

KOSMET KLUB'S SPRING CONTEST OPEN TO PUBLIC

Deadline for Submitting of Manuscripts Falls on Jan. 18.

\$50 PRIZE IS OFFERED

Work on Musical Comedy to Begin After Selection Winning Script.

Kosmet Klub's contest for the annual spring musical comedy has been opened to the general public as well as to those connected with the university...

A prize of \$50, will be awarded the writer of the winning script, which will be selected by members of the Klub.

Songs for the show must also be submitted by Jan. 18. A special effort is being made to secure good music for this year's comedy.

Work on the production, which will again be presented by an all-male cast, will begin as soon as the play is chosen.

As yet, no date has been announced for the presentation of the annual show, but members of the Klub expect to decide the matter after vacation as well as to announce the various committees which will participate in directing the work.

FROSH. CABINET GIVES CHRISTMAS VESPERS

Y.W. Group Entertains at Dinner Following Service.

FEATURE SPECIAL SONGS

The freshman Y. W. C. A. cabinet presented the Christmas vespers, Tuesday, Dec. 18, after which they entertained all members of the freshman commission groups at a dinner in Ellen Smith hall.

Characters in the play were: The beggar, Regina Hunkins; Harold, Dorothy Larson; Frances, Betty Cherry; Elinor, Eileen Honnold; Rosemond, Lois Mullenberg, and Dame Margaret, Evelyn Peterson.

The scene of the play was in a home in old England on Christmas night. After hearing the legendary tale of the visit of a Christmas angel at some favored house, the children in the play plan the things they would give the angel should he visit them.

Constance Baker, playing a flute solo, "Romance," by Rider, opened the program. The choir sang Christmas hymns for the professional and recreational, and Jane Holland sang "The Slumber of the Infant Jesus," by Francois Aguste Gervault in French.

A committee, chosen from the freshman cabinet was in charge of the vespers. Marie Kotouc was chairman, and Betty Cherry, Barbara Jeary, Margaret Hendricks, and Jane Pennington assisted her in the arrangements.

Immediately following the vesper service a Christmas dinner was given by the cabinet for all freshman commission members and the commission leaders. Get acquainted games were played, and Christmas songs were sung by the group.

CIVIL ENGINEERS TO HEAR MAJ. COWGILL Lincoln Man Will Discuss Mathematics During Meeting Tonight.

American Society of Civil Engineers will hear Major Allen P. Cowgill of Lincoln speak on the subject of engineering mathematics at a meeting at 7:30 this evening in room 102 M. A. hall.

Major Cowgill has obtained his masters degree from the university and with a major in mathematics and a minor in civil engineering and is presently working on his doctor's degree in mathematics. He is a graduate of West Point and during the war served in the engineering corps.

Children's Theater Brings to Temple Stage Mark Twain's 'Tom Sawyer' as First Production of Present Season

"Tom Sawyer," the play from the original story by Mark Twain that has thrilled and fascinated so many children throughout the country, is to be brought to the Temple theater stage as the first presentation of the Children's Theater of the University Players for this season.

Elizabeth Betzer, Mrs. Harper; Ivan Kraft, Walter Potter; Miss Florence Smeirin, Mary Rogers; Miss Pauline Lee, Mrs. Thatcher; Waldemar Mueller, Sheriff Jones; Patsy Oxley, Becky; Bobbie Ager; Joe Harper; George Blackstone; Sid; Mary Louise Simpson, Amy; Ghita Hill, Gracie Ralph Battey; Ben Charles Alexander, Dr. Robinson; and Norma Yule, Alfred. Ann Kinder and Janet Moon will also be in the play.

Characteristic of the books of Mr. Clemens, better known as (Continued on Page 3.)

DR. WEAVER RECEIVES \$400 RESEARCH FUND

National Council Grants Sum for Drouth Field Work.

Dr. J. E. Weaver, professor of plant ecology, has been notified of a grant of \$400 by the National Research Council of Washington, D. C., to be used for field expenses and a helper in his study of the effects of the great drought upon natural vegetation.

Professor Weaver has had extensive experience in field work as Research Associate of the Carnegie Institution of Washington over a period of ten years.

NEBRASKA BLUE PRINT GOES ON SALE FRIDAY

Dan Tuttleben, First Editor of Publication, Writes Feature Article.

INTRODUCE R. L. COCHRAN

Going on sale Friday, Dec. 21, the December issue of the Nebraska Blue Print, student engineering publication, will have as its main feature an article entitled "Experiences of the Plan Engineer" written by its first editor, Dan Tuttleben, now engineer with the Pennsylvania Sugar Company, according to Marvin Nuernberger, editor of the publication.

Mr. Tuttleben, chemistry engineering graduate thirty-two years ago, in his article explains the typical log in sugar refineries. Nuernberger stated, "His composition will later this year appear in the national periodical, Chemical and Metallurgical Engineering."

Also writing in the December issue will be Dean O. J. Ferguson who will discuss the characteristics of Sir Francis Bacon. The production of governor-elect Roy Cochran, university graduate, will be made to engineering students in an article presented by the publication's editorial staff.

This month's humorous play will be dedicated to Prof. J. W. Haney, head of the mechanical engineering department, with a caricature comically portraying his characteristics, the editor stated. Alumni and departmental news will also be presented.

The Blue Print's cover will portray the Christmas theme and will display plans for a church designed by the architectural department, Nuernberger said.

GERMAN STUDENTS IN CHRISTMAS PARTY

Annual Affair Will Be Given in Morrill Hall This Thursday.

A tradition in the German department of the university is the annual Christmas party which is scheduled to be given in Morrill hall from 4 until 6 o'clock Thursday, Dec. 21. All students who are in the department now or previously have been, are invited.

Swedish folk songs will be given by a group of singers and the guests will sing German songs. Brief remarks in German will be given by Dr. J. E. Alexis and Eric Waigren. Piano selections will be played by Wilgus Eberly.

"The Tempers," a quartet of university men, will entertain with two selections, "Es ist ein Reis entsprungen" and "Des Wanders Nachleid." Two German songs "Ihr Kindlein kommet" and "Stille Nacht" will be sung by Vance Klinger. At the conclusion of the program refreshments will be served. Miss Koerber is in charge of arrangements. There will be no admission charge.

Weekly Meeting Today of Frosh A.W.S. Postponed

The usual weekly meeting of the Freshman A. W. S. group will not be held this Wednesday, it was announced by Alaire Barkes, group sponsor. The group will hold their next meeting the Wednesday immediately following Christmas vacation, at which time a vocational guidance speech is planned.

TEN INITIATED INTO ALPHA KAPPA DELTA AT SERVICE TUESDAY

Sociological Fraternity Gives Dinner at City Y.W.C.A. After Ceremony.

Ten new members chosen from a list of 54 names submitted were initiated into Alpha Kappa Delta, national sociological fraternity, Tuesday evening at ceremonies held in the city Y. W. C. A. An initiation dinner immediately followed the ceremonies.

Paul L. Cooper, affiliate of the University of Wisconsin, Vincent Broady, Hallene Haxthausen, Bash Perkins, Jean Mudgett and Dorothy Lee Hartzler are the new undergraduate members. Marion Dunley and Robert Nuernberger are graduate students who were initiated. Rabbi Jacoby Ogle and Ester Neeta Larson, assistant instructor in federal case work, constitute the remaining number of new initiates.

Miss Esther Powell, instructor in case work in the university, spoke to the group on "My Experiences in the Dock Strike at Portland, Oregon." Vincent Broady then gave a short address in behalf of the newly initiated members.

August B. Hollingshad, assistant instructor in sociology, gave a talk on "The Purpose and Functions of Alpha Kappa Delta." The evening program closed with the election of Mr. Hollingshad as national representative to represent the Nebraska chapter of Alpha Kappa Delta at the national meeting to be held in Chicago during the Christmas holidays.

MUSIC STUDENTS TO PRESENT CONVOCATION

Tenth Musical Will Be Given Wednesday Afternoon in Temple.

Advanced students in the School of Music will present the tenth musical convocation Wednesday afternoon, in the Temple theater at 4 o'clock. Miss Helen Kunz, a student with Mrs. Lenore Burkett Van Kirk, will open the program by presenting "Hallelujah" by Hummel and "The Flutes of Spring" by Blahe.

Miss June Goethe, a student with Herbert Schmidt, will play "Rhapsody in minor" by Brahms. Paul Schliffe, who studies with Clemens Mowius, will next present "Dedication," "Ah, Sweet as Any Flower" and "The Farewell" by Schuman.

"Reflections on the Water" by Debussy and "Etude in D flat" by Liszt will be given by Miss Marian Miller, student with Le Roy Harrison. Miss Katherine Rodgers, student with Mrs. Maude F. Gutzmer, will present "The Ballatella" by "Pagliacci" by Leoncavallo.

Miss Alma Wagner's pupil, Miss Fitch, will present "Lotus Flower" by Schumann, "A Swan" by Grieg, and "Song of the Open" by Stieckles. A quartet, composed of Eunice Bingham, first violin, Marjorie Smith, second violin, Margaret Baker, viola, and Mary Louise Baker, cello, will play "Quartet," Op. 74, No. 3, with the "Allegro con Brio" movement by Haydn. The quartet members are all students with August Molzer.

ORCHESTRAS SCHEDULES FINAL TRIALS TODAY

Fifteen Girls Are Expected To Compete for Membership.

Final Orchestras tryouts will be held Wednesday evening at seven o'clock in the armory, instead of the regular junior and senior group meetings, according to Miss Claudia Moore, sponsor of the club. About fifteen girls are expected to try out for membership in the organization.

Recognition of various melodic phrases and knowledge of the proper response in body movement will be of great importance in the tryouts, according to Miss Moore. Would be members will also be required to compose a short comic or pantomimic dance to perform before the judging committee.

PEOPLE PUZZLED BY SOCIAL ORDER WERNER ASSERTS

Professor Addresses New Social Problems Club Tuesday Night.

AMERICAN YOUTH TOPIC

Club Members Discuss Final Steps in Formation of Constitution.

The American people today are confused with our existing social order because of the fact that they have had no opportunities to discuss existing social problems in either high schools or our colleges. Such was the opinion expressed by Dr. O. H. Werner in the discussion of his topic, "Challenge to American Youth," before members of the newly organized Social Problems club on Tuesday evening.

In explaining this point, Dr. Werner, professor of principles of education, stated that students have never been permitted to consider conflicting social matters nor have they been permitted to clarify their own thinking in order that they might intelligently reach their own conclusions.

Our schooling system has discouraged instead of encouraged thought on our many problems, he said, and as a result we are unable to understand them.

Confronted with Changes. "Our social order, the speaker said, is confronted with significant impending changes, which are extending a challenge to American youth to participate intelligently and enthusiastically in a program effecting a solution. These changes are outlined along certain strategic points concerning the machine, unemployment, distribution of income, honesty in business, education and life, control of industry." (Continued on Page 2.)

DRAMATIC ARTS CLASS IN PROGRAM THURSDAY

Regina Holcomb Students to Present Performance at Temple Theater.

RECITAL OPENS AT 8:15

WEDNESDAY DATE FOR MU PHI EPSILON PARTY

Christmas Is Theme Music Sorority Affair at Lefler Home.

A Christmas party for members of Mu Phi Epsilon, honorary musical sorority, and their guests will be held at the home of Mrs. M. C. Lefler, 2101 Sewell, Wednesday night, Dec. 19. The program will consist, in part, of original compositions by members of the national organization, according to an announcement by Marion Miller, president.

Eunice Bingham will play a violin selection by Margaret Lindgren, and Ruth Haberly will sing two of Miss Lindgren's recent compositions. Altina Tullis, Bess Phelps, and Marjorie Miller will sing a number composed by a past president of Mu Phi Epsilon. Margaret Kimmel will prelate a musical reading, and the program will close with Christmas selections by a trio composed of Henrietta Sanderson, Irene Remmers, and Margaret Kimmel.

Games will follow the musicale, after which refreshments will be served. The arrangements for the party are in charge of Irene Remmers, Violet Vaughn, and Marion Miller.

Hazel Kinscella Relates History Of 'Silent Night'

Origin and facts concerning the composition of the traditional Christmas carol, "Silent Night," were related by Miss Hazel Gertrude Kinscella of the university school of music at the annual Christmas tea given Tuesday, Dec. 18, by the faculty of the Home Economics department for all Home Economics students.

Miss Kinscella, who recently visited in Austria, told her visit to the home of the grandson of Franz Gruber, composer of the carol "Stille Nacht." Several hundred years ago, when the organ of his church broke, a minister named Mohr wrote the words to the carol and asked Franz Gruber to compose an accompaniment for it so that they might have something to sing at the next service. The original music was written for the guitar, and Miss Kinscella saw this guitar when she was in Franz Gruber's home.

A part of the program Tuesday consisted of the singing of old Christmas carols by those present, led by the ag college vesper choir. Miss Bess Steele presided for the first half hour. Mrs. W. W. Burr for the second, and Miss Edna Noble for the last. They were assisted by graduate students.

Yuletide Festivity Carries With It a Wealth of Folklore, Tradition Which Started 2000 Years Before Christ

Bustle, business and good cheer are in the air again and the old all-pervading spirit once more is afoot, which means that the whole world is beginning to think about the approaching visit of Santa Claus and presents—or is it the celebration of the nativity of Christ? Regardless, however, with this season of the year there is connected a multitude of conventional "carrying-on" which have a wealth of folk lore and tradition in their wake. A ramble thru the highly flexible historical background of Christmas and its customs reveals a number of interesting facts.

Despite the fact that the yuletide hey day was celebrated by the Aryan sun-worshippers 2,000 years before the birth of Christ, this holiday has come to hinge on the latter event. The ancient subjects of the sun believed that this period was the turning-time when their god

favored his people by lengthening the days. And the customs as well as the Christmas feast today are merely slight variations of antique pagan practices.

Celebration by Feasting. In the earliest times the occasion was always celebrated by merry-making and a bounteous feasting as a post-harvest holiday. While it was in vogue in one form or another in nearly every part of the world, it also came at the proper time for the Yule and Druid rites (Continued on Page 2.)

AG COLLEGE TO HOLD CHRISTMAS SERVICE WEDNESDAY AT 7:30

Student Activities Building Scene of Annual Party; Public Invited.

Ag college will hold its annual Christmas service, Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock in the student activities building on Ag campus. This program is given each year for university faculty members and ag students, altho any others who wish to come are invited by those in charge.

Miss Bess Gearheart Morrison, well known reader, and the Salem male chorus, directed by Albert Ebers, will be featured on the program. Mr. Ebers is a former Ag college student and a former member of the great Cathedral Choir.

Dean Burr of the college of agriculture will preside over and explicate the significance of the service. Decorations will include two "living" Christmas trees.

Following is the program for the service: Christmas Carols, Audience. Joy to the World, Handel. Come, All Ye Faithful, Reading. "Christmas Day in the Morning," Reading; Grace Smith-Richmond; Bess Gearhart Morrison. Holy Night, Gruber-Salter. Blessed is He That Reareth, Colburn.

Gloria In Excelsis (12th Mass.), Mozart, The Salem Male Chorus; directed by Albert Ebers. The Meaning of the Christmas service. Christmas Carol, Audience. Silent Night, Gruber.

MORTON SPEAKER FOR Y. FORUM WEDNESDAY

Principal Teachers College High School to Address Meeting in Temple.

Speaking on "The Place of the Public School in a Changing Society," Dr. W. H. Morton, who is principal of Teachers college high school and director of teacher training, will express his views on the subject as a basis for the Y. M. C. A. open forum discussion this evening in the Temple. Following his talk Dr. Morton will consider extemporaneous suggestions from the group as to some of the needed changes in education. The problem will be discussed on an informal basis.

In his talk Dr. Morton expects to outline the need for a more educated and liberal-minded populace in an era of radical social and economic change and experiment. He believes that if the essential changes are to be successfully carried out they must be initiated in the public school system. He further stated that the new social desires and demands can be guided only by an altered educational program.

According to Charles Hulac, it is expected that all of the regular Y members attend this season since this is the final meeting before the holiday recess. The meeting is open, however, to anyone interested in the topic of the evening.

A.S.M.E. TO DISCUSS HIGH SPEED TRAINS

Engineering Group Meets Tonight at 7:30 in M. E. Hall.

High speed rail transportation will be discussed by students before the American Society of Mechanical Engineers at a meeting at 7:30 this evening in room 206 M. E. hall.

In presenting the topic, P. J. Jensen and James H. Erb will read papers on the economics of high speed trains and turbine drive on locomotives. These papers will be discussed by Charles Aldrich and Walter Glover.

Reporting on the national ASME convention which he attended earlier in December, Prof. J. W. Haney, head of the mechanical engineering department, will speak to the group. All freshmen have been invited to attend the meeting by officers of the society. Also attending the meeting with the student group will be the Lincoln section of ASME.

WADHAMS WINS COVETED LONG DEBATE TROPHY

Bizad Freshman Captures Finals of Verbal Tourney.

SEVEN MEN COMPETE

Leonard Kreuger Awarded Honorable Mention By Judges.

When the smoke of verbal battle had thinned and the barrage of neatly turned phrases had let up, Robert Wadhams, Bizad Freshman, Lincoln, found himself the possessor of the coveted Long Trophy and the title of "champion freshman debater," at the finals of the freshman debate tourney, Tuesday, Dec. 18, in Andrews hall. Honorable mention was given to Leonard U. Kreuger, aits and science freshman from Wallace, Neb.

Speaking on the proposition, Resolved, that the federal government should establish some plan to provide for old age pensions, the seven men competing, chosen thru the preliminaries held last Thursday, were judged on both their constructive and refutative material and presentation. The remaining five men speaking were: Howard Lynch, Robert Martz, Edwin Carlson, Aaron J. Finkelstein, Robert Steifer. All speakers kept the sides of the question which they used in the preliminaries, order of speaking being decided by lot before the contest.

Judges, all of whom are experienced debaters, were: Lloyd E. Chapman, assistant city attorney; Prof. Russell T. Prescott, college of agriculture; and Justice John L. Polk, of the Municipal Court.

Following the contest Professor White, debate coach, made a short speech of congratulation, and presented the trophy to Wadhams. The new Long Cup, which is not yet ready, will be exchanged for (Continued on Page 2.)

SIGMA TAU INITIATION TO BE HELD THURSDAY

Engineers Fraternity Holds Annual Banquet at Lincoln Hotel.

GUNTHER MAIN SPEAKER

Thirteen pledges to Sigma Tau, honorary engineering fraternity, will be initiated into the society at its annual initiation and banquet Thursday evening, Dec. 20 at the Lincoln hotel, according to Hugh Gray, president of the organization.

Students who attend are asked to bring a ten cent Christmas wrapped present, the exchanging of which will add to the gaiety of the occasion.

Reservations for the party can be made at either the Y. W. C. A. or the Y. M. C. A. offices.

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PAUL SELL PRESENTS RECITAL DEC. 20 AT 4

A junior recital by Paul Sell, violinist, will be presented Thursday afternoon, Dec. 20, in the Temple theater at 4 o'clock. Victor Molzer will be at the piano.

The following program will be given: "Concerto, No. 4, D Major," including "Andante cantabile" and "Allegro" movements by Mozart and "La Folia" by Corelli. Sell is a student with August Molzer.