

War Assembly Stresses Calmness During Crisis

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Union Holds Party

Yule Affair to Feature Free Refreshments

... Students Contribute Toys

Although not necessary for admission, students are asked to bring any broken toys they may have to the Union's annual Christmas party tonight at 8 in the ballroom. All coeds, including freshmen, who did not get down hours may stay out until 10:30 p. m.

Toys collected at the party will be given to the community toy shop for repairs and will be distributed to the poor. A prize will be awarded for the best toy contributed.

Presentation of the traditional yuletide play, Dickens' "Christmas Carol," and free refreshments will highlight the party. Members of the University Theatre are to appear in the play, which will be directed by Paul Bogen, and a double male quartet from the school of music will sing Christmas songs between acts under the direction of J. Dayton Smith.

Begins at 8.

"Christmas Carol" will begin promptly at 8 p. m. in the ballroom. Included in the cast are Robert Black as the miserly Scrooge; Darrell Peters as Bob Cratchitt, Scrooge's clerk; nine year old Paul Laase, son of Dr. L. Laase, speech department head, as Tiny Tim; and Romulo Solde-

villa as Fred Wayland, Scrooge's nephew.

The story will be given without break for scenery changes since all the sets required by the plot will be on the stage. Spotlights will shift the scene of action between the sets.

Following the play, the Union will serve cokes and brownies free (See PARTY, Page 2.)

Dean Bengtson Speaks for Ag Honors Day

Head of Junior Division Discusses Hemisphere Solidarity Tomorrow

Dean Nels Bengtson, head of the junior division office, will speak on "Problems of Hemisphere Solidarity Now" at the honors convocation of the college of agriculture



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DEAN BENGTON
... Gives Latin American Talk.

tomorrow at 11 a. m. in the college activities building on the ag campus.

"Sharp contrasts in natural environment embracing the extremes from the tropics to frigid areas is one of the problems that need (See HONORS DAY, Page 2.)

Committee Picks Soph Cabinet

Council Group Chooses Eight from 'Outstanding' Field of Candidates

Eight members of the newly organized sophomore class cabinet, chosen last night by a Student Council committee from a group of 29 candidates, are Bill Thornberg, Janice Cook, George Abbott, Bill McBride, Pat Catlin, Roland Findley, June Jamieson and Gertrude Lyon.

The names must be submitted to the Student Council for confirmation at its next meeting. Committee members expect routine approval from the entire body.

Burton Thiel, council president, emphasized the fine quality of the candidates declaring, "I hope that they will continue their interest in university affairs. Many of them would be quite valuable in the Nebraska Foundation plan which will soon be put in operation."

Eugene Reece, elected sophomore class president in the fall election, also served on the selection committee and said that plans for the class activities would get under way immediately.

Among the proposals submitted by the cabinet members include cooperation between affiliated and unaffiliated groups, ideas for a number of social functions and suggestions for the Nebraska Foundation plan.

Sophomores who filed and were not chosen will be asked to serve on committees that will be named after class organization has been completed, Reece said.

State Registers Nine Students As Pharmacists

Nine of the thirteen students in the college of pharmacy who took the state pharmacy examinations given here recently by the state Department of Health passed successfully, as announced Thursday by the bureau of examining boards.

The students who are now registered with the state as pharmacists are: William Murphy, Vernon, Lierk, Wayne Cooley, Ronald Taddiken, Thomas Cady, Virginia Lee Jorgenson, Charles O'Connor, Norris Simmonds, and David Quinton.

Army, Student, Uni Heads Talk

Approximately 4,000 students, faculty members and university employees gathered at the coliseum Wednesday morning to hear speakers representing the university, the army and the student body discuss the war crisis.

The crowd which filled every chair on the main floor and overflowed to the balcony was the largest assembly of students ever to meet for such an occasion, John K. Selleck, director of student activities, declared after the convocation.

Speakers emphasized that for most students it is advisable that they continue with their classwork until called upon by the government or until developments show that they can direct their efforts into more useful channels.

Speakers included Brig. Gen. Guy N. Henninger, state director of selective service; Chancellor C. S. Boucher; Dr. T. J. Thompson, dean of student affairs; Dean O. J. Ferguson of the engineering college and Burton Thiel, president of the Student Council.

"Before this long struggle is over there will be plenty of time for all of us to perform valuable service for the cause of American liberty and our way of life," declared General Henninger. "My opinion is that you should let the orderly operation of selective service take its course."

"The act may include women before the battle is won. Whenever the selective service local board under the established regulations calls an individual from this university to the colors, let him answer the call in all good graces."

Everyman has a job . . .

Pointing out that warfare today is a highly technical business, General Henninger said that "it is a prerequisite that every available man be placed in the spot where his training, abilities and aptitudes will perform for the greatest good."

"The OPM in Washington has established the fact that the nation is facing in the immediate future a serious shortage of doctors, engineers, chemists, pharmacists and veterinarians to such an extent that the national health, safety and interest may be jeopardized. If the dean of any of these colleges will certify that the student registrant is performing satisfactory work and has reasonable prospects of developing into a successful professional man, the local board will give the registrant deferment from time to time to pursue his degree."

Praises ROTC units . . .

General Henninger praised the university military department for "producing hundreds of excellent officers needed so badly at this time by the army. We have noted with a great deal of pride that the war department officers rate this department excellent at each annual federal inspection," he said.

Just as Hitler considers education incompatible with his system of government, the best guaranty of this nation against enslavement under any form of dictatorship is in the maintenance and development of public education, said Chancellor Boucher.

"The nazis wrecked the German universities even before they hurled their thunderbolts of war. Recently, however, they have become worried by the dearth of university men for many types of service and leadership. In England the universities have been encouraged to 'carry on' because the government realized how necessary they are as training agencies needed in warfare."

No student corps . . .

The chancellor said it is unlikely that the Student Army Training Corps of the last World war will be re-established on (See CONVO, Page 2.)

Same Rules Combat Stage Fright, Keep up War Morale

An expert on the psychology of anxiety, Dr. Irving J. Lee of the school of speech at Northwestern gave seven rules for maintaining wartime civilian morale.

The principles back of these rules have been applied to many cases of stage fright by Dr. Lee with amazing success. He has been working on such cases for a number of years.

"The position of many Americans today is analogous to that experienced in stage fright," he pointed out. "This situation, if permitted to continue might lead to a deterioration of civilian morale."

These points are listed in the Dec. 12 issue of

the Daily Northwestern as the points to be remembered by all civilians during the crisis:

"1. Center your attention on your task-at-hand and seek new ways of helping.

"2. Don't feel that the whole burden rests on you. Just do some thing, however small, and the net result will be great.

"3. Worrying about a situation dissipates your energy, leads to more worry, and saps your efficiency for necessary work.

"4. Don't expect too much. Prepare for bad news. It isn't the pain, but the surprise coming of the pain that hurts. Remember that the anti-

(See MORALE, Page 2.)

Laase Chooses Frosh Debate Squad at Long Cup Contest

For the first time at the university, a freshman debate squad will be chosen from the freshmen debaters who compete in the annual Long cup contest on January 13. Also for the first time in previous years, women are eligible for competition.

In making his announcement, Debate Coach Laase asked that all freshmen carrying 12 hours who are interested in competing for membership on the squad and for the Long award register with him before Christmas vacation, or not later than the week of January 1. Competitors may prepare either

an affirmative or a negative case on the question, "Resolved that after the close of the war, nations should form a new federation establishing the eight Roosevelt-Churchill principles."

Freshmen selected for the new debate squad will be given training in debating fundamentals and will have an intra-mural program on the same topic as that selected for the Long cup tourney, according to Professor Laase.

The Long trophy, originally donated by E. H. Long, is a rotating award given to the winner of the freshman debate. It was won last year by Bill Rist,