

### Society . . .

With approximately 15 minutes as a deadline, ye old society reporter will try and dash off the latest affairs and scandals, that is if the latter exist on our campus.

Saturday proved a most interesting evening in many a way for many a person. Vast flocks of popular feminine fatales with their dates were seen dancing. Among them Nina Scott with a lieutenant and movie celebrity whose name is anonymous. We do know he played the part of Micky Rooney's roommate in Girl Crazy. He proved to be entertainment for all. Couples seen within the campus providence were Jean Hazen, Tri-Delt, and Bill Flory, Kappa Sig; Mary Jean Fisher, Kappa with Pete Anderson, Phi Psi.

A novel and very new way insure a date was presented to Theta Corky York. Her date handed her the funds for the evening's entertainment because it seems that it slips thru his fingers to readily.

Welcome back to Lt. Jim Seltzer, Phi Psi and Lt. Mike Seltzer, ATO, who are in Lincoln while on leave.

The navy has taken over aat the Pi Phi house, or at least in the case of Mary Minnick who returned from Crete with a flashy new diamond.

It seems that candy passing is already in season with Jean Milton, Chi O and Frank Jarrold, ASTP and Delta Phi at Cornell, doing the honors.

Congratulations to Beverly Marcus, SDT, who is wearing the SAM pin of Lt. Bob Branson.

Flash, the first meeting of the Towne Club was featured by the passing of candy by Jean Albert and Bill Gilbert.

Recently Pi Phi Janet Sherwood removed the diamond from her left hand and returned it along with the SAE pin she wore to Norm Alverson of the Navy.

Rumor has it that latest interest of Ben MacDowell, Sig Ep, is Kappa Pledge Beverly Engdahl.

Kay Reese, Theta pledge, is really doing things up right by having a sandwich date with Dean Kratz, DU, and Bob Ackerman.

Incidentally, the Sig Eps should be congratulated on their serenading which occurred a week ago Wednesday night after sorority pledging. Also the Phi Delt's rate notice for their serenades Theta and Kappa way before Joe interrupted.

Lt. DeWayne Borne, former Phi Delt, left Lincoln Monday for parts unknown. Rems Heinie, another Phi Delt is in Lincoln.

Last but not least, greetings to Kit Carson, former Theta, who is

## Nebraska Farmers Provide Grains for Plastic Material

Nebraska farm crops are stepping into new fields, rubber, paper, plastics, and paint oils, according to a "progress report," made by the University of Nebraska Chemurgy project.

Safflower and castor beans will in the future, figure in the manufacture of paints, plastics and paper. The oil from castor beans tho as yet difficult to obtain, is described as valuable in the manufacture of paints, varnishes and leques. At the Tri-county experiment farm north of Holdrege, twenty acres of this crop have been grown under irrigation.

### Oil Worth 40c Pound

Safflower oil, also used in paints is worth about 14 cents per pound, and the irrigated safflower yields 600 to 800 pounds of oil per acre while the dry-land crop will make 200 to 500 pounds.

The Alliance Safflower Company in Box Butte county is harvesting 170 acres of safflower this fall. Most of the crop will be kept as seed for next year but a small percentage will be ground for livestock experiment feeding.

Chemical cellulose made from the stalks of either plant, joined with alcohol, yields two of the most important plastics, cellulose acetate and ethyl cellulose. The former is a familiar sight in fountain pens, button and acetate rayons while the latter is almost entirely going for war purposes.

### Study Plant Breeding

Thru the co-operation of the agronomy and chemurgy departments, Carl E. Claassen, agronomist, is directing a plant breeding studies to develop improved varieties of safflower and castor beans.

Nebraska straw, according to visiting the familiar haunts of Lincoln before taking the final steps of marriage Oct. 29.

Harry Miller, chemist is already being shipped east, mainly to Carthage, Indiana, to be made into paper. Straw makes good wrapping and boxing paper. This fact can soon be demonstrated in the chemurgy laboratory on the college of agriculture campus, where paper manufacturing equipment is now being installed.

When enough cellulose of safflower and castor beans is available, fine grade writing paper can be produced. Further research on the paper industry in the mid-west will be aimed at lowering the cost of production so that after the war the midwest will be able to compete with other areas in paper production.

### Alcohol from Grains

Alcohol, to be converted into butadiene, a compound of synthetic rubber, is manufactured from midwest grains at the Omaha plant. Fifty thousand gallons of this war necessary product are shipped east daily.

"Our Chemurgy research project and the efforts of its director, Dr. L. M. Christensen, are largely responsible for the presence of this important war plant in Nebraska," stated C. Y. Thompson, university regent and chairman of the Chemurgy executive committee.

### Outline Activities.

In the report, Chemurgy project activities were outlined as follows:

- 1. Co-operation with other uni-

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Any barb girl on the Ag campus who can meet these requirements should file at the Ag hall in Dean Burr's office before Friday.

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Gerrish M. Severson, chemist, now working for the Farm Crops Processing corporation, operators of the Omgha plant carried on this work jointly with Wisconsin and Iowa State.

2. The Chemurgy department conducted a special "mold bran pilot plant" operation for the office of production and development of WPE.

"Mold Bran" is a product that by substituting for barley malt in alcohol, reduces the cost.

3. K. H. Lewis had directed a project studies of "bacterial amylyase," which also aids in the production of alcohol.

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## Bulletin

### FRESHMAN CAPS.

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### TINY Y STAFF MEETS.

There will be a meeting of the "Tiny Y" staff and all others interested Wednesday at 4 o'clock in Ellen Smith hall.

### Ag College Meeting.

A meeting of all Agriculture college boys will be held Wednesday, Sept. 27, at 8:00 p. m. in 303 Ag Hall.

### Phi Chi Theta.

Phi Chi Theta meeting will be held Wednesday at 5 o'clock, room 316 of the Union.

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