



By Bob Aldrich.

DAILY staff photo by George Royal.

He makes hooked rugs for a hobby, is an authority on Turgenyev, once traveled the U. S. in a model T, and thinks sophomores should be abolished.

His name is Royal A. Gettmann, he is assistant professor in English, and it has taken him two years to make three hooked rugs, which in the language of rug hooking is about equivalent to doing the 100-yard dash in 8 seconds flat.

Writes on Turgenyev.

The Russian novelist comes under his surveillance in a book now in the Illinois university press, "Turgenyev in England and America." The barnstorming was done shortly after his marriage and parts of the model T, which was painted cream and white, are now weathering somewhere in Nevada.

The statement about the sophomores comes from sad experience. Professor Gettmann's theory is that the frosh do well the first year because they're slightly frightened but by the second year they're too blase. By the time

they're juniors they're ready to learn again.

Gettmann is young, cheerful, amusing, with a wide knowledge of his field, literature. He is slight of build, ruddy cheeked, wears gold rimmed glasses, and has long, black hair which he wears uncombed, as a sort of trademark.

His affection for Portland, Ore., his birthplace, is shown by color photos of Oregonian scenery adorning the wall of his office in Andrews. He "mostly grew up" in Oregon, was graduated at Earlham college, Indiana, a Quaker school, got his M. A. at Haverford, near Philadelphia, and began teaching at Westminster, Penn.

His undergraduate youthfulness and his refusal to wear a skull cap almost cost him a beating once at the hands of upperclassmen. He talked them out of it.

Following a year at Iowa, he taught at Washington State, then at Illinois, got his Ph. D. there. Between times there were summer sessions at Harvard, Oregon and Chicago.

Besides the rugs, he can "keep (See GETTMANN, page 2.)

Liberian witch doctor fools Furbay into 'finding' lost lens

Author of 'Debunker' speaks in Union Tuesday; writes he was debunked himself in Africa

The spell of a Liberian witch doctor's black magic fooled J. H. Furbay, speaker in the Union Tuesday, into "finding" a lost camera lens, Furbay relates in a letter to the Union.

Furbay, who will speak on Liberia Tuesday at 4:00 in the ballroom, told of losing a lens from one of his best cameras while making a trek from one village to another. A witch doctor suggested that his "charms" could restore the lens. The medicine man collected his herbs and oils, mixed them carefully in a pot, and burned them to a char.

Three times 'round.

After walking three times around the fire, the witch doctor called two men, gave them some of the mixture to eat, and smeared more on their hands and feet. He sent them to a certain spot to look for the lens. After a time the two returned, dripping with perspiration, and carrying the lost lens.

Furbay took the lens, examined it, rewarded the men for their find. In the morning the lens was

gone. He never saw it again.

Furbay believes he was hypnotized by the witch doctor, and only imagined he saw the lens. He was out \$10 worth of head-tobacco and salt, given to the witch doctor, and had to send to London for a new lens.

Furbay is the author of a syndicated newspaper feature, "The Debunker," but this time the witch doctor debunked the debunker.

'Beauties' shown today

1940 yearbook queens appear in rotogravure

Candidates for Beauty Queen have their pictures in the rotogravure section of today's edition of the Omaha World Herald. This is the premier showing of the Beauty Queen candidates, Irvin Sherman, business manager of the Cornhusker, declared.

Sherman urges all students to make their payments for a 1940 Cornhusker before Thursday, Feb. 15, for that is absolutely the last chance that one will have to purchase a yearbook. Anyone wishing to buy a 1940 Cornhusker should see a Tassel, who is managing the cleanup sales, or come directly to the Cornhusker office in the Union.

Orville Hager, editor of the Cornhusker, emphasizes that the yearbook will be more interesting to students than ever, particularly because there will be more candid camera shots throughout the main sections as well as in the advertisements.

Former regent president dies

George N. Seymour, former president of the board of regents, died at the age of 76 Friday evening at the home of his sister near Florence, Nebraska.

Seymour served two terms as head of the university board of regents, during which time the present campus plan was inaugurated by the board. He was president of the State bank at Elgin for many years.

19 coeds vie for AWS best dressed title

Organized houses, barbs, enter all-women skits for Follies competition

"Best-dressed Nebraska girl" will be chosen at the Co-ed Follies March 17 from among 19 entrants who filed yesterday. Twenty-one organized houses and barb groups have entered all-girl skits for the Follies competition.

Best dressed candidates are: Maxine Kingsbury, Delta Gamma; Woodie Campbell, Phi Mu; Helen Higgins, Sigma Kappa; Virginia Haney, Pi Beta Phi; Jane Ellis, Delta Delta Delta; Betty Ann Nichols, Kappa Kappa Gamma; Jerry Hawkins, Gamma Phi Beta; Eleanor Collier, Alpha Xi Delta; (See FOLLIES, page 6.)

Ag executive board names party heads

Ryce Stoenner chosen to play for annual ag event set for March 9

Co-chairmen for this year's ag spring party, annual spring event on the ag campus open to all university students, are Opla Hedlund and Ganis Richmond, ag juniors, it was announced by the ag executive board yesterday.

The party, set for March 9 in the Student Activities building, is ag's big spring event. Climaxing the party will be the presentation of the Goddess of Agriculture.

The band chosen for the event is Ryce Stoenner and his eleven piece orchestra which played in Kansas City during the holidays and in the Music Box in Omaha last January.

The other committees in charge of the affair are Marvin Kruse and Oscar Tegtmeier, publicity; Gwen Jack, Rhoda Chesley, Ellen Ann Armstrong, and Milo Tesar, decorations; Betty Jo Smith and Will Pitner, presentation; Keith Gilmore and Ruth Ann Sheldon, tickets.

Suspense for 'gentle people'



DAILY staff photo.

"The Gentle People," which opens in the Temple theater Tuesday, features Jon Pruden as Philip Anaganos, a fishing enthusiast, shown here as he reaches for a gun when Harold Goff, the villain of the play, portrayed by Clarence Flick, attempts to force him to

Debaters meet Kansas Wesleyan

Nebraska's varsity debate team will play host to the touring Kansas Wesleyan squad Tuesday in a debate on the national forensic question, "Resolved that the U. S. will maintain political and economic isolation from all warring countries."

Howard Bessire and Otto Woerner will represent Nebraska in the engagement. Woerner will be the first speaker.

All students are invited to the debate which starts at 3 p. m. in U Hall, 106.

Counselors take 16 plans for Carnival

Booth popularity judged by attendant, ballots; feature dancing at party

Sixteen booths have been accepted for the Penny Carnival which will be the center of campus attraction next Saturday afternoon. The Carnival is sponsored by the Coed Counselors and will be held in Grant Memorial from 2 to 5 p. m.

The booths are as follows: fortune telling, Phi Mu; penny toss, Chi Omega; side show, "Mellordrammer," Alpha Phi; roulette wheel, Kappa Kappa Gamma; bowling alley, Sigma Delta Tau; silhouette sketching, Raymond and Love halls; shooting gallery, Pi Beta Phi; ringing stand, Barb A. W. S.; matchmaker's booth, Alpha Chi Omega; fishing pond, Kappa Alpha Theta; caricature of profs shooting gallery, Delta Delta Delta; shoe shine booth, Alpha Xi Delta; personality thermometer, Rosa Bouton hall; guessing (See CARNIVAL, page 5.)

Brownell '24, addresses all NU convo

Former Daily editor returns to campus for annual Charter Day

Herbert Brownell, jr., former New York state legislator, and graduate of the University of Nebraska in 1924, will return to the campus this week to address the



—Lincoln Journal and Star.

HERBERT BROWNELL, to tell of "Alumni Aids to University."

local charter day program, commemorating the founding of the institution, Thursday morning at 10:15 in the coliseum.

Chancellor C. S. Boucher will preside, and music will be furnished by the University symphony orchestra, under the direction of Don A. Lentz.

Brownell, who is a member of (See BROWNELL, page 5.)

Chorus to sing 'Carmen' for mass spring production

Bizet's bull fight chosen for first operatic effort of University chorus; Westbrook calls for singers

The university chorus will present Bizet's opera "Carmen" as their spring production during the week of Ivy Day festivities, A. E. Westbrook, director of the school

of music, announced Saturday.

Issuing a call for singers who wish to take part in the choral program, Professor Westbrook emphasized the need for tenors and a few basses but said that all singers are urged to join. They must report some time this week, he said.

—who just want to sing.

Positions in the chorus are open both for those desiring credit and for students who just want to sing. Those working for areas in must report twice a week, Tuesday night and Thursday after six staff Others need practice only by college day night. to stop rnoon

Describing the program, which will be similar in form to the Messiah given at Christmas, Westbrook said that it will not be acted out in costume but will be simply a choral and orchestral presentation. The entire musical score of the opera will be given. There will be two imported soloists, not yet announced.

"This plan of presenting opera and other musical programs on a large scale is in line with what is being done at many large schools," Professor Westbrook said. "Michigan is presenting 'Samson and Delilah' this year. Of course, they import their Samson and their Delilah from the Metropolitan."

First meeting of the chorus will be Tuesday at 7:15 p. m. Those who wish to take part should report in Room 103 of the Temple. Another meeting will be Thursday at 5 p. m.

The weather

Button up when you go out today for the weather man predicts that it will be somewhat colder with a few clouds piling up in the sky.