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## Musicians To Rehearse 'The Messiah'

### University Choristers, Orchestra Practice For Sunday's Oratorio

Two hundred fifty university students, members of the University Choral union, Singers, Glee club, and Symphony orchestra will go thru their final rehearsal Saturday afternoon at 4:15 o'clock in preparation for the annual university presentation of Handel's "The Messiah."

The university musicians will present the Christmas oratorio at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon in the coliseum under the direction of William G. Tempel.

Rehearsing Saturday afternoon will be the complete company, including the guest artists, Miss Myrtle Leonard of the Metropolitan Opera company and Hobart Davis of Kansas State college at Fort Hays, and the student soloists, Louise Stapleton, Martha McGee, Dale Ganz and William Miller.

Opening the program Sunday and also opening the Saturday rehearsal will be the processional of the singers up the entire length of the coliseum to the sage. The singers will be robed in black and white, and the stage for the traditional musical offering will be set in greenery of the Christmas season. Accompanying the processional will be Prof. Frank Cunkle on the electric organ.

The hour for the presentation this year has been set early in the afternoon, at 2 o'clock, in order to accommodate out of town members of the audience and also to enable the oratorio to be presented over the air, by KFAB and KOIL. Last year, according to Director Tempel, 6,500 people attended the presentation.

## Film Depicts French Youth

### Students to See Movie From France Saturday

"Merlusse," a Christmas story about hard headed but soft hearted French schoolboys and their glass eyed instructor, will be screened Saturday morning at the Kiva theater, second in the series of French moving pictures sponsored by the romance language department this season.

"Merlusse" means "codfish," and was the nickname given the icy, yet pathetically sensitive instructor by his cynical charges, who tanted him, put darts in his chair, and who finally, after a bleak Christmas eve, discovered what the real man, "Merlusse" was like.

Accompanying the main feature, which runs 67 minutes, is a short and seasonal picture on winter sports in France. "Merlusse" has English subtitles for the convenience of beginning students in French.

Three showings of the picture will be made, at 8, 9:30 and 11 o'clock on Saturday morning. Tickets are being sold at a special discount, the three remaining tickets of the season being available for 65 cents, while single admissions are 25 cents. Tickets may be purchased in the romance languages office, U 108, or at the box office Saturday.

### Infirmary Enrollment Drops Back to Normal

After a busy week the number of patients in the infirmary once again reached normal proportions. Students now confined in the infirmary are Paul Miller, Elsie Eberhart, Don Wagner, and Ethel Boot.

## Men in Trenches--No War

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### Pipe Diggings Create 'Maginot Line'

What appears to be a miniature Maginot line across the terra unfirma of Nebraska's campus has been in the excavation process for the past two weeks.

University workmen aided by WPA labor, have been cutting through the earth's epidermis and removing many cubic feet preparatory to inserting pipe in the bowels of the earth from the university heating plant to the administration building for the purpose of providing air-conditioning.

So far, two trenches have been dug, one on the northeast side of pharmacy hall and the other on the north end of social science. Workmen are now busily engaged in removing dirt, preparing for cement pouring, cussing one another, and looking forward to lunch times and paychecks. It was while they were busily engaged in removing dirt, tying a string to obtain a level on the bottom of the trench and amiably cussing one another that a "rag" reporter projected his curiosity.

"Do you expect to be out of the trenches by Christmas?"

One venerable workman who would undoubtedly be drawing $30 every Thursday if he lived in California, looked up from the trench, exhibiting a corncob pipe and a face full of wrinkles. He opened one and laughed out of it.

"Say, we ought to just about make it by then, won't we, Burton?"

Burton agreed and continued his efforts of trying to tighten the string. The mackinawed straw boss inspected the string about the middle, yelled for Burton to tighten the string and also informed him that he suspected him of breaking out with the seven year itch. Burton pulled the cord tighter and gave the straw boss the address of a place reputed to be several degrees warmer than any place above the earth.

A workman on the surface moved a shovelful of dirt from the trench's edge to a pile further removed and in so doing caused a few clods to fall down in the trench on the head of a workman in the trench. The trenchman wholeheartedly traced his fellow worker's lineage in a brief concise statement and went on to ask Burton if the string was in the dead center of the trench.

Burton exploded vocally and asked whyinell it wouldn't be in the dead center when he, Burton, had been taking special pains to see that it was. The trenchman then took offense and replied:

"Why, you blankety-blank communist! How was I to know if it's in the center? I just asked."

The straw boss at the other end amiably told Burton to hustle and B. and the straw boss did horrible things to each other in word form.

A wooden barricade about three feet high surrounded the trench.

"Why the barricade?" was questioned of a workman trying to relight his pipe.

"It's a law," he replied. "So's nobody will walk into the trench at night."

"How deep are you going?"

"Twelve feet."

"Are you going to connect these two trenches with a tunnel under 12th street?"

"Yes," replied the loquacious one.

"Twelve feet deep?"

"No, we'll probably have to go four feet deeper when we tunnel under the sidewalk and street. The pipes have to come from the university plant to the administration building same as they go from the plant to the Student Union."

At that moment, a class bell rang and the reporter perforce went to pursue his academic work, having assured himself and, by this time, the campus, that work on the "trenches" is steadily progressing.

## Winter Issue Of Schooner Out Soon

### Weldon Kees' Short Story Features Edition

The winter number of the Prairie Schooner will be off the press sometime next week. This magazine is a collection of the finest writing of the prairie country, points out Dr. Wimberly of the university English department. "The Nebraska writers contributing," asserts Dr. Wimberly, "were chosen not because they are Nebraska writers, but because their work is outstanding." Among the contributors of this edition are several Nebraska writers of poems, short stories, and articles.

Author of "So Cold Outside," a short story, is Weldon Kees, whose name appears frequently in the Schooner. Mr. Kees, a graduate of the university, now lives in Denver, Colo. A well known contributor is Rudolph Umland, author of "Phantom Airships of the Nineties." A resident of Lincoln, Mr. Umland is editor in chief of the Nebraska State Guide.

A Nebraskan, Maude Sumner-Smith, of Omaha, has written both prose and verse for previous copies of the Schooner. E. Current Garcia, instructor in English at the university, contributes his article, "Writers in the 'Sticks.'" Mr. Garcia's "American Panorama" appeared in this year's summer issue of the Schoner.

Appearing for the first time in the Schooner is Carl Uhlarik, with his short story, "The Bittersweet New Year." Mr. Uhlarik is an Omaha writer.

### Le Cercle Francais To Hear of Theater

Members of Le Cercle Francais will meet on Thursday, Dec. 15, instead of Wednesday, the regular date, as announced by Barbara Huffaker, president. Charles Parnell, graduate student in the romance languages department, will talk on "The French Theater." French music will complete the evening.

## 'Night Must Fall' Cast Announced

### Jack Bittner, Barbara Birk, Margaret Buehner Portray Leading Roles

Announcement of the complete student cast for "Night Must Fall," University Players production opening Dec. 13, is announced today by Miss Alice Howell, director of the eerie murder mystery.

Jack Bittner will take the male lead in the role of Dan, while Barbara Birk and Margaret Buehner share the feminine spotlight in the important parts of Olivia Crayne and Mrs. Bramson, her aunt.

Players fans will remember Bittner as the boot-licking waiter witness in "Judgment Day," the season's opener. In this bit part, he effectively held the center of attention much of the time he was on the stage.

Miss Buehner made her first appearance on the Temple stage as the drunken actress in "You Can't Take It With You" when she ably amused the audience. Miss Birk is an experienced player and should handle her part well.

**Gaeth Plays Suitor.**

Completing the cast are John Gaeth as Herbert Laurie, Olivia's unappreciated but faithful suitor; Hollis French as Mrs. Terence, Mrs. Bramson's sharp tongued cook; Betty Rowland as Dora Parkoe, her dull witted, weak willed maid; Rita Alger as Nurse Libby, and Robert Johnson as Inspector Belsize.

John Gaeth also has the job of student stage manager, and at the control board next week will be Edgar Isch.

Busy right now preparing for opening night are the less conspicuous property, building and paint crews who spend long hours gathering props and constructing the scenery for the performances.

Heading the property crew is Mildred Manning with Yvonne Costello, Lucille Soderholm and Forrest Bell crew members. The building crew includes Laverne Smida, Jack Bittner, Elmer Jackson and Edgar Isch. On the painting crew are Dorothy Ward, Don Giffen, Marjorie Bannister and Jon Pruden.

## 'It's Dough We're After!'

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### Why Men Like Mortar Board Parties

Why do the men of the Nebraska campus go to the Mortar board 'vice versa' party? What do they expect to get out of the evening to compensate for wearing vegetable and fruit corsages, smoking outlandish brands of cigarettes, and being pushed in and out of cars?

The majority of Husker men questioned by the Daily Nebraskan replied that the financial aspect was the most attractive feature of the evening. "It teaches the girls the value of filthy lucre," Ed Steeves, Sigma Nu, explained. "I like to see my date pay," confessed Beta Dick DeBrown. "We get everything for nothing," Frank Elam, Phi Delt, added.

A less mercenary motive for enjoying the leap year party was brought forward by Avery Forke, Delta Upsilon sophomore, who plans to spend the evening revenging himself on his date for all the dates that he has had during the year. Asked if he didn't feel it a little unfair to visit the wrongs of all his former dates on the head of his companion of the one evening, Forke explained earnestly, "If all the fellows do the same thing, we'll cover the situation pretty thoroly." The victim in the case is Dorothy Askey of the Phi house.

**"I Was Asked to Go"**

Under classmen in general seemed to anticipate a good time. Over the A. T. O. phone, Bob Fenton, freshman, voiced the general opinion when he said "It

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## President Tells YWCA Purpose

### Muriel White Speaks To Freshman AWS

"Y. W. C. A. has two main objectives, to help the girls' personality and to give religious guidance," declared Muriel White, president of that organization. Muriel spoke to the freshman A. W. S. yesterday at their meeting in Ellen Smith.

The chief activities are aiding in the religion and life week, all activities tea, and the hanging of the greens dinner. This organization is not just local but international. Cay Deurmeyer served as president and Janice Morrison as secretary.

Ann Gersib, president of the ag activities board, talked to the ag meeting. The ag activities board serves in the same capacity at the other campus as does the student council at the city campus. Jean Burr and Alice Folda acted as secretary and president respectively.

### Ag College Dancing Classes Deferred

Modern dancing classes at the ag college will not be held tomorrow night as usual but they will be resumed Thursday, Dec. 15, at 5 o'clock. Classes on the city campus will be held as usual tomorrow at 7 and 8 o'clock. Tickets for the city class are still available to the students.

# Annual Fun Feed Ends Second Day Session of Organized Ag; 1,500 Attendance Hits Record

## Home Economics Division Begins Ag Week Sessions

### SMITH TO SUPERVISE PARIS PRIZE CONTEST

Lincoln Journal.

Prof. Linus Burr Smith, chairman of the department of architecture at the University of Nebraska, has received word that he has been appointed official supervisor for the Paris prize committee. In this capacity he will conduct the exercises for the 32nd annual Paris prize competition in architecture for this region. The contest usually involves series of three drawings to be made without supervision. Candidates to be eligible must be under 27 years of age and must file their application to compete with Professor Smith before Jan. 1.

### Speakers Emphasize Value of Home Life

With the speakers emphasizing the value of the family circle, social consciousness and a sense of humor in the homemaker's life, the home economics division began its Organized Agriculture week sessions Wednesday morning. Over 300 Nebraska farm women gathered on the ag campus with Miss Margaret Fedde, chairman of the university home economics department, presiding at the 34th session of the division.

Mrs. Alvin Gard of Beaver Crossing, president, opened the meeting by calling attention to the fact that Americans are lucky in even possessing a home life, when contrasting world conditions are considered.

"The homes of the future are not in the hands of fate, but in our hands," said Mrs. Gard. "Let us cherish our homes more than ever before, when we think of the mothers and their families across the seas, homeless and exiled."

Need for social consciousness and a sense of humor for the 1939 homemaker was emphasized by Mrs. Ruth Lusby, in charge of food service for the agricultural college. "Meal time is about the only time when the family is together as a unit, and thus it should be the happiest time of the day," Mrs. Lusby pointed out.

Mrs. Lusby also went on to remark about the dieting habit possessed by man.

**"Man Likes to Diet."**

"Man loves to diet," she said of male food faddists, "and if he does, he wants to do it spectacularly. It may be added that man loves to talk about his diet and to talk about it dramatically."

Miss Mary E. Runnalls, home management specialist of the agricultural extension service, and head of the exhibit committee, described the exhibit highlights. Clothing, food, book, phamplet, canning, electric lighting and equipment, and pressure cooker equipment displays were on exhibit.

One of the most interest drawing exhibits was that of baby incubators. According to the state health department, these incubators have been instrumental in saving the lives of 11 prematurely delivered babies since August.

Mrs. Altinus Tullis, musical director of the college of agriculture, acclaimed music as one of the worthwhile things of life and something which made the homemaker's life more full.

**12,000 Families Helped.**

That the farm security admin-

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### Hybrid Corn Reports, Home Economics Meet Are Program Highlights

Climaxing a day full of activity in meetings of various organizations and departments, the annual Fun Feed in the student activities building Wednesday night closed the second day of Organized Agriculture. More than 1,500 farm and city people in attendance Wednesday filled the meetings to capacity and hit a new record for the four day sessions.

At the Fun Feed more than 600 people tossed aside the heavy discussion matters of the day and joined in a hilarious evening. N. W. Gaines, serving as master of ceremonies introduced the two national inter-collegiate crops and meats judging championship teams from the college of agriculture. Introduced also were the coaches of the two teams, Dr. A. L. Frolik and Ross Miller; Gerald Hawley, 17 year old Nemaha county farm boy and one of the healthiest 4-H club boys in the nation, and Miss Ethelyn Findlay, member of the national 4-H home furnishing championship judging team from Dawson county. Dancing and entertainment by Lyle DeMoss and his "sophisticated rangers" brought the curtain down on the busy day.

Meetings were held in practically every building on the college of agriculture campus. Over-flow crowds greeted the opening of every meeting—crop growers, farm equipment, livestockmen, poultrymen and horticulturists.

Highlights of the day's program were the announcement of the results of the 1938 hybrid corn tests, announcement of the winners of the small grain utility show, and the home economics program during which homemaking problems were discussed.

**Hybrids are Superior.**

The Crop Growers' association, in one of the largest meeting of the morning saw colored movies of Nebraska grasses by Dr. F. D. Keim and heard the hybrid corn test report of Virgil Welch. The 1938 results indicated again that hybrids were superior to open pollinated corn in areas where tested, Welch pointed out. The hybrid varieties are now definitely recommended for eastern Nebraska and irrigated areas further west. Some difficulties have arisen, however, in growing hybrids in the central section of the state where growers are still in the experimental stage, Welch said. Hybrid corn outyielded ordinary corn varieties by an average of 17 percent in six major Nebraska tests under the supervision of the agricultural college.

**Re-elect Officers.**

All officers of the Crop Growers' association whose names came up for a vote this year were reelected. These included D. L. Gross, extension agronomist, secretary-treasurer, and three board members—R. F. Roggenbach of Wayne, George Domingo of Weeping Water and Bert Mott of Hastings.

Fred E. Siefer, Omaha, outlined before the group the wheat im-

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## Prom Filings Open Slowly

### Deadline for Junior Committee Falls Friday

Filings for junior-senior prom committee have come in very slowly since their opening Tuesday morning, according to word received yesterday from the student activities office. Deadline for filings falls Friday afternoon at 5 o'clock.

Selection of the party committee will be made from the filing list by the student council at its meeting next Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 14. Candidates must be of junior standing, that is, be credited with not less than 52 nor more than 89 hours, and also meet university eligibility requirements. The latter call for the successful completion of 27 hours during the two preceding semesters, and a current schedule of 12 hours in good standing.

Of the 12 members of the committee to be elected by the council, there can be not more than three women and three men from the council nor less than three women and two men from outside the council. The junior class president, Grant Thomas, automatically becomes a member of the committee.

### Social Work Majors Hear Becker Today

Harry J. Becker, head of the Child Welfare Bureau, will be the principal speaker at the monthly luncheon of social work majors scheduled for this noon in the Union.

Any student in the department of social work desiring to attend may make reservations with Mrs. H. P. Williams in social sciences 109B up until 10 o'clock this morning. Chairman in charge of arrangements for the affair is Miss Jennie Neill.

## Ag Xmas Party Set Wednesday

### Dramatic Club to Give Scenes of The Nativity

Introducing the spirit of Christmas to the Ag college campus, the annual Christmas party sponsored by the Ag executive board will be held Wednesday night, Dec. 14, at 7:30, in the activities building.

Pageantry and music will fill the evening, with the ag dramatics club presenting scenes of The Nativity, and a chorus directed by Mrs. Altinas Tullis singing several carol selections.

Ann Gersib is in charge of the affair. Assisting her are Will Pitner, heading the decoration committee, and Ed Rousek, in charge of publicity. All students and faculty of both the ag and city campus are especially invited, and the party, for which no admission is charged, is open to the public.

## Sinfonia to Hold National Convo

### Local Chapter Lays Plans at Meet Today

Plans for the national Sinfonia convention to be held Dec. 28 at Washington D. C., will be made at the weekly Sinfonia dinner this noon in the Student Union.

Dick White, supreme councilman, and active member of the organization, will be the representative from Nebraska. Frank Cunkle, new organist and Howard Kirkpatrick of school of music, will be the faculty sponsors attending.

Of special importance at the convention will be a reception given for the group by Mrs. Franklin Delano Roosevelt at the white house. They will also be taken on a tour of Washington and to Mount Vernon.

The two faculty members will also attend the National Music Teacher's convention which will be held at the Mayflower hotel. The group will consider revision of the chapter by-laws.

Nebraska representatives will be gone for five days, leaving Wednesday, Dec. 28. Edward Edison is president of the local chapter.

## Gamma Alpha Chi Calls Neophytes

### Advertising Honorary Meets at Five Today

Gamma Alpha Chi, honorary and professional advertising organization, will have a meeting for the nine pledges this evening at 5 o'clock in room 313 of the Student Union. The actives will also have a special meeting to make plans for initaition. Charlene Dein is president of the organization.

Mary Arbitman, Evelyn Ervit, Elva Hewitt, Barbara Meyer, Lotus Nicolas, Janet Polonsky, Mildred Storer, Rosalie Stuart, and Dorothy Swoboda are the new pledges who will be initiated the first week after Christmas vacation. These members are chosen from advertising classes during each semester.

## 'And a Fur Coat, Santa!'

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### Advertising Class Makes Out List

"Dear Santa Claus: I want..." preambled 100 members of Prof. W. E. Blood's class in advertising as they wrote long lists of Christmas wants recently. Occasionally, a student here or there would hesitate, think over past sins, and then decide that even if they hadn't been up to "snuff" during the past year, he or she was still going to ask for that fur coat or the new V-8.

According to directions these juniors and seniors were supposed to indicate what gifts they desired most from parents, a sweetheart, and a friend. The survey was conducted in an effort to help mystified Christmas shoppers decide just what gift would be most practical and appreciated.

Of course, practicality and appreciation were shoved aside and plain enjoyment brought into the spotlight, as the answer of one enterprising fellow might indicate. He said, "A kiss from the lady friend would make a perfect Christmas." If a kiss comprises a perfect Christmas, about two-thirds of our students indulge in an eternal holiday.

**Perfumed Ladies.**

But on to more useful details. For you boys who are always stumped on what to buy for the one and only, these figures might be helpful. According to results of the survey, your chances at satisfaction are very good if you give

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## 'Y' Cabinet Hears Conclave Report

### Tonight's Meet Begins Plan for March Convo

The University Y. M. C. A. will hold a supper and cabinet meeting tonight at 6 o'clock in the Temple. Stanley Kline, Y. M. C. A. regional council representative, will be guest of honor and will present a report on the recent regional conference held at Manhattan, Kas. Mr. Kline will also explain the new constitution adopted at the Manhattan conference.

According to Bob Schicker, president of the group, tentative plans will be made for the state Y. M. C. A.-Y. W. C. A. convention to be held this year at Wayne in March. Lane Ray will present a report on the progress of the mission work at the Butler Avenue church in Belmont.

### 'N' Ball Stars to Play Public Game Tonight

Nebraska ball varsity game will be held tonight in Grant Memorial at 7 o'clock. This game will be played between teams picked at the end of the tournament from the best players seen in action. They are chosen for outstanding ability in sportsmanship and playing. The game is open to the public.

# Professors Clarify Views of Major Powers

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## Jean Tilche, W. K. Pfeiler, R. D. Moritz Explain Variations in Attitude

Editor's Note: The following is a symposium on recent world events as it might have been written by a Frenchman, a German, an Italian, and an Englishman. The attitude of the people in each of these nations has been phrased by university professors who have traveled in the separate countries.

### FRANCE

As Told by Prof. Jean Tilche.

There is no question whether France will give to Italy any land, even that which she formerly owned. France may grant Italians minority privileges in Tunisia, but not very great ones. Italy's immediate objective in the present demands is probably merely to gain some better arrangement in Tunisia.

The natives of Tunisia are undoubtedly against Italy running the country. They are [illegible] protorate under France, but [illegible] would be merely a colony under Mussolini. The French realize, also, that if they were to grant Tunisia to Italy, Algeria, Morocco and the rest of their African possessions would go.

The inhabitants of Nice and Savoy would be against such a change of allegiance. The people of Savoy have spoken French for centuries. Even the many Italian emigrants in Nice are against go-

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### GERMANY

As Told By Dr. W. K. Pfeiler.

Germany knows she can not rely on Italy any longer than the German and Italian interests coincide. Their interests in the Balkans, Germany pushing toward the Black sea and Italy toward Jugoslavia and south, will be in harmony for some time.

My conversations with hundreds of nazi officials and other people convinces me that Germany would have fought had not Chamberlain given in. Germany is ruled by one man and he would not have had the intellectual check on his emotions to stop. The emotional is the

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### ITALY

As Told By Prof. Jean Tilche.

There will be no war from the present dispute between France and Italy over Tunisia, Corsica and Nice. The entire affair was all prepared to see what would be France's action. Looking forward to the pending Franco-Italian pact, the Italians want to disturb the French and gain greater concessions by pointing to the demonstrations as the will of the people.

The Italians would not have any desire for Tunisia if some one had not raised the question. Italy could use Tunisia very well because it would be close home for surplus

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### BRITAIN

As Told by Prof. R. D. Moritz.

From last summer's trip to Europe I feel that the English were sure that Hitler was bluffing and could not have carried his entire nation into war against the highly mechanized army of Czechoslovakia, certain Russian opposition, and the power of France and England. The English people would have backed a stronger policy than Chamberlain's.

The British prime minister did not have the nerve to call Hitler's bluff, but if he had, the British people would have backed him up. England would not have invaded Germany, but she would have cut off her supplies by a blockade in the North sea.

England will not go to war to help the Jews. The outrages Hitler is committing against the Jews are a blot against civilization which the German people will not recover from for a generation, but the British will not go to war over the matter.