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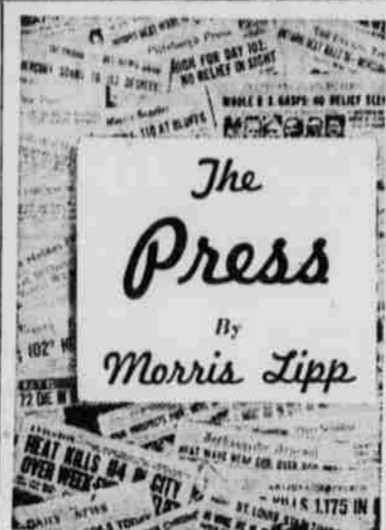
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**VETO** by Governor Cochran hung heavy over the head of L. B. No. 334, which provided for half-mill levy in a state institutional building program, and because of the probability of a gubernatorial veto, the bill died in Nebraska's ten million dollar statehouse Monday. Even modification by a reduction from a half-mill to four-tenths by the bill's proponents failed to offset the governor's influence. Thus, the opportunity to take advantage of a 45 percent federal grant for a state building program has petered out, and state institutions must strive to exist properly under present appropriations.

**BROTHERS** Sylvester, Plattsmouth's law, received fleeing fame over the weekend for their able capture of a pair of gunmen whose bullets resulted in the death of a Federal Bureau of Investigation agent while shooting their way out of a rap in the Topeka postoffice last week. The diminutive sheriff and his brother nabbed the fleeing couple without an exchange of fire after trailing them up a "dead-end" street. The government is demanding the lives of the gunmen who killed the federal agent, and is justly paying tribute to two Cornhusker heroes of the day.

**HONORABLE** Senator Norris, senior senator from Nebraska, entered the controversy raging over the constitution and the judiciary by proposing that constitutional amendments be ratified by popular majority vote in two-thirds of the states. Thinking not only of President Roosevelt's court bill, but also of the many more amendments that will arise eventually in this nation, Senator Norris suggests replacing the amending clause of the fundamental charter with another one designed to speed, reduce and simplify amending process costs.

## MATH SOCIETY HONORS PHILOSOPHER TONIGHT

Pi Mu Epsilon to Observe 300th Anniversary of 'La Geometrie.'

Pi Mu Epsilon, national mathematics society, will hold a regular meeting at 7:30 tonight in room 101 of Social Science building. The program will be in observance of the 300th anniversary of the publication of Descartes' "La Geometrie," the first published works on analytical geometry. Floyd Meyer, student member of the fraternity, will describe and summarize "La Geometrie," and Prof. Jean Tilche, from the department of romance language, will talk on "Descartes—the Man and His Time." William Leavitt and Prof. M. A. Basoco arranged the program and invite all those interested to attend. The regular business meeting will be held immediately following the program above, with all active members requested to be present.

## BLAIR PUBLISHES BOOK ON WEATHER ELEMENTS

Meteorology Text Among Recently Released Volumes.

"Weather Elements," a text in elementary meteorology written by Thomas A. Blair, senior meteorologist of the U. S. weather bureau and assistant professor of meteorology here, is among the books published recently. The text, which is designed to be of general interest as well as an aid in courses on meteorology, is one of the Prentice-Hall geography series for which Dr. Nels A. Bengtson, head of the geography department, is consulting editor. A large percentage of the drawings with which the book is illustrated were made in the department of geography according to Doctor Bengtson, and many of them were drawn with student help. The 400 page volume, appropriately bound in sky blue, has over a hundred drawings, graphs, and photographs.

## COUNCIL SENDS CLASS PLAN TO JUNIORS FOR FINAL CONSIDERATION

replace the Junior-Senior prom committee, and would function throughout the year. The board would operate as student publicity bureau and would arrange an annual Junior class party, the first of which is to be held this Saturday. They would also have charge of the Junior-Senior prom; and would use the funds from the party to operate throughout the year.

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## UNION CONTRACT AWARD RECEIVES REGENT SANCTION

Work to Begin Immediately; Constitution Gains Approval.

Contracts totalling \$308,131 for the erection of the university student union activities building at Fourteenth and R streets were awarded by the dormitory corporation and approved by the board of regents Saturday.

Following are the various accepted bids: Olson Construction contract, \$227,935; G. H. Wentz, Lincoln, heating, plumbing and ventilation, \$52,163; A. B. C. Electric company, Lincoln, electric wiring contract, \$12,196; Lahr Hardware company, Lincoln, finishing hardware, \$3,125; Western Brick and Supply company, Lincoln, special texture fact brick, \$22,950, \$2,712.

**Alternate Contracts Made.** In accepting the Olson base bid the board also approved alternate contracts including rock insulation, wood and tile wainscoting, acoustic plaster, and various items. Work on the building will be started as soon as possible.

Six faculty members, five students and three alumni were named as members of the board of managers of the student union building as follows: One junior and one senior student will be named at a later date.

## Manager's Board.

Members of the faculty appointed for two years are Professor E. F. Schramm, Professor Mabel Lee and Associate Professor E. W. Lantz. Appointed for one year are Associate Professor K. M. Arndt, Professor W. H. Morton and Instructor Ruth Odell. Student representation on the board consists of: Senior, Arnold Levin, Rosalie; Juniors, Albert Moseman, Oakland, Genevieve Bennett, Belleville, Illinois; sophomores, Robert Simmons, Lincoln, Virginia Nolte, Lincoln. Alumni are Miss Lucille Reilly, Lincoln, Milton Anderson, Lincoln and Ray Ramsay, alumni secretary, ex officio.

## Nebraska Screen Delegate Hits Hollywood High Spots

(Continued from Page 1.) on the screen. Shirley Ross is adorable, but she works so hard at her singing that we were tired just watching her. After the program, we went to the Coco Tree for sandwiches. Then to the Theater Mart to see "The Drunkard." It's playing in its fifth year. Everyone, except we girls, sat at tables and drank beer throughout the performance, with pretzels and cheese sandwiches ever at hand. It's packed every night. From there, we went to the Brown Derby. Saw Joan Barrymore, one-fourth of the Four Marx Brothers, Johnny Green, the orchestra leader, and sat next to Stan Laurel. Laurel looks very much out of the character he portrays on the screen.

## The Burns Family.

Returned to the Plaza and all went up to George Burns' suite, where we chatted with him and his brother, Bill. George has a very pleasant personality, and we all liked him lots. Went for a ride through the residential district. You should see the moon over these hills! Saw the homes of Ramon Novarro, Shirley Ross, and some of the other Hollywood estates. So to bed, a bunch of happy but tired girls. Bob Fink, notorious alumnus of Nebraska, called up, and was I ever glad to hear from him. Plan to see him, Mary Kimsey, and Betty Magee before I leave. And another letter from home came when Georgia Gill, Nebraska Chi O alum, phoned.

When the Pan-Hellenic council of our trip convenes, there are two representatives of Pi Beta Phi, a Kappa Kappa Gamma, and a Chi O. June Fleming from Kansas State and Katharine Bretch of Oklahoma are the Pi Phi's, and Doris Johnson of Kansas University is the Kappa. Our schedule for Saturday includes a tour of the studios in the morning, a radio show in the afternoon and evening, then the Radio Arts Ball. We are to be guests of Joe Penner's, Eddie Cantor's, Milton Berle's (community sing), George Burns' and maybe Jack Benny's radio programs, but it's beyond me how we'll ever get them all in.



Meet Your Senator

If the states of Delaware, Rhode Island, and Connecticut were placed in northwestern Nebraska, district 40 would still have many more miles in area than the three eastern states. And representing district 40 is Senator Allen Strong of Gordon. The district is the largest in area in the state, and for that reason has been commonly termed the "Big 40."

To Senator Strong, the appropriation that the first Nebraska unicameral legislature will make are the most important legislation of the entire session. As a member of the appropriations committee, the Gordon senator was heartily in accord with legislative bill No. 334 which was given its deadly defeat yesterday.

"The state building fund measure is the only business-like way of meeting the building needs as I can see them," Mr. Strong stated. "We should have remembered that this bill, had it passed with the 29 votes for the emergency clause, would have provided for a fund that could have been matched with 45 percent of federal funds. The measure would have materially lowered the regular appropriation."

Senator Strong represents Sheridan, Cherry, and Brown counties. He is a member of the appropriations, rules, and roads and bridges committees. Also having no special interest legislation, the senator is interested in the parliamentary procedure of the new assembly. As a member of the rules committee, Mr. Strong brought about the idea of having legislative sessions in the morning and committee meetings in the afternoons. The body is now meeting morning and afternoon, but the committee work has been almost completed, and the afternoon sessions are considered one of the most important improvements over the old two-house system since it gives more opportunity for public opinion.

The Gordon senator looks to the new unicameral legislature as an improvement because of the money saved and the higher type of representatives. Since the legislature has not yet adjourned, however, the senator feels that the complete success of the new body cannot be absolutely determined. Two liquor bills, one the prohibition of liquor to Indians, and the other the drunken driving statute, were sponsored by Mr. Strong and have already been made laws.

This session of the legislature is the third which the Gordon representative has attended. As a republican he was a member of the 1933 and 1935 sessions. He was postmaster in his city for ten years and before that time served on the city council and was president of the board of education. He is 52, married, and has three sons and one daughter who works in the state engineering department. Mr. Strong owns a ranch in northwestern Nebraska and divides his time between that and fire insurance. The chief hobbies of the representative are gardening and fishing.

"America—1937" to Serve As Theme of Program In Coliseum. (Continued from Page 1.) one or another "political pot" as he calls them, but he is not greatly interested in politics and seems to have no desire to hold office, although he did run the national publicity campaign for William G. McCadoe in 1923-24. Active in Academic Circles. He is very active in academic

## Bulletin

Phi Tau Theta. Phi Tau Theta, Methodist fraternity, will meet this evening in the Wesley Foundation to hear an address given by Prof. Orin Stepanek, of the English department, at 7:30 o'clock.

Lutherans. Lutheran students will meet with Rev. H. Erick for the last regular Bible class of the semester at 5 p. m. Tuesday in room 203 of the Temple building.

Estes Co-op. The Estes Co-op will meet in the Temple at 7:30 this evening. Everyone is expected to attend.

Phalanx. Phalanx will hold a regular meeting Wednesday afternoon at 5 o'clock in room 210 of Nebraska hall. The meeting is compulsory for all members.

Noted Author. At the present time, Mr. Milton is engaged on his new book, to be a "true history of the Civil war." He got the draft of it together last summer, while vacationing at Saratoga Springs, and is now well underway on the work. His last book, "The Eve of Conflict," was published in 1934 and in the opinion of many of its readers and critics was a probable choice for the Pulitzer Prize. His two previous successes were "The Age of Fate—Andrew Johnson and the Radicals," published in 1930, and "Stephen A. Douglas," in 1931.

Preferes History, Editing. George Milton's main concern is the conduct of the Chattanooga News, but his chief avocation and "major sport" as he likes to call it is history. "The Eve of Conflict" has been termed by many the greatest work in the field of biographical history produced by the current generation of scholars. "Among the real joys of history writing," writes Mr. Milton, "is the chance it gives for detective work. The culprit in the case, however, is an undiscovered document, a misplaced diary, or a confidential letter carefully hidden away. A good historian has to be a sort of combination of Sherlock Holmes, Sisyphus and Tantalus with a horse shoe around his neck for luck. I would say that writing documented history is certainly a major sport, a real adventure for anyone interested in the 'why' as well as the 'how' of things."

Being a live mummy isn't any fun, is the lament of a student in the school of drama at the University of Oklahoma. He had to stand still while ten makeup men worked for three hours on him, pasting strips of gummed paper around his body.

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## It's Time to Gird Up Our Loins.

The building levy bill is dead as a dodo. Under the rules of the unicameral house, it has seen its last chance for revival. With it went the university's last chance for what might have been a glorious future.

It would be childish for the university to pick up its bat and go home mad because it couldn't be captain. There will be tryouts for the team in another two years, and possibly even a berth on the scrub team in the meantime. The only attitude left to adopt is one of characteristic Cornhusker determination. The university should go into a strenuous period of training, making the most of what it has, until next season.

What did we want from the building levy measure, anyway? We wanted better classroom facilities, to raise the quality of our mass educational production.

We wanted new buildings, to rejuvenate a run-down campus.

We wanted room enough to accommodate every potential freshman in the state.

We hoped to get these things with a million dollars.

Passage of the building levy bill would undoubtedly have fulfilled most of these needs. But the state was hard-pressed for funds, and the governor failed to recognize the necessity of repairing the university's physical plant in the face of existing conditions. We may insist that his stand was one of false economy, but he cannot be accused of political ends in refusing the appropriation, as was the case in certain previous administrations. His contentions have been consistent and sincere, and deterioration in private as well as public property offers strong rebuttal to the university's arguments.

If the university had made the most of the resources it has possessed in the past, its disappointment might be more justifiable. Our record has been anything but progressive; we have lumbered along like an oversized ox—students, faculty, and administration alike, with few exceptions.

What did we want from the building levy bill? In the first place, we wanted to raise our classroom standards with more adequate facilities.

Would a million dollars do that? It might. You might be able to lure more students into the library if its floors were shining hardwood instead of oil-soaked timber. But one wonders why no efforts are ever made to spend a small sum for adequate lighting and better ventilation.

Would terrazzo floors impart a new zeal to the instructor's lecture? If our instructors are scholars at all, they would probably find more encouragement in greater academic freedom and student interest in their subjects.

Would the addition of new black squares to the campus map that hangs in administration offi-

ces awaken that department to new leadership? They would probably continue to lumber along, awaiting the day when students discarded non-essentials and the faculty stopped their departmental quibblings, hoping that some day Nebraska scholars would some day receive the same recognition now accorded Nebraska athletes.

Our second need was new buildings, to rejuvenate a run-down campus.

What section of the campus now possesses all the qualities of a first-rate eyesore? What part now offers that lived charm that seems so essential to the study of history and economics?

Is it the newer development, with its square and ugly flat-topped buildings, plopped in the middle of the terrain? Or is it the old campus, with trees and shrubs and winding walks enough to resemble something more than a shoe factory on the banks of Salt Creek?

Nebraska's faculty has in its ranks some of the leading advocates of reforestation; Nebraska will celebrate the anniversary of one of its favorite sons by the observance of Arbor Day, yet the malls are as bald as the proverbial eight-ball. It doesn't take a million dollars to plant a few trees, and we might even sell out for a bit of shrubbery.

The third objective we had our little hearts set on was the accommodation of every prospective scholar who knocked at our gates, that we might continue our educational efforts in the best democratic manner. We need not lose hope of reaching the democratic ideal because of a few budgetary troubles; even the supreme court has discovered that there are as many different interpretations of democracy as there are bacteria in a dirty milk bottle. Democracy should offer education to those who can profit from it, not to those who can afford it. We still have endowed schools for those who want the advantages of college education paid for by the state without first accepting its responsibilities.

Nebraska should go into training for its next encounter with the legislature for the immediate benefits derived from self-improvement, if nothing else.

We need to call a halt to the inbreeding of home-grown instructors; the faculty could benefit by the injection of new blood.

We need to make something more of the campus than a physical appendage of "O" street; visitors rarely know where teachers college leaves off and Uni drug begins.

We must brush off some dead weight before we attempt any large-scale lifting of classroom standards; if the state can't afford the additional hoisting power, the university can afford to diminish the load.

We must do more to encourage study than to provide adequate classroom space; men like George Fort Milton, who speaks today at the honors convocation, can arouse more interest in contemporary problems than ten new buildings.

After we have accomplished these inner reforms, then we can really feel cheated if our requests for new buildings are denied by the next legislature.

## METHODIST SORORITY INITIATES SIX WOMEN

'Women Who Have Achieved' Featured as Theme of Banquet Program.

Featuring the program theme of "Women Who Have Achieved," members of Kappa Phi, Methodist girl's sorority held their annual initiation banquet, followed by an initiation ceremony at the Hotel Cornhusker Saturday evening.

Six new members including: Marcella Lyon, Mae Cooper, Edna Mae Crain, Emma Hornel, Alleen Campbell, and Anita Estes were received into the local chapter following the dinner program. With Marjorie Francis presiding as toastmistress, the program was made up of five short speeches dealing with eminent women in the fields of literature, religion, and music. Prominent women in literature were discussed by Beth Molzen, editor of the "Candle Beam," national Kappa Phi publication, and Mary Carolyn Hillman described outstanding personages in the field of religion.

Miss Luers Talks. A short talk on eminent women musicians was given by Ruth Luers, followed by an address on prominent members of Kappa Phi given by Margaret Weiner, grand president of the sorority. Concluding the series of speeches, Elizabeth Horning discussed the topic of "Kappa Phi's in the Future."

As an additional feature of the program, Beula Brigham, newly elected president of the society introduced the cabinet, sponsors, and patronesses for the coming year, and awarded a Kappa Phi bracelet to Ruth Luers, and a Kappa Phi pin to Virginia Ostergard for their outstanding work and activity during their pledgeship. Its Fern Hallstrom served as chairman of the committee in charge of arrangements for the banquet.

## VESPERS MEET TODAY

'Nature in Poetry and Music' Theme of Devotionals

With "Nature in Poetry and Music" as the theme, Y. W. C. A. Vespers will meet this afternoon at 5 p. m. at Ellen Smith hall. Ruth Green will give devotionals. Mrs. Emmet Osborne, dramatic teacher, will read. Musical solos include numbers by Harriett Byron, soprano, Martina McGee, contralto and Ruth Freis, pianist.

All university women are urged to attend this variety program.

## Wreckers Destroy Famous Twin to Ellen Smith Hall

(Continued from Page 1.) of the century. In 1905 the late Dr. W. N. Ramey and Dr. Samuel Metheny bought it and turned it into a hospital called the Ramey-thenian Restorium. After four years in partnership Dr. Ramey bought Dr. Metheny's interest and renamed it the Lincoln hospital. For 20 years, until Dr. Ramey's death in 1929, it was continued as a hospital. Many nurses who are active in service throughout the state were trained there.

Tek's Last Occupants. The Nebraska chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon later rented the home as a chapter house, and occupied it until it went inactive last year.

The property has been sold by Mrs. John Beachly of Lincoln, daughter of Dr. Ramey, to Homer V. Martin, of Lincoln. Ellen Smith hall was built in 1888 by Frank L. Sheldon, a prominent business man of early Lincoln who founded the street-railway service here. After four years it was owned and occupied by L. C. Richards, who was owner of the Richards block, and later by L. A. Ricketts, a prominent Lincoln attorney.

When in 1918 the Temple Theater was being used temporarily for army headquarters the Sheldon house was purchased by the board of regents of the university. Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity used it as a chapter house for one

year. Since then, however, it has been used as a women's activity building.

The Lincoln branch of the Association of Collegiate Alumni thought it fitting to name it Ellen Smith hall in honor of the first woman ever to hold a teaching position on the university faculty. Ellen Smith served the university for twenty-four years, teaching Latin and Greek, as head of the Latin school, as registrar, as custodian of the library, and as dean of all students.

## YW, YM PLAN PEACE FAST FOR THURSDAY

(Continued from Page 1.) one student at the emergency peace campaign this summer. Eleanor Eiche and Frances Scudder, Y. W. cabinet members, and Dan Williams, Y. M. president, will co-operate in planning the meeting on the city campus. Ward Bauder of the Y. M. C. A. and Bernetha Hinthorn, president of the ag Y. W., will arrange a similar fast and meeting on the ag campus.

Tentative plans for a more complete program, possible including a peace convocation, were announced by Miss Green, secretary of the university Y. W. C. A.

## PEP CLUB NAMES ELOISE BENJAMIN NATIONAL CHIEF

(Continued from Page 1.) charter committee includes: the new national officers and Betty Kay Morgan of Kansas State and Jane Walcott of the Tassels. The Jay James entertained the delegates at a luncheon after the Saturday morning meetings, in the student Union building. Delegates from Nebraska were: Martha Morrow, Eloise Benjamin, Betty Cherry, Erma Bauer, Virginia Nolte, Betty Clements, Ardis Graybill, Elizabeth Edison, Beatrice Eckblad and Jane Walcott.

Thousands of poems are written each year by Dr. Arthur B. Crosier, professor of accountancy and secretarial work at the University of Mississippi. Since last September, he has composed 1,500 pieces of rhyme—but not without reason, we hope!