that pushed out its front to the northern boundaries of Macedonia like a great crescent.

Purified by Battle's Heat Particularly did Dr. Burnet emphasize the deep impression which the war has made upon the people of France and the wonderful change it has wrought in the lives of those who fought for her ideals. "It was not the scholar that brought the deeper values into the life of France," said the doctor. "It was the man

## HOME ECONOMICS DEPT. TO TRAIN DIETITIANS

Plans are being made in the department of home economics for a two or five hour course in the preparation of dietitians, the amount of credit depending upon the time spent in diet kitchens and in hospital work.

The students from the home economics department who have gone into hospital work previously have not been able to obtain any practical experience while in the university. The work in the three diet kitchens, in connection with the S. A. T. C., affords an opportunity for this training. At present nine students are engaged in this work. Since there will be less opportunity next semester for the laboratory part of this course, students who have planned to become dietitians should see Miss Margaret Fedde at the earliest opportunity, in order to arrange for at least some work before Christmas.

Acting Dean Poynter of the College of Medicine and Miss Loomis of the home economics department are arranging a system whereby students may act as dietitians in the university hospital next summer.

A number of graduates of the home economics department are now acting as dietitians in various hospitals, one in France, three in military hospitals in Texas, and others in civil hospitals in New York and other states.

Indications are that the demand for trained dietitians will increase rather than decrease in the future.

## 1700 SOLDIERS DIE DURING FLU EPIDEMIC

Official Report Shows 338,000 Cases and Huge Death Toll in Army Camps

Washington, Dec. 10.—An official summary of the results of the influenza epidemic in the army camps and military centers in the United States, made public by the war department today, shows that there were 338,257 cases of the disease up to December 1, with approximately 17,000 deaths.

Because deaths resulting from influenza and pneumonia, were not separately grouped, only approximate figures were given for those due to the epidemic. From September 13, the date of the outbreak, to December 1, 19694 deaths from all cases were reported by military stations in the United States.—Associated Press.

## NAVAL COMPANY AWAITS ORDERS FROM CHICAGO

Medical Examinations for S. N. T. C. Completed Yesterday—Reports Sent In

Medical examinations of all S. N. T. C. men but those in the hospital were completed yesterday by medical officers. Those men who have not fully recovered from sickness will be retained in the service until they are able to pass the physical examination.

Ensign Webber, in charge of the unit, for the time of disbanding, has sent reports of examinations, transportation allowances, and all other necessary data to the commandant of the division at the Great Lakes Naval station and is now awaiting orders to disband the unit.

The working force from Omaha, which is giving the medical examinations, will have completed all their work by tonight and will return to Omaha tomorrow. Ensign Webber will remain here until all work is completed.

Trying to Get Uniforms Ensign Webber stated that the men here were entitled to uniforms and that he would make an effort to obtain them. Dean Engberg also wired the district commandant at the Great Lakes station and the war department at Washington in an effort to obtain them for the men.

The ensign also remarked that trouble had been experienced by all S. N. T. C. units in obtaining uniforms. Only a few companies where naval officers were placed in charge have already received equipment. The issuing of uniforms at this time would probably not delay the disbanding of the unit, as orders must be received from the Great Lakes station before the men can be retired from the service.

Those men who desire to remain in active duty will probably be called to the Great Lakes naval station and there enlisted as recruits in the regular navy. These men will be required to sign up for four years.

The disposition of the Naval Reserve at a later date is still uncertain but they will more than likely be allowed to remain in civil life unless some new war emergencies arise. It is possible that these men will be called out in the summer for further training, but no definite plans have been made to that effect.

## News Writing Students Cover Charnwood's Speech

Members of Professor M. M. Fogg's News Writing class (Rhetoric 43) will report the address of Lord Charnwood in the auditorium this afternoon at 3 p. m., and submit their copy by tomorrow morning. This is a practical piece of newspaper work in reporting speeches and meetings.

One of the laws of gravity is not to laugh at your own jokes.

## INFLUENZA STILL RAGES ON CAMPUS

One Hundred Cases Are Isolated in Army Hospitals—Contagion Spreading

Captain Buck Appeals for Additional Nurses to Aid in New Cases

The influenza situation at the University of Nebraska is assuming the nature of a violent epidemic. With a decided increase in the number of cases reported yesterday and several additional deaths, the second alarming outbreak of the dread contagion appears to be spreading over the campus. Unless this is checked immediately, it may become imperative to close school by the end of the week. General conditions indicate the advisability of this course, although university authorities have not as yet expressed approval of such action.

Student Soldiers Suffering Over one hundred cases of the influenza are at the present time isolated in the army hospital, forty cases being reported in the infirmary at the state farm, sixteen in the hospital on the city campus and about fifty either isolated in barracks or under observation.

Two nurses on duty at army hospitals have been stricken during the last few days and have had to leave their work, one having scarlet fever, and the other a light case of the influenza.

Captain Buck Appeals for Nurses Captain A. O. Buck, detachment surgeon for the students' army training corps, although very sick himself, issued an appeal from his sick bed, Tuesday morning, for more nurses. He found it impossible to procure trained nurses in Omaha, or Chicago, while the situation in Lincoln did not permit any nurse to leave her work. The Lincoln Red Cross chapter was successful in obtaining nurses for the army hospital yesterday to help in the emergency.

A movement was started by Mrs. E. (Continued on page 4)

## STUNTS AND DANCING WILL FEATURE PARTY

Committee Is Planning To Make Saturday Night After Truly Representative

The plans for the first all-university party which is scheduled for Saturday evening, December 14, are so promising that no one will want to miss out on it. The custom in the past few years has been to have some sort of a party at which everyone in school might get acquainted with his classmates and enjoy the same sort of a good time that he would have at any other school dance. Then, too, these parties were so arranged that those of the students who did not care to dance would be able to find amusement in the programs that were provided. Clever stunts and musical numbers have prevailed in the past, and this year are to be eclipsed by still more clever stunts.

This year it has been very hard to plan a real all-university party because of the difficulties in the way of "flu" vacation and S. A. T. C. orders which confined the men to the post. But now that the boys are being discharged, and things have returned to more normal conditions, the old time pep and enthusiasm will be in evidence Saturday night at the Armory, and the new students at the university will have a chance to find out just how much fun a real all-university party is.

W. C. C. S. Pays Expenses Dr. J. W. Carter, of the War Camp Community Service, has announced (Continued on page 2)