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## Food for the thoughtful



—DAILY staff photo.

Above are the 14 students, 12 seniors and two graduate students, at the banquet table following their initiation into Phi Beta Kappa, senior scholastic honorary. They are, with backs toward the reader, Sarah Miller, Faith Medlar, Bill McConnell, James Hush, Eleanor Eiche, Betty Ann Duff, and Charles Brockway.

Facing the readers, Prof. M. H. Weseen of the university faculty, initiates George Mueller, Ray Murray, Doris Reddick, Doris Ripley, Ellsworth Steele, Lucyle Thomas. Frances Beatty was not at the dinner.

## Normal board controversy draws attention once more

The old controversy over combining the board of regents and the state normal school board into one came into the limelight again this week with the closing of the Nebraska Taxpayers League convention, in Lincoln.

Lead by Senator Edwin Schultz of Elgin, the league killed a resolution which had been on their books for three years calling for the consolidation of the state normal schools with the University

of Nebraska under the supervision of one governing board, similar to the board of regents.

Schultz, head of the education committee in the unicameral, fought a bill calling for the consolidation when it was introduced into the last session by Dr. A. L. Miller, legislator from Kimball. Schultz took his stand when he said:

"Theoretically, the measure was See NORMAL BOARD on page 2.

### NEWS COMMENT

## Reds near Mannerheim wall; U.S. moves to aid Finland

By Woerner and Steele

The Finnish republic celebrated its twenty-second birthday fighting for its life against the huge soviet army. The little country reports Russian losses at 20,000 men, and that the reds are having to shoot their own soldiers in the back to force them into battle against the Finns. The Russian troops are said to be approaching the "famous" Mannerheim line inside the Finns' northern frontier. The holding-power of the modern "Chinese walls" may receive a test very shortly. But how the Finnish "line" compares with the German or French is yet unknown.

Estonia, Rumania and Sweden may very shortly find themselves enveloped by the swift flowing wave of war. Russia is calling upon the little Baltic state to render military aid to its new ally (acquired as the result of the pacts the reds recently forced upon Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania). The reds are urging Rumania to sign a mutual assistance agreement with them immediately. And the advancing Russian armies are within 150 miles of rich Swedish iron areas in the north.

Ex-President Hoover is heading an organization to co-ordinate American activities to relieve Finnish victims of the war. President Roosevelt is seeking a method to use Finland's annual debt payment to aid the struggling republic, and a movement is under way in congress to recall the American ambassador to Moscow.

In the background of world affairs, World War II proceeds slowly with only the British issuing major claims. First lord of the British admiralty, Winston Churchill, claims the recent sinking of five German submarines, the arming of 1,000 vessels of the merchant marine in an effort to combat the U-boat menace, and the capture of a nazi passenger liner.

Apparently neither Chamberlain nor Hitler has decided just how to receive the Russian attack. The nazis see their sphere of influence being swallowed up, and fear that the rest of their treaty with Russia may not be worth as much as a printer's bill. The British see the definitely naughty nations of the world increased by one, a big one, and realize that their "checkered apron" is well filled with the present "bad boy."

## 'Know your fundamentals' is business plea to engineers

Do's and don'ts of teaching engineering according to the point of view of business were outlined recently by Prof. A. A. Luebs, of the department of mechanical engineering, who in company with 20 faculty members from leading universities spent six weeks during the past summer at a professor's conference sponsored by General Electric.

That colleges of engineering should stick to teaching fundamentals and not go into processing procedure and other rapidly changing work is the plea of business, according to Prof. Luebs. Prof Luebs pointed out that busi-

ness prefers engineering graduates with a good groundwork in physics, chemistry, and mathematics with just enough special courses to show the application of principles. Business objects to the teaching of rapidly changing procedures as it is difficult to keep up to date.

### General conference.

During the conference faculty members from 20 leading universities met with industrial engineers, designers, and executives to acquaint themselves with the problems of industry in an attempt to bring about better status. (See ENGINEERS on page 8.)

## Burney, Bradstreet head Junior-Senior Prom board

### Uni extension plans banquet

Gage will speak on anniversary program

In celebration of 30 years of service to Nebraska and ten years of supervised correspondence study, the university extension division will hold an open house from 2 to 6 p. m. in the Union and a dinner on Dec. 12.

The open house for correspondence students, night class students, faculty, and interested outsiders will give students the opportunity to meet the director of their extension studies, and anyone interested will be taken on a tour of the extension division offices.

Dr. Harry Morehouse Gage, president of Coe college, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, will speak at the dinner. Dr. Gage is a past president of the North Central Association of College and Secondary Schools, and has been a co-worker with Dr. Reed, head of the extension division on many committees. Dr. Gage has also served as president of the Association of American Colleges.

### Engineers to take trip

Four go with Mickey on inspection tour

Four university students will accompany Prof. C. E. Mickey, of the civil engineering department, on a special inspection trip occupying the entire week end. The group will visit points of interest at Nebraska City, Kansas City, Bagnell Dam, St. Louis, and Keokuk, Ia.

Leaving Lincoln early today the group, consisting of Kirk B. Florence, president; Glen Krueger, secretary-treasurer, and Martin Siemsen and Roger Evans, members of the Nebraska Student Chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers, will inspect bridges and river improvements at Nebraska City while en route to Kansas City. Upon their arrival they will visit the Kansas City Union Station and also the city water purification plant.

To see hydro station, dam.

Friday on the way to St. Louis the Union Light and Power Hydro-electric Station, and Bagnell Dam will be inspected.

After their arrival in St. Louis they will participate in a tour of the city conducted by Washington University Student Chapter of ASCE, and later will attend a meeting to perfect plans for the Spring Conference to be held in K. C. in April.

Prof. Mickey and Mr. Florence will be guests at the annual meeting and dinner of the St. Louis section.

Returning Sunday the group will inspect the hydro-electric station dam, and navigation locks on the Mississippi river at Keokuk and will arrive in Lincoln Sunday night.

### Teaching candidates meet today at 4

All new candidates for teaching positions for the year 1940-41 must meet with Prof. R. D. Moritz, director of teacher-placement bureau in social sciences auditorium today at 4. Students who have classes at this hour will be excused to attend the meeting, which is highly important to all who plan to teach next year.

### Council tempers flare as Progressives push full slate to victory

By Elizabeth Clark.

Names of the candidates elected to Junior-Senior Prom committee yesterday in Student Council meeting, took a back seat to fireworks provided by the members.

**1940 PROM COMMITTEE.**  
Marian Bradstreet, Gamma Phi Beta, co-chairman.  
Beth Howley, Raymond hall.  
Janet Harris, unaffiliated.  
Betty Ann Roach, Pi Beta Phi.  
Mary Kline, Delta Gamma.  
Betty Jean Ferguson, Chi Omega.  
Dwight Burney, Pi Kappa Alpha, co-chairman.  
Brandon Backlund, Phi Delta Theta.  
Marvin Kruse, Farm House.  
Ed Segrist, Chi Phi.  
Bus Knight, Sigma Nu.  
Forrest Behm, Delta Upsilon (member ex-officio).

In a heated speech after the all-Progressive sweep, Otto Woerner, barb representative to the Council, decried the whole system of student self-government as "despicable," characterized Council members as "low-down heels," and stalked out after offering his resignation. He was followed by Ellsworth Steele, also a barb representative. "I love you all, but I HATE your system," Woerner shouted as he gathered up his notebook and left.

"Do you have to vote as you're told," shouted Woerner. "Haven't you any minds of your own? This (election) is a clear-cut case of one faction riding rough-shod over the will of the majority of the students! This faction represents 15% of the campus! All you want to do is fill your pockets with money, your stomachs with political plums! The men, and the women on the campus are ruled by the (See PROM BOARD on page 8.)

### His conscience too strong; Dotty gets back sarong

Dorothy Lamour's sarong is found! Remember the valuable garb that draped the Lamour figure in the Hurdle and Halter of the Capitol hotel, and how it was stolen a number of weeks ago by some unscrupulous villain?

Shortly after 8 o'clock yesterday morning, Sergeant Regler campus cop, and Royal Kahler, football player, entered the campus police headquarters. On the floor lay a package wrapped in old newspapers, which Regler picked up and examined.

Into wastebasket.

Inside the package was what seemed to be only a large piece of cloth, but which in reality was a sarong. Into the wastebasket went the sarong!

Kahler, being inquisitive, retrieved the bundle and unwrapped the contents and saw Dorothy Lamour's name signed to it. Further search revealed a note which stated in effect that the writer had stolen the sarong, but a troubled conscience and the fear of apprehension forced him to return it. The writer explained he knew Regler would give it back to its rightful owner.

The manager of the Hurdle and Halter was overjoyed to hear the sarong was found. No longer will the Lamour-figure be without its famous garb. Hereafter, however, the figure and the sarong will be kept in a locked case.

### Seven seek Long trophy

Frosh speakers debate subsidization tonight

Seven freshmen will contest for the Long debate trophy tonight at 7:30 in Andrews 126 on the subject, "Resolved: That we approve of subsidized sports for schools and colleges."

Affirmative speakers will be Joseph McDermott, George Blackstone, Robert Guenzel, Paul Crouse. On the negative side of the question are Melvin Bresee, Eugene Bradley, John J. Douglass.

Order of speaking will be determined by lot, and announced just before the contest. Each speaker will have eight minutes, except the first affirmative, who will appear twice, once for constructive debate, for which he is allowed five minutes, and after two negatives have appeared, for refutation of four minutes. All competition is individual.

The debate is open to the public. Prof. H. A. White is in charge of the contest.

### Four make debate squad

Quartet bucks stiff competition in tryout

Otto Woerner, Jack Stewart, Howard Bessire and Harold Turkel won places on the university debate team last night as those four men were adjudged the best of eight men who took part in the tryouts.

Lloyd L. Chapman and George Healey, Lincoln attorneys, and Eugene Pester of the First Trust company were judges as the aspirants to the team debated on the question of economic and military isolation for the United States.

Competition was stiff, and of the ten men slated to try out, only two were absent. The team's first debate is with the University of California in the middle of January.

### Theta Nu taps 11 new members

Eleven new members were tapped for membership in Theta Nu, pre-med honorary, at that organization's banquet last night. Ten of those chosen are from Nebraska; the eleventh from Wesleyan.

Nebraska men tapped were Thorvald Anderson, Warren Bosley, Norman Green, Phil Heller, James Lipsey, Leslie Meyers, Donald Nilsson, Elbert Phelps, Richard Smith, Max Raines. Waldo Harvey is the Wesleyan man.

Nominations were made for next semester's officers at the business meeting following the banquet. Dr. George Covey of this city answered questions by Nu-Meds in attendance, while Miss Elizabeth Pitch, laboratory technician for Dr. Covey, spoke on "Medical Technology."

### Christmas seal drive enters 33rd year

Christmas Seals are now being sold by the Nebraska Tuberculosis association for the thirty-third year to raise funds to combat tuberculosis.