

# SOCIETY

Fifty couples will attend the Alpha Theta Chi dinner dance at the Cornhusker hotel Friday evening at 6:30 o'clock. Following the dinner a dance will be held in the ballroom which will be attended by three hundred couples. Dan Murphy and his "Musical Skippers" will play for the dancing. The chaperons will be Professor and Mrs. S. P. Senning, Professor and Mrs. L. Dale Coffman, Professor and Mrs. Karl M. Arndt and Mrs. Melissa Daniels, the housemother.

Among the alumni returning for the dinner dance will be Warren Chiles, Bernarr Wilson and Milton Reynolds, all of Omaha.

**Theta Chi Plan House Party**  
Members of Theta Chi have planned a house party for Friday evening for which Ed Hoys and his orchestra will furnish the music. Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Harikness, and Mrs. Ann Knapp will chaperone the party.

**Farm House Entertains at House Dance**

Farm house will entertain at a house dance this Friday evening which will be attended by thirty-five couples. The chaperones will be Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Alexander, and Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Scheidenhelm. The Golden Serraders will play for the dancing.

Beta Sigma Psi elected the following officers for the coming semester: Herman Stefkes, '32, Beatrice, president; Harold Steckling, '34, Bloomfield, vice president; Walter Metschke, '33, Scribner, secretary; Oscar Stults, '33, Vernon, Colo., treasurer; Vincent Danielson, '34, North Platte, pledge captain; William Wolsleger, '33, Snyder, house manager, and Charles DeVore, '34, Lincoln, historian.

**FARM MEETINGS CLOSE TODAY ON AG CAMPUS HERE**  
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Now are members of the board of directors.

An Omaha man, Robert Walsstrom is heading the honey producers association for the coming year. Ralph Barnes of Morrill is the newly elected vice president and Don B. Whelan of the college of agriculture is secretary. Joseph H. Sharp of Malcolm is president of the farm equipment association while Paul Hoff of the Nebraska college of agriculture is secretary. Mrs. Mildred Weigley Wood, director of the adult education in homemaking at the Phoenix Union high school, Arizona, outlined the steps necessary in the successful management of a home at the Wednesday afternoon session of the home economics section of Organized Agriculture.

The speaker said the needs of the family must be considered as the basic step in the management of a home. Next to resources the family must be studied, she remarked. By resources she did not mean only money but also human resources such as energy, health and ability of individual members of the family.

Mrs. Joan Strolz, Moorefield; Mrs. J. Thomas Graham, Dakota City; Mrs. Ervin E. Hartz, Roca; Mrs. John H. Cooper, Washington; and Mrs. H. A. Heyne, Wisner were honored as master homemakers also at the home economics sessions. Dean W. W. Burr of the agricultural college, W. H. Brokaw and Mrs. H. F. Capwell, 1930 master homemaker, gave short talks on the program.

Probably the most interesting part of the crop growers association program was a debate upon the advisability of reducing wheat acreage in eastern Nebraska. D. L. Gross of the agricultural college led off for the affirmative followed by Ira King of Holmestown for the negative. D. S. Dalbey of Beatrice also appeared for the affirmative and P. H. Stewart of the college spoke for the negative. No decision was reached.

Electricity will be the largest factory in making the farm home as efficient and attractive as the city home Thorne Brown, director of the midwest section of the national electric light association told farmers gathered at the farm equipment association session in the agricultural engineering building. He said agriculture is becoming more and more electrically minded.

**Hildebrand Addresses Stockmen.**  
Dan Hildebrand of Seward told members of the livestock association that low priced feeder cattle and sheep combined with financial conditions have caused more interest in contract feeding this year than ever before. He said the practice allows a profit in a small way for both the feeder and the grower.

The state dairymen's association started their annual meeting off Wednesday morning with the usual dairy cattle judging contest. Only 56 breeders, testers and students entered the contest this year. Seven teams from dairy herd improvement associations entered the contest last year while but two were entered this year.

An address by Prof. E. L. Over-

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holser of Pullman, Wash., upon thinning as a paying orchard practice featured the Wednesday sessions of the horticultural society. He said in years of off bearing the necessity of thinning is not great and money returns are light. However, when the yields are heavy, the practice is profitable. It increases the quality of the fruit, he concluded.

**'LADIES OF THE JURY,' BY NEBRASKA GRADUATE IS KNOCKOUT AS SCREEN PRODUCTION, SAYS HOLLYWOOD PAPER.**  
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February of 1931 was received with such a "big hand" that it was held over three days, playing to greater audiences each succeeding performance, altho the first show was packed almost to capacity.

The cast which played the February performance included Alice Howell, Theodore Diers, Mildred Bickley, Pauline Gellatly, De Lellis Shramak, Dorsel Jacke, Nora Osborne, Robert Reade, Harlan G. Easton, Bill McCleery, Zolley Lerner, Leland Bennett and Dick Page.

The plot of the story, which is just sufficient to hold the play together, centers around a wealthy society woman who is impeached as a jury woman. She is convinced of the innocence of the defendant, a young girl accused of murdering her millionaire husband. After the first act which takes place in the courtroom, the scenes are laid in the jury room. After two days and two nights spent in "considering the evidence," Mrs. Crane, the role portrayed by Miss Howell, succeeds by flattery, bribery, and the use of her own charms in persuading the jury that the defendant is "not guilty."

Fred Ballard while here in the university English department wrote his first play, "Eagles Nest." This was never produced, but was first read to the English department club by Prof. R. D. Scott who is at present the head of the modern English drama department of Nebraska. It was upon the submission of this play that Mr. Ballard gained admittance to Baker's class in Harvard. Before achieving his latest success, "Ladies of the Jury," Ballard also wrote the stage hit, "Young America." He has written several other stage successes.

**PLAYERS SHOW NEXT WEEK IS ELABORATE**  
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scenic design class under the direction of Dwight Kirsch and Richard Paige. The work was done under the direct supervision of eight captains selected from the class. They are: Portia Boynton, Clara Hallett, Lois Finking, Rhona Smith, Jim Zook, Elizabeth Betzer, Pat MacDonald and Juliette Barney.

With all but the first and last scenes depicting a dream, the play is a satiric farce of witty comedy. The costumes and exaggerated proportions of certain objects gives a fantastic, dream-like atmosphere which is truly unique. A feature of the show is a pantomime executed in dance form by Flavia Waters Champe and Dr. Ralph Leland. An unusually large cast of over fifty members rushes in and out and all about giving a hazy, "Alice-in-Wonderland" air to the entire production.

**SEMESTER LOOMS DULL AS SEEN IN SKETCHY REVIEW**  
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because it is a new situation. That they failed to carry out the threat of proposing abolition of the offices in Student council meeting is an old, old story in campus politics.

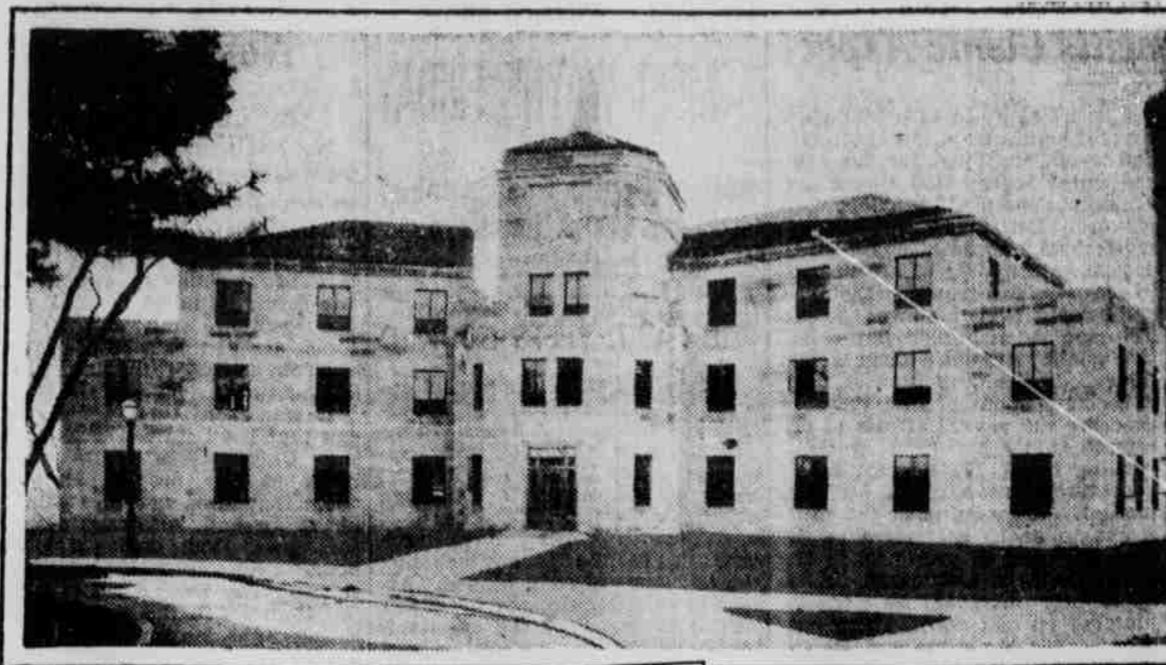
"Feminine interest" was perhaps the greatest factor in the failure created by the law college as it attempted to have Kosmet Klub action proclaimed illegal. When the name of Miss Imogene Steinmier, law college candidate for the position of Nebraska sweetheart, was thrown from the ballot the laws were up in arms. Many changes, they indicated, would be made as soon as their case had been brought before proper parties. Their case, it seems, was brought before several parties, and although all was proper enough—nothing was done. Miss Audrey Gregory's resignation from the post of Queen Kosmet added a great deal of interest to the case but produced no particular reaction.

On the whole the campus situation has been extraordinarily dull. The Student council has met regularly and from time to time has passed commendable status but perhaps the hardest work its members have done all semester is supervise the fall election and count votes. Nothing, however, can be held against members of this august group on account of their inactivity for they have a very good excuse in that "there simply has been nothing to do."

If certain campaigns of "rejuvenation" which are now being planned by at least two significant forces within the student body, get

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**PUBLIC TO SEE NEW POOL TUESDAY NIGHT**  
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cost of \$35,000. Money was raised by adding \$1 to the medical fee assessed each student each semester. The pool is 35 feet by 75 feet with a depth of ten feet in the deepest part and two feet in the shallow end. It is the second largest pool in the Big Six.

Schedule of free hours and class periods has been completed and will be in force until the end of the present semester. Slight changes are expected to be made during the second term, but the object at the present time is to give the students an opportunity to begin use of the pool immediately. Hours of from 5 to 6 o'clock have been reserved for the varsity swimming every day except Saturday. The pool will be open from eight in the morning until ten at night.

Special periods have been assigned to faculty men, faculty women, men students and women students.

**The Growler**  
BY HARRY FOSTER.

Registration week. Students are signing up for courses. What is the basis for the choosing of electives? The professor or the subject? Something like the lion and the mouse.

Students' minds need psychoanalysis. Why do students choose certain courses instead of others? I'll have to think this out myself. Some of the most able professors in the University of Nebraska are not chosen by the pursuers of knowledge. Personal unpopularity has deprived them of receiving the following that their knowledge deserves.

Some professors, teaching dull subjects, have drawn herds of students to their class room. Students like a regular fellow for a prof. They eat up what he feeds them. "Bull session" classes are extremely popular.

Other professors in a boresome monotone lull their class to sleep and Morpheus reins. The information that they put out in this manner is vastly more important than the stuff digested in "Bull session" classes. Or is it? It depends on whether you go to college in order to learn how to make a living or if you come to develop a philosophy of life.

Straddle the fence. We need both types. The one kind affords amusement and sets you a thinkin'. The other gives you important information about a subject that will help you culturally or materially.

Choose a professor regardless of the subject if you know that you will get some good out of him. Choose a subject regardless of the professor if you think that the subject is one of value to you.

The other angle of the registration week is the fact that the enrollment for the next term has fallen down considerably from that of former years. The depression took its toll. How about the rest? A decline is always shown in the second semester enrollment but this year's decadence presents a problem.

The university authorities? I have been told do not care particularly about the quantity. They are interested in the quality. The quality is helped by the quantity, however, because the more students that there are the more competition there will be.

that deserving students could stay in school.

Tow heads, red heads, black heads, square heads, block heads and round heads have worn the famous "brown derby." Another type of head is wearing it now. Dean Foster, the owl of the law owllets has come thru with a wise crack. The famous, I mean notorious, law derby replaces the Dean's customary Homburg.

We were talking about heads. I got ahead of my story. The classical brow now ends in a classy derb. Too bad that it isn't hasn't a feather. I'd look just like a Eugene.

All things come to him who waits. After a L. L. D. comes the brown derby. It would embarrass somebody if we printed the substance of the unfortunate remark. It might even be censored. We'll have to close by saying that when the roll is called up younger there'll be no lawyers there. (This includes professors.)

**STUDENTS HEAR GEOGRAPHER IN TALK YESTERDAY**  
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pend upon an increase in population.

**Land Requirement Unchanged.**

In dealing with per capita consumption it appears from Dr. Baker's lecture that the net land requirements per person, assuming a stationary production per acre, are about the same now as thirty years ago. Aggregate consumption of farm products in the United States continues to increase more or less directly with the population. This tends to show that no relief can be expected from this source.

The export of American agricultural products since 1926 has been definitely established. The reasons given by Dr. Baker for this, are: The reduction in the purchasing power of European peoples, owing to the diminution of American credit and other factors, the increase in European tariff on agricultural products and American tariffs on manufactured goods, the decline in the value of silver, which has affected the purchasing power of Oriental peoples, and many other factors have exerted an influence. Dr. Baker, believes that some of these adverse influences will improve with recovery from the business depression, but that exports of farm products will again exceed or even equal the post war peak or the earlier peak at the beginning of the century is not certain in view of the declining birth rate in Europe and the low purchasing power of the peoples of Asia.

In a summary of this question, Dr. Baker pointed out that agricultural production in the future, as in the past, undoubtedly will not and should not increase faster than the nation's population, unless exports increase greatly.

**Will Need Increase.**  
The question of how much farm land is likely to be needed to provide food and fibers for an increase of 15 to 20 percent greater population that may be expected a third of a century hence was taken up. This is the maximum increase expected, unless a drastic change occurs in the number of births or immigrants. It is expected that this nation's maximum population will be reached in about thirty years, and to take care of this increase, it is probable that the increased need for farm products will be about 8 percent ten years from now.

In tracing the agricultural production per acre at the present time, and from the period since the World war, Dr. Baker showed that the agricultural production per acre of productive land has been increased in at least five ways. These are: By the substitution of gasoline for horse and mule feed; the increase in animal products (other than power) has been about 23 percent, whereas crop feed available has increased not more than 10 percent, a shift from the less productive crops per acre to the more productive, as for example from corn to cotton in the south, likewise, there has been a shift from beef cattle toward dairy cattle, hogs, and chickens, which produce much more food than beef cattle per unit of feed consumed, and finally there has been an in-

crease in acre yields of certain crops.

**Erosion Complicates Problem.**

Still another factor enters into the problem, according to Dr. Baker, that is the loss by soil erosion, notably in the south and the southwest. The progress of erosion will render inevitable these regional shifts in land utilization. Other factors than erosion have exerted an influence, according to Dr. Baker. Mechanization of agriculture is responsible for an increased crop acreage.

Dr. Baker in concluding his address declared that the rapidly declining birth rate and the rigid restriction of immigration has made former land policies as obsolete as the hoe and the flail. The farmers of the United States must realize that a great change has occurred in the ideals of the American people, which is altering the composition of the population and, unless a reconsideration occurs, will reverse the trend of national development.

**K. B. B. CHI O'S WIN SEMI-FINALS IN PADDLE TENNIS**

The semifinals of the paddle tennis tournament were completed Wednesday night. Laura McAllister and Helen Eby, K. B. B., defeated their Pi Beta Phi opponents, Anne Bunting and Betty Willson, 4-6, 8-6, 6-3. Jeanne Russell and Agnes Grover, Chi Omega, won from the Alpha Phi team. Betty

### CAMPUS CALENDAR

Thursday, Jan. 7.  
League of Women Voters, 6 o'clock, Ellen Smith hall.

James and Evelyn West. Finals of the tournament will be played the latter part of this week. Over 300 girls signed up for the elimination tourney in intramural paddle tennis. The players were put in four divisions and played for a championship of their individual sections. After the winners had claimed their respective championships they were paired to play for the title, the winners of which will be announced later.

**HOKUF'S CONDITION CONTINUES IMPROVE**

Steve Hokuf, Nebraska athlete who was injured in an automobile accident Monday morning, was somewhat improved Wednesday evening but is still confined to the Lincoln General hospital.

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## FLETCHER SPEAKS TO ENGINEERING GROUPS

**Overproduction Not Cause For Depression, Says A.S.A.E. Head.**

L. J. Fletcher, national president of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers addressed a joint meeting of engineering groups on the campus last night in room 206, M. E. building, on the subject: "Engineering, and its Relation to Agriculture."

Mr. Fletcher, who is chief engineer of the Caterpillar Tractor company scored those who say the present depression is due to overproduction. He declared that instead of overproduction there is in reality an underproduction. "American industries should strive for cheaper methods of production," asserted Mr. Fletcher. "In order to bring this about, American industries must build more of the machines which they use in manufacturing their own products."

Referring to lack of knowledge on the part of the public as regards agricultural engineering, the speaker stated that it was due to the fact that this branch of engineering has developed only in the last twenty-five years.

According to Mr. Fletcher, there is a great future in agricultural engineering with the field just beginning to open up. He told the group to forget the depression, because in a year or two some one would be calling for their services.

Mr. Fletcher, a graduate of Iowa State college spent a year in Soviet Russia assisting that government with its agricultural engineering problems.

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