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## BENGSTON TO GO TO EUROPE NEXT WEEK

Receives Government Appointment to Investigate Trade Conditions in Foreign Countries

Will Assist in Commercial Reconstruction Work Instituted by United States

Professor N. A. Bengston of the department of geography and conservation at the University of Nebraska has been granted a leave of absence from his school work for the rest of the year and will leave next week to do reconstruction work in Europe. His new duties will bear a direct relation to the gigantic plan of reconstruction which will shortly be launched throughout the country, since it will be to investigate and report upon the conditions, economic in nature, in the various countries that have any relation to the development of our future foreign commerce.

This appointment, made through the United States department of commerce, was the result of Professor Bengston's splendid work with the bureau of research of the war trade trade board at Washington, D. C., where he spent most of last year supervising the shipment of breadstuffs and the constituents to and from this country.

### A Part of Reconstruction Program

The department of commerce in the United States is now initiating a reconstruction program in business and is seeking to obtain accurate knowledge of trade situations among the leading countries of the world. To obtain this information the department is selecting a few men, trained in economic geography, to be sent abroad, each with a specified territory for which he is held responsible. These men will investigate and report on all the phases of the economic conditions in the various countries that bear directly on the further development of our foreign commerce. A government service for business will be built up that will be similar to the government service already in operation for agriculture, and for this purpose only those men who are trained in economic geography and who are familiar with foreign languages are sought. For northern Europe, Scandinavian, French and German are necessary; for southern Europe, Spanish and French are essential.

Professor Bengston speaks Swedish fluently, and has an excellent command of Danish, French and German. He probably will be stationed in Copenhagen, Denmark, and will conduct investigations in the Scandinavian countries. Later he may be sent to Germany. He will return before September, 1919.

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## MEN SHOWING INTEREST IN NEW "GYM" CLASSES

Boxing, swimming and fencing classes are in the course of formation under the tutelage of Dr. Clapp. Enough registrants have been obtained to warrant the formation of the boxing and swimming divisions but more candidates are needed for fencing.

The boxing class will meet three times a week in the gym and all glove artists should come out. The city Y. M. C. A. swimming pool will furnish the lecture room and laboratory for swimmers and those who wish to join the "fish" family. These classes will be longer than the ordinary periods and will be held twice a week. One hour credit will be allowed in either the boxing, swimming or fencing course.

## MAJOR STOUT RESUMES DUTIES AT UNIVERSITY

Major O. V. P. Stout returned Wednesday from Fort Sheridan, Montgomery, Alabama, where he has been stationed the past five months. He will resume his former position at the university as dean of the engineering college. Major Stout has been gone over a year. He was sent first to Camp Lee where he received his training and his commission. The next four months were spent in Washington, D. C. During the month of July he was stationed at Camp Humphreys, near Washington. In August he was sent to Camp Forrest, which was the old Chickamauga battle field. From there he was sent to Camp Sheridan.

## CORNHUSKER GRAPPLERS ARE SHOWING UP WELL

Wrestling Tryouts For First Intercollegiate Match Will Begin Today

Nebraska's wrestling team looks like a prize winner. Most of last year's stars are again on the mat and several new men have appeared. The first inter-collegiate match will be staged at Ames on Feb. 21. Tryouts will be held next Friday and Saturday and are open to all.

Saturday, Dr. Clapp will go to Ames to referee the match with Iowa. This will give him a good idea of the team his own mat artists are soon to grapple with. The doctor is enthusiastic over the prospects of his prodigies and to say the least they look like prize winners.

The team which goes to Ames will be selected from the following material. The 125 pound demons are Troendly and Slater, while Weaver and Kim compose the 135 pound prospects. Troendly, however, can work in either class. In the 145 pound class, Burley and Zook will hold the field. Gibbs, Withers and Fuchs are (Continued on page 2)

## REGENTS CONSIDER BUILDING PROGRAM

Board Holds Annual Meeting With New Members Present For First Time

Bengston and Hrbkova Given Leaves of Absence—Postpone Ratification of Schedule

The board of regents held their annual meeting Wednesday evening at the chancellor's office. F. W. Judson and John R. Webster of Omaha, and Chas. Hodgdon of Chicago were present. E. P. Brown was re-elected president of the board. The member thoroughly discussed the need of more university buildings, especially a new gymnasium, but no definite action was taken. W. H. Brooks was elected head of this department. He succeeds Charles G. Gunnels, who is doing work in Washington, D. C., at the present time. W. W. Burr was chosen assistant director of the experimental station. He will still hold his position as head of the department of agronomy in the agricultural college.

### Bengston Granted Leave

Prof. N. A. Bengston was granted leave of absence until September 1 without salary. Chancellor Avery was empowered to grant as long a leave of absence as necessary to Prof. Sarka Hrbkova, who has been suffering severely from the effects of an attack of influenza. The board of regents accepted the resignation of Mrs. Fred Williams, an instructor in physical education.

It was decided to hold the ratification of the 1919 football schedule over until the meeting of February 15. The report of the student hospital proposition by the faculty committee was also held for the next meeting at the request of Chancellor Avery. Several of the fees in the zoological department were changed to agree with changes made in the college dentistry.

## ENTRY LISTS INDICATE SUCCESSFUL TOURNAMENT

The state high school basketball tournament will be held in Lincoln from March 12 to 15. Indications point to the largest attendance ever. One hundred fifty schools have already sent for entry blanks and more are coming in. Last year the total number of entries was one hundred and eighteen, while the student attendance was estimated at fifteen hundred. Many schools have suffered from the depredations of the "flu" and have been unable to organize their teams. However, in spite of this setback most of them now have teams in the field and will be here for their share of the bacon.

## MEN TO WEAR UNIFORMS AT ROOSEVELT MEMORIAL

Members of R. O. T. C. and Former Service Men Asked to Attend Convocation

Members of the R. O. T. C. unit will attend the Roosevelt memorial service next Monday, appearing in uniform.

It is the desire of Professor Grummann, who is in charge of the Roosevelt memorial convocation next Monday, to have a record-breaking attendance. Captain Frankforter is cooperating with Professor Grummann in this regard and he will endeavor to swell the crowd by urging all men who have seen service at home or abroad to attend the convocation in uniform.

These men are requested to leave their names with Sergeant Allen or Lieutenant Murphy not later than Saturday noon so that a sufficient number of seats can be reserved to accommodate the men. The members of the R. O. T. C. will attend in a body and the men in uniform will create a military atmosphere which will be appropriate for commemorating the life and work of the late Theodore Roosevelt.

The university chorus will sing "The (Continued on page 3)

## WASHINGTON BOWS BEFORE WESLEYAN

Coyotes Spring Surprise in Defeating Piker Five by Score of 28 to 25

Rutherford's Men Bump Into Cornhuskers Tonight in Big Conference Game

Washington's basketball team was defeated by Wesleyan last night in a fiercely fought contest, the score ending 28-25. The Pikers did not use the regular lineup until the last ten minutes of play, which was too late to overcome the Coyote resistance. The game was a hard scrap from start to finish and the Washington five did not run in their star men soon enough.

The Pikers jumped into the lead early in the first half but Wesleyan began to fight and steadily overtook them, the half ending 12 to 10 for the Coyotes. In the second half the Methodists shot basket after basket until with but ten minutes left the score stood 26 to 14 in their favor. At this point, Marquard, Dunker and Rodin went in for Washington, but were too late to overcome Wesleyan's lead.

### No Reason For Overconfidence

Cornhusker fans need not be too enthusiastic over the humbling of the Pikers by the neighboring Coyotes. Washington could afford to lose this contest and save her regulars for the conference game tonight. The real Washington team did not have a chance to work together until the last ten minutes which proved too short for them to get their stride. The game tonight, without a doubt, will be one of the hardest fought contests ever staged in the old gym. Coach Stewart's warriors need the support of every loyal Cornhusker.

### The Lineup

Washington—	Wesleyan—
McCullum	Gates
Dunker	
McEwelwee	Hinman
Marquard	
Berger	Warren
Rodin	Miller
Russell	Hefner, Baney

## PREPARATORY COURSE IN TRACK WORK IS STARTED

The attention of all track men is called to Physical Education 20. This course is under the supervision of Dr. Clapp and is intended to give track men a thorough preparation for the spring work. Two hours' credit will be allowed.

Classes for this course meet twice a week. In his lecture, Dr. Clapp will present the theories of every phase of track work and a little outside reading will be required, probably on the special event in which the individual may be interested. Besides the lecture work two hours of laboratory are required. This laboratory is held in the gym and consists in the general development of the track muscles which will put the candidate in general trim. After April 1, all classes will be dismissed and the entire work will be carried on out on the field. This course is still open. The gym floor classes have already started and those who wish to sign up should do so next Monday.

violin; Miss Jessie Wilcox, second violin; Mr. W. T. Quick, viola, and Miss Lillian Eiche, cello.

The four movements were: Adagio Vivace Assia Adagio Cantabile Menuetto Vivace

## Legislators and Regents Will Attend Game Tonight

Nebraska meets Washington college tonight in one of the decisive basketball games of the season. The two teams will battle for second place in the Missouri valley conference standing.

Nebraska now holds the second place in the conference with a percentage of .567. Washington, by reason of a victory over Drake Wednesday night, is tied for third place with a standing of .500.

The Cornhuskers must beat Washington tonight if they are to maintain their standing in the conference. Any student who goes to the game tonight imbued with genuine Cornhusker spirit contributes to Nebraska's chances for success. Members of the legislature

will be there in a body. A section of two hundred seats on the south side of the court has been reserved for them and every ticket has been taken. They are the guest of the university for tonight and students may assist in providing entertainment for them. Members of the board of regents will also attend.

The "N" club will have charge of general arrangements and all "N" men will occupy a section reserved for them. Each "N" man is asked to wear his sweater.

The university band will contribute to the noise which Nebraska rooters will pour forth to back their team.

Friday is a closed night on the university calendar. Fraternities and sororities will send delegations to the game and oth-

er organizations will be there to pack the Armory. "Doc" Stewart is expecting a "whale of a crowd," but promises that no one shall be turned away, even if the rafters have to be used for seating accommodations.

A mixer in which dancing will feature will follow immediately after the game. The festivities will begin at 7:30 o'clock. The admission price will be twenty-five cents, a reduction of one-half. Tickets may be secured at the student activities' office in advance.

The game tonight is a turning point in the basketball season. A victory for Nebraska would increase the Cornhuskers' chances for winning the valley championship. Pack the gymnasium tonight. Beat Washington.

## LAST CALL FOR JUNIOR AND SENIOR PICTURES

Saturday is Last Day For Taking Individual Cornhusker Photographs

The juniors and seniors have been reminded for the last time that the year-book staff and the university as a whole is anxious to see them well represented in the Victory Annual. This section of the book will go to the engraver in Minnesota next week and is to be particularly well done

If any members of these classes have failed to have their pictures taken in time the staff will not be able to accomplish the excellent results that they are working for and that would be otherwise possible. Every student who has a right to representation in the Cornhusker should have his picture there.

There are just two days left in which to get in the rest of the material for this section and every man and woman who is ready and willing to do his or her duty by the classes, the college, and themselves, will make sure that this section is as complete as it is possible to make it.

## MUSICAL CONVOCATION BIG SUCCESS THURSDAY

The first musical convocation of the semester was the presentation of Hayden's Symphony in E flat, No. 10, by the string quartet and organ. Thursday morning at eleven. These musical programs will be given every Thursday morning throughout the semester. Mrs. Carrie B. Raymond, under whose direction the music was given played the organ. The strings were represented by Mr. E. J. Walt, first

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