

Rodeo steers, ponies offer excitement

Collegiate cowpunchers include 'N' men; coeds vie in intersorority ride

By Paul Dinnis.

One of the big features of this year's Farmer's Fair will be the Horse Show and Rodeo. With many would-be college cowpunchers and cowgirls participating, the show is expected to be a rip-roarin', leather-punchin' affair. Numerous contests which will find some contestants carrying off honors, others "biting the dust," will lend the Fair a gay, carefree air reminiscent of the Wild West. Competition promises to be rugged with many students entered from both the ag and the down-town town campuses.

The Rodeo will get under way at 2 o'clock. One of the rough and tough individual contests will be the Wild Steer Riding contest.

Wild steers will be obtained especially for the contest. Heading the list of leather-busters are Husker footballer "Butch" Luther, D. U. Jim Minnick, Acacia, and Clark Kupfing, A. T. O. Others entered are Ed Rousek, Eric Thor, and Don Roth, A. G. R.'s Jim Selzer, Phi Psi, Max Brown, Wayne Smiley, Fred Whitney, Lee Liggett, Bill Larson and Bernie Buell. Winner of the contest will have proven that he is a true experienced cowhand, and will receive a plaque donated by the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce.

Exhibition polo.

An exhibition polo game will also be staged as a Rodeo attraction. With draft horses being used for polo ponies, the game should provide some rough ridin'. Some of the polo players will be Don Fitz, Farmhouse and "N" club president, fullback "Big Boy" Wayne Blue, A. G. R., Phil Grand, Phi Gam, Dick Young, D. U., Wendel Basye, A. T. O., Tom Bodie, Acacia, and Jim McDougal.

Femininity will also be represented in the Horse Show by the Inter-sorority riding contest. Back to defend her championship won last year, will be Lillie Luttgren, Alpha Phi and president of the Inter-sorority Riding club.

Another riding competition will be the Western Stock-saddle Ride. This ride is a mixed ride, with a co-ed and her partner riding the same horse. A plaque will also be presented to the winning due in this affair.

A five-gaited horse from the Du-Teau stables will put on an exhibition showing the paces required of horses entered in larger horse shows.

Another rodeo contest will be the calf roping contest. Two men form a team. One of them lassoes the calf while the other one ties it. The winners of this competition will receive a plaque.

A milking contest in which contestants will attempt to milk wild cows will also be held in the afternoon.

The Fair management would like to have more contestants entered for the events. If anyone wishes to enter any of the contests he may do so by calling Keith Gilmore (tel. no. 6-5027).

Pike addresses publicity men

DES MOINES.—Lawrence Pike, instructor in journalism and assistant in the editorial and publicity department of the university, discussed "Judging Newsphotos," at the closing meeting of the American College Publicity Association here today. Other speakers in the photography session included Vernon Pope, editor of Look magazine, George Yates, chief photographer of the Des Moines Register and Tribune, and Randolph Fort of the University of Alabama.

Three alumni visit geology department

Recent visitors in the department of geology were George Davis '37, geologist with the Standard Oil company, at Venezuela, South America; Glen Ruby, '16, head of the exploration department for the Argentine government, Buenos Aires; and Richard Reese, '23, geologist with the Standard Oil company of California, Los Angeles.

Tripping light fantastic through alfalfa blooms is fun—and definitely instructive

Here we are again on the ag front... I don't know why they send us city slickers to cover stuff we know nothing of, but then, that is what makes the newspaper business so what it is... Find out about this alfalfa, the editor ordered, as he kicked our feet off his desk, and gave me a good article on "tripping" the alfalfa blooms.

Well, I know as much about tripping alfalfa as I do about what size girdle my great-grandmother wore, but as near as we could discover from our unearthings on ag campus today, to "trip" alfalfa, you do not put your foot in front of the plant and let it fall face forward... it's a much more scientific process.

Itty-bitty weed.

The story of the teeny-weenie alfalfa is about like this: Agronomists have been out on the proverbial limb for a number of years as to why such a small amount of seed is produced on alfalfa in proportion to the number of flowers it produces. Dr. H. M. Tysdal, university agronomist, started making studies and experiments at

Scottsbluff in 1936. L. A. Clark, graduate student from Utah, was assisting him. In 1939 co-operative work on alfalfa producing was done in several midwestern states, including Nebraska, and also in the west-coast state of Oregon. All this research and study was combined into a paper on "tripping" which Dr. Tysdal presented at a meeting of the American Society of Agronomy at New Orleans last December.

The alfalfa bloom is fundamentally the typical legume flower... such as the sweet-pea. It is fundamentally the same except that it is of smaller proportions. The process of "tripping" is the parting of the two parts of the keel (the keel is in the center of the flower and is made up of two petals) at the top, to release the staminal column (the reproductive parts of the flower) which springs out suddenly like a catapult and showers pollen over the immediate surroundings. This tripping may be automatic, that is, caused by physiological conditions of the plant, or by external factors such as wind, rain, or intense heat; or

it may be mechanical, caused by insects that come to the plant to collect nectar and pollen.

Bugs best.

These bugs, it seems are the most effective alfalfa trippers... especially, the Megachiles, or leaf-cutter bee. And to add to the benefits of tripping by the leaf-cutter bees, there is the element of cross-fertilization. Under controlled conditions flowers that were tripped and cross-fertilized produced three times as much seed as those tripped and self-fertilized... and also the work of these little bugs aids the alfalfa in that the tripping resulted in the production of 150 times as much seed from tripped and cross-fertilized flowers as from untripped, self-fertilized flowers.

So it seems as if the Megachile, a minute little bug, is of utmost importance in alfalfa raising. The drawback, according to entomologists, is that it is impractical to attempt propagation of the leaf-cutter bug, although, care can be exercised by farmers to preserve their colonized homes in the ground.

Alpha Zeta picks new members; to elect officers

Alpha Zeta, national agricultural college honorary scholastic society, has elected new members to be initiated late this spring. Names of the newly-elected members will not be revealed until the initiation.

Milo Tesar, senior from Tobias, heads the honorary society as chancellor. Jack Carter, Chappell, is censor, and Willis Skrdla, De Witt, is the scribe. Robert Messersmith, Alliance junior, is treasurer. Charles Gardner, Tecumseh, is chronicler of the organization.

Election of officers for the coming year will be held shortly after initiation.

Nursery students abound with Fair enthusiasm

Fever is at a high pitch on the Ag college campus, where farmers and farmerettes are looking forward with much anticipation to the Farmer's Fair. Amidst so much enthusiasm it is surprising to find that the biggest boosters of the fair are not the Ag college students—but youngsters in the Ag nursery school.

All of their present school work deals only with the Fair. They refuse to listen to stories which are not about the Fair. All the pictures they draw are about the coming attraction. One youngster's mother has made for each of the nursery pupils a Farmer's Fair bandana, similar to those worn by Ag college students.

Dietitians get interne jobs for coming year

Graduating dietitians wore an expectant look around the first of April for that was the day telegrams began to arrive telling of appointments for next year's internships. April Fool's Day 1940 proved to be a successful one along this line for graduating Nebraska dietitians.

Appointments made to date:

Maxine Armstrong, Washington State Hospital, Seattle, Washington; Gertrude Blaker, University Hospital, Cleveland, Ohio; Woodis Campbell, Presbyterian Hospital, New York City; Marjorie Farrar, University of Michigan Hospital, Ann Arbor, Michigan; Gwen Hurley, St. Mary's Hospital, Rochester, Minnesota; Marie Knickrehm, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota; Joy Pstal, Good Samaritan Hospital, Portland, Oregon; Mary Ellen Sweeney, Michael Reese Hospital, Chicago, Illinois; Helen Trimble, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, Massachusetts; La Von Boner, University of Chicago Hospital, Chicago, Illinois.

Ag-gravations...

Everyone goes into yearly 'social swim'

With everyone going to classes in overalls and gingham dresses, ag campus has suddenly turned definitely rural. The horse tank near the ag engineering building is very much in evidence these days and very few are offending the popular custom of dress.

Some of the fellows who were "the first day swimmers" were Max Towne, Walter Crawley and several others whom we could not identify after the ducking.

Home ec girls blush immediately when talk of men being tanked is brought up but they get just as close to the tank as they can. It seems that last year the men were allowed to remove their suits but too much interest was shown on the part of these ag lassies so that this year the men must go in with their pants on.

Ducking hangover.

Montee Baker, Sigma Xi, Gamma Sigma Delta, Alpha Zeta, and Farmhouse still hasn't cooled off from the ducking he received last year and as a result says he will not help on the fair this year. This means more tanking for Montee.

To speak of other things, it seems that Marvin Kruse and Ople Hedlund finally made up their minds and Ople is now wearing his pin.

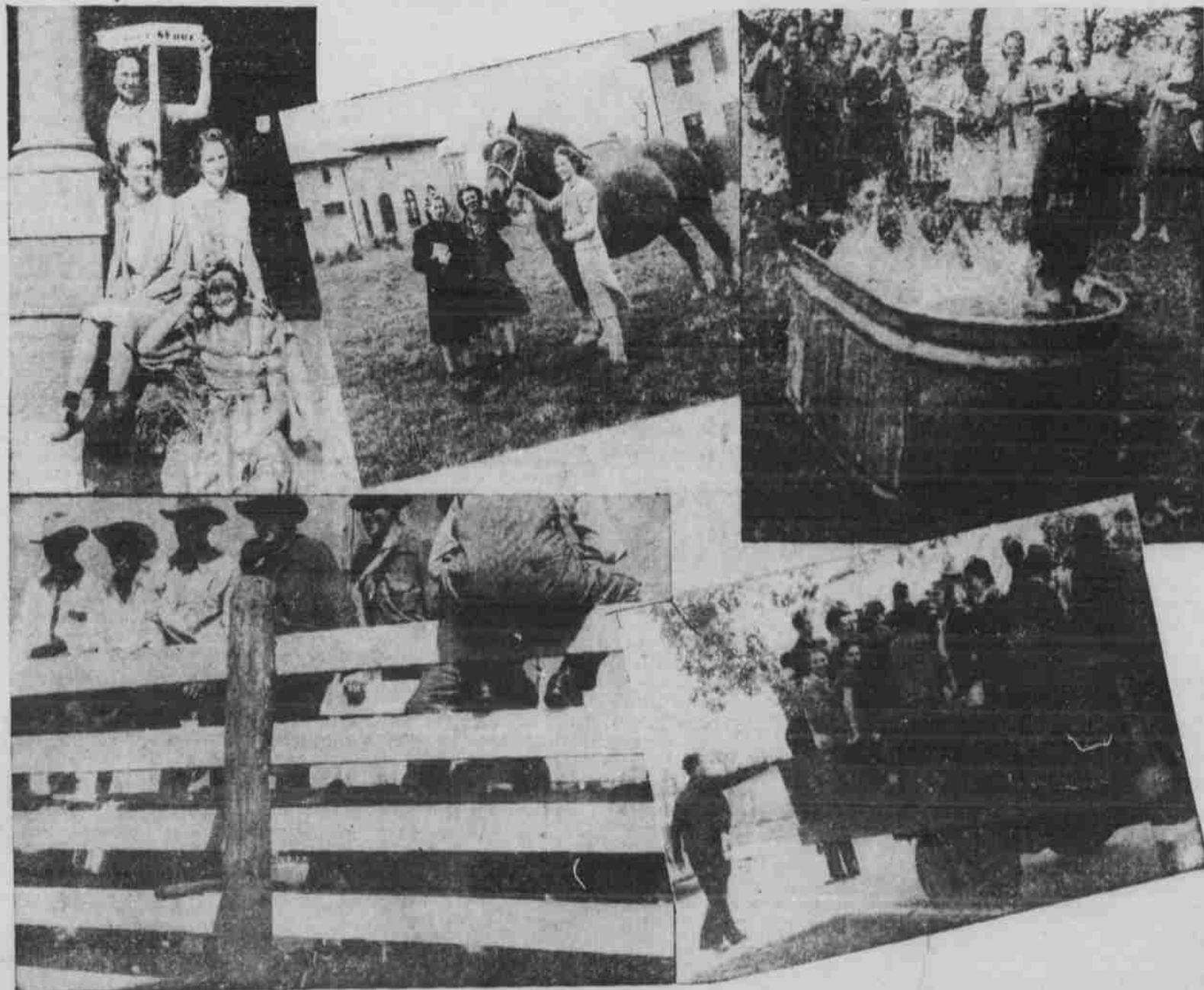
Since Daniel Boone has had his recent romantic troubles with one Myer girl his big question is "Oh why do things seem sweeter far when we possess them?"

Ed Rousek, Fair Board manager, seems to be saving all his spare moments for an Alpha Xi Delta, Ben Alice Day.

With the Pre-Fair dance tonight will come the opening of the long awaited Farmers' Fair and all the activities connected which promise to keep 1,000 ag students very busy for the remainder of the week.

New officers installed at the AGR house the other evening are: Kieth Gilmore, president; Russel Pfeiffer, vice-president; and Arlo Wirth, treasure.

Farm collegians prepare for big event



Farmer's Fair calls for a lot of preparation. To make the Fair, on Saturday, the best ever, ag students have been doing a lot of above. Typical of the Fair will be the "dunking" of ag students who do not wear overalls, the showing of stallions, and the watching of the rodeo from the top of the fences.

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