

The Summer Rag

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Scrap Irony

By Chris Petersen

The Mermaid Tavern.

It was a mawkish maudlin midnight and thin blue snakes of smoke twined lazily in the hazy glow. The lights of the room winked and leetered like the eyes of a Singapore woman. Shadows blotted out the walls, moved sinuously across the ceiling. From the narrow circle of our booth came the merry clink of glass and our voices, laughing, jeering, fought the shadows of the room.

Then we heard a woman singing as no woman sang before. Sweetly her voice rose, warm and thrilling, like the sunrise on the ocean. Then as soon, it sank and whispered like the motion of a wave. Now it stirred us, now it soothed us and at last hused to sing no more.

So thye sent me forth to stumble out that voice.

There in a twilight corner I found her. Her eyes were green like the sea, and her hair was a golden flame. Her lips were of the reddest coral and her cheeks were soft as rain. She was a mermaid! Her voice was tender as she spoke to me. "Will thou bear me company, kid?" "No," I said

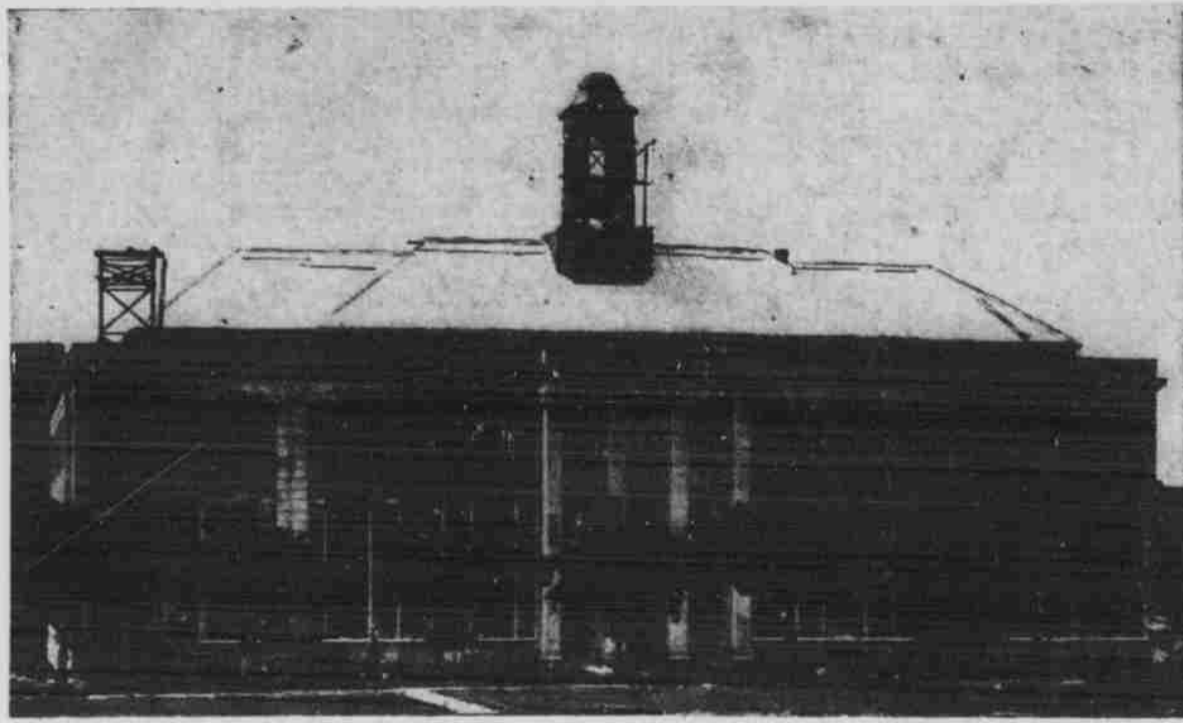
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Plans Call for Library's Completion by Next Fall



Courtesy Sunday Journal and Star.

Keeping closely to schedule, the new Love Memorial library is fast nearing completion as plans call for its finish by late summer. And fall students will be able to use the \$800,000 structure by the time classes start in September.

Evacuation for the building began a little over a year ago, on June 2, 1941, and already the building is dominating the section of the new campus, around 13th and S streets. The south side of the structure which faces downtown still presents an unfinished appearance because it is necessary to finish the pouring of the bookstacks before the stone exterior can go in place. This work will soon be

over, however, and a white stone facing will be erected.

But the main entrance, facing north, is well on its way to completion, and gives an imposing air to the central campus. When students enter this door next fall they will find a student lounge, reserve reading room, and an auditorium seating 300 on the first floor.

On the second floor is the main delivery desk, a social studies reading room, and a browsing room. The documents room is found on the third floor, and the reading rooms there are for science and technology and education. The fourth floor will provide seminar and private study

rooms, while the newspaper stock room will go to the basement.

Houses 750,000 Books.

Served by an elevator, eight levels of bookstacks will house 750,000 volumes, which will provide for future additions to the university's collection, but at the opening only about 250,000 will be moved into the library.

Total floor space in the library, including book stacks, is some 3½ acres. The library staff is hoping to get thru the immense job of moving from the old Library Hall into the Love Memorial library before classes begin in the fall.

and went back to the booth. The others were waiting.

"Well?" they asked and sighed. "She was just a lonesome woman," I replied. "You look," they choked with laughter, "like a man who has seen a mermaid." The words slid out ere I was aware.

We stole thought the trembling shadows. Smoke eddied in ghostly currents about the lamps. Like wraiths of moths. We peered into the dimmest, furthest booth and there she was! "You take the tail," they told me. We took her on our shoulders and carried her away, and dropped off the bridge into the swirling black water below. When we came back, the waiter asked us where we had been. We told him, "Maybe," he whispered, and his eyes grew round and dewy like two melon balls. "Maybe it wasn't a mermaid at all!"

We thought this funny, and we felt relieved. "Oh it wasn't a mermaid, it wasn't a mermaid, it wasn't a mermaid at all." "Wait," I cried, and skin on the back of my neck grew tingly, and the

Students Secure Part-time Work

Student employment services on the campus announced yesterday that a few part time jobs for cash wages and a few for board are open.

Women students should see Mrs. Westover in Ellen Smith hall, and men should call at the employment bureau, room 8, administration building.

light and shadows spun and swirled like sailors in a siren's mocking dance. "What," I cried. And the others grew silent and still. "What the hell did we throw in the river?"

With 13 stations scattered thru-out the state carrying the program, the University of Wisconsin band is in its fifth year of broadcasting concert music.

Alpha Tau Omega fraternity recently celebrated the 78th anniversary of its founding.

Susie Hoogasian, sophomore at Wayne university, has recorded 150 tales and other bits of folklore belonging to Armenia's past.

The civilian pilot training program at Iowa State college has been granted another unit of ten men for primary aviation training.

A recent survey reveals there are 14 honorary and recognition sororities in the United States.

Flying is now a required course at the U. S. military academy, West Point.

A University of Oregon "athletic honor roll" shows more than 100 former Webfoot athletes now in the armed service of their country.

Air Courses Have Limited Space Open

The University of Nebraska still has limited space for applicants for pilot training courses in certain fields, officials said Thursday. Principal among these is the advanced (secondary) training for army, open to those men who have had the primary course, but are ineligible to go directly into army aviation cadet training. The opportunities for such trainees lie in several fields, such as transport service, basic instructors, flexible gunnery, etc.

There are openings in the advanced course also for navy reservists who have had elementary training and wish to continue their flight training (either V-1, or V-5 enlistees).

This secondary course will be a full time program extending over a period of 8 weeks, and covering 240 hours of ground school and 40 hours of flying.

Two Programs.

For the beginners, there are two programs,—a full time, eight weeks session, and a part-time, 16 weeks session. The former is open to both army and navy men. The latter is for navy enlistees only.

There are no fees attached. The government pays the institution for conducting the course.

The university is seeking more applications for these classes, which will begin about July 1. These should be filed in person (or, if prompt, by mail) with Dean O. J. Ferguson, co-ordinator, Mechanical Engineering building, Room 203, University of Nebraska.

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