

Workers unearth Herbarium collected by Dr. Charles Bessey



PICTURED ABOVE are Glenda Cornett, Maxine Johnson and T. J. Fitzpatrick who are working on the reclassification of the Bessey collection.

University workers discovered a huge store of scientific material six years ago when they began to sort out the old Herbarium of Dr. Charles Bessey. The Herbarium—a collection of plant life,

pressed and mounted on sheets of paper—has been stored with almost no usage except to catch dust and dirt for a third of a century, but now after being assembled and filed it is available

for important botanical research. The collection includes over half a million sheets. Shown above are students assembling the material.

The collection was started (See BESSEY, page 2.)

Uni Theatre opens 'Key Largo' tonight

There are five men on the campus of the university who are tired of mountain climbing! Five very, very tired veterans of the Spanish civil war, and they're tired of mountain climbing!

Yes, these five gentlemen are tired of climbing the mountain on the stage of the University Theatre which has been constructed for use in the forthcoming production of Maxwell Anderson's "Key Largo," opening in the

Theatre tonight.

The prologue of the play, which has for a background the Spanish civil war, calls for a setting which represents a mountain pass where five members of the Loyalist army have been left to slow down the advance of Franco's army, at the same time to cover the retreat of the Loyalist army.

Armand Hunter, director of the Theatre, selected Walter Ketchel, Max Whittaker, Glenn Nelson, Kenneth Miller and William Green to enact the parts of these five soldiers, and since then, they swear, "we've climbed that mountain at least a million times." The "mountain," which really looks like just that, is approximately nine feet in height and 16 by 17 feet at the base.

This masterpiece, which is made of wood, not soil or rock, was designed by Delford Brummer, a member of the faculty and stage technician for the production. Aided by the class in stagecraft, the play's building and painting crew, Millard Carlson, John Al-

stot, Earl Elgonger, and Gordon Broeck, constructed the "mountain."

The use of the mountain in the setting for the prologue is in keeping with the symbolic and expressionistic style of interpretation followed in the theater's production of Anderson's play, written and first produced employing a realistic style.

Curtain for the first act goes up at 7:30.

Royer talks on 'Prelude to Glamour'

"Prelude to Glamour" will be the title of the talk to be given by Royer, 20th Century dress designer and former Nebraska student, Thursday, February 20, at 11 o'clock in the Student Union ballroom.

The A. W. S. and Student Union are sponsoring the address. Students may arrange for individual conferences through the office of the Dean of Women.

Royer, whose real name is Lewis Royer Hastings, is a member of Beta Theta Pi. He left Nebraska in his junior year to study in New York City. From there he went to Paris where he specialized in interior architecture and designing.

Coming back to America, Royer worked at Lord and Taylor in New York City. For nine years he has been under contract to 20th Century. He recently completed work on costumes for the Belles Artes Ballet in Mexico City and is now working on costumes for the Ballet Russe.

While here, Royer will lecture at 10 a. m. before the art department, 11 a. m. at the Union, and will attend a luncheon sponsored by the Fine Arts department. In the afternoon, he will give a demonstration in the art department and from three to five will have individual conferences.

Kosmet Klub skit deadline is Friday

Skits for the Kosmet Klub's spring show must be in the Klub's office on the third floor of the Union by Friday February 14. All scripts should be given to either Leo Cooksley or Carl Harnsburger.

Women will participate in the former all-men show. The inclusion of coeds will give them a chance to display their singing and dancing abilities.

The show will be on for two days less than in previous years as plans are being made to cut the show's schedule on either the Monday night presentation or both the Monday and Tuesday performances.

Dairy club shows film

The first Nebraska showing of "Fossil Finding," a motion picture of the 1940 University archeological expeditions, will be presented by the Varsity Dairy Club this evening, at 7:15, room 301, in the dairy industry building.

Fodor tells students Hitler may stage invasion 'rehearsal'

Germany may stage a "rehearsal" on England in the next few weeks, but will not try an actual invasion in the immediate future, predicted M. W. Fodor, noted European correspondent, before the convocation in the Union yesterday.

The speaker explained that the nazis must use flat-bottomed boats to transport troops and supplies across the English channel for such an invasion and these boats are difficult to handle in bad weather. During the winter the channel is particularly rough so the invasion may have to be put off until conditions permit.

The "rehearsal" invasion will follow the German blitzkrieg pattern, stated Fodor. "It was used against Belgium and Holland and enables the nazis to learn the moves of the enemy before the actual assault.

If the enemy proves unprepared, added Fodor, the rehearsal may become the real thing, but he does not believe this is the situation with the British. On the other hand, if the rehearsal indicates that any successful invasion is practically impossible, the idea may be abandoned except as a threat in a "war of nerves."

The speaker stated that Germany's two major promises in the present war have been to avoid war on two fronts and to avoid weak allies. "The nazis only let Italy enter the war after they

Enrollment drop fails to cut costs

... Gunderson reveals

By Bill Leininger.

L. E. Gunderson, finance secretary, disclosed yesterday that although there were 329 fewer students enrolled in the university last semester than there were a year ago, cost of operating the school the same period, remained exactly the same.

If these students had all dropped from the same college, that college would have had to be discontinued," Gunderson said. "However, since only a scattered few left each school, the small decreases did not warrant any changes and the same classes were maintained thruout."

Interesting statistical data was given out by the finance secretary, for the six month period beginning July 1, and ending Dec. 31 of the year 1940. During this period \$7,588 was paid to the school by students for registration; \$12,086 for medical fees; \$204,098 for general tuition fees; \$10,882 for matriculation; and \$13,852 for nonresident fees. These figures represent income on the city and ag campus.

The college of medicine and school of nursing cost students a total \$37,327 for the six month period in tuition fees separate from the Lincoln colleges.

Gunderson pointed out that the tuition paid by medical students was used only for the operation of the student health service and infirmary. The student activity fee of \$3 a student, which totaled \$18,030 during the last six month period is used to retire the debt on the Student Union and provide for its maintenance.

Outside of the above specified fees and uses, all other fees are used to help pay for the operation and maintenance of the university.

In closing, Mr. Gunderson again wanted to point out that although, because of the loss of 329 students in the six months period, the revenue had dropped approximately \$12,000, the cost of operation could not be lowered and the same standards had to be observed in all colleges.

Wendell Berge speaker at Charter Day convo

Wendell Berge, United States' assistant attorney general and Nebraska alumnus, will be the principal speaker in two observances Saturday, Charter Day and the seventy-second anniversary of the founding of the university.

At a student convocation Saturday morning at 10:30 Berge will speak concerning the function of the university in strengthening democracy. Saturday night he will give an address, "Today in Washington," as principal speaker for the banquet given by the Lincoln alumni club.

Berge, a member of the temporary national economic committee which investigated monopoly, is responsible for most of the anti-trust activities of the justice department. He has argued for the department cases involving the constitutionality of many new deal acts and the application of the NRA, and other regulatory

measures such as the packers and stockyards act, the grain futures act and the security exchange act.

Reservations for the banquet, to be held in the Union, are open to all alumni and their friends, and must be made by tomorrow. Only 500 reservations will be taken. Other speakers will be Chancellor C. S. Boucher, who will speak on "Alumni Organization;" John Ridell '20 of York, national president of the Nebraska alumni association, speaking on "Alumni Service;" and John Agee '10 of Lincoln, president of the university foundation.

Capitol Personalities



Journal and Star. JOHN CALLAN.

Senator John Callan occupies what is easily one of the most important positions in the senate, chairman of the appropriations committee. Serving his fourth term, the senator is Gage county's representative. He is a hardware and implement dealer in Odell.

Of the measures which he has introduced, Senator Callan considers L.B. 459 the most vital. The bill provides for tax exemption on gasoline used for farm (See CALLAN, page 4.)

Union inaugurates main dining room luncheon service

Latest development in the movement to extend the services of the Student Union building to all members of the university public became a reality this week, when the Union opened its main dining room on the second floor to students, faculty, alumni and their guests.

Formerly operated as a faculty dining room, the dining room will feature both hot and cold lunches with special Sunday dinners by reservation if there is enough demand.

Appointments, service and menu of the room will typify the type of main dining room an institution such as the Union should have. The room will be open to the public from 11:45 a. m. to 1 p. m., Mondays through Fridays, and for special private parties in the evening. The room will seat 151.

Continue parking plan

Officers will be on campus again today to direct diagonal parking on the west side of 12th street and on both sides of the "Quad."

These directors will help students acquaint themselves with the new diagonal parking system because funds are insufficient for the painting of lines.