

'Skin of Our Teeth' Opens To Enthusiastic Audience

BY STAFF MEMBER.

Overflowing with comedy, color and philosophy, and booked solid for three nights, "The Skin of Our Teeth" was acclaimed by an enthusiastic audience last night a roaring triumph.

Thornton Wilder's Pulitzer prize-winning play, a moral tale of man and his nature, was successfully put across by the novelty of the play and the excellent stagecraft which shielded from the totally absorbed audience the somewhat ragged acting.

Act II, the carnival scene, opening with an electric air of suppressed excitement rises in pitch and fervor to culminate in an exhilarating orgy of wild emotion, and was the act most enthusiastically received by the audience. The carnival scene is played with passion and abandonment, and the lightning, thunder, the crashing of ocean waves, screaming sirens and collapsing carnival exhibits combines with frenzied revelers to ring down the curtain to a crashing climax.

Zenith Reached.

Act I reaches its dramatic zenith at its close, when refugees, representing the arts and the sciences, huddle with the Antrobus (human) family about the last fire left in the world. When Sabina calls for ushers to pass up theater seats to keep the fire going, the lights dim to a dull, dark

blue, and the audience was gripped with intense emotion.

Drama reaches its acme in Act III when Don Kline encounters Avrum Bondarin in a powerful, intense scene of hunter and hunted. Bondarin's portrayal of Henry the Biblical Cain—is impassioned and sustained, perhaps the outstanding acting of the play.

Kline Acts Maturely.

Donald Kline plays Mr. Antrobus with vigor and mature interpretation, ranking near the performance of Mr. Bondarin. Kline's posture, gesture and vocal expression are realistic and at several places held the play together.

Probably the most difficult of the roles is that of Mrs. Antrobus, portrayed by Jean Kinnie.

Swanson Cast Well.

Arlis Swanson was admirably cast as Sabina, and the husky voice of Margaret Huff sketched vividly and effectively the role of the fortune teller.

Van Westover is amusing as the messenger boy, and Dewey Ganzel makes the most of the role of Fitzpatrick, the stage manager. The supporting cast play their parts well, yet impression was given that all the actors needed more rehearsal, and that the action could move more smoothly.

In The Skin of Our Teeth, the play's the thing.

Soviets State Demands

M. Lee Attends WAC Advisory Board Meeting

Miss Mabel Lee, director of physical education for women at the university, is attending a meeting of Gen. George C. Marshall's national civilian advisory committee for the WAC at Fort Des Moines Friday and Saturday. Miss Lee left the campus Thursday to meet Gen. C. H. Danielson, head of the Seventh service command, who is host to the group meeting in Fort Does Moines.

According to Miss Lee, the first meeting which she attended was held in September, 1944, in Washington, D. C. At this time, the group was organized into committees. Definite recommendations were made to the army by the civilian groups represented there. At this meeting in Fort Des Moines, the committees are to report and hear what progress has been made on these recommendations. Civilian reaction to WAC is one problem to be discussed.

Represent Outstanding Personnel.

Miss Lee further stated that the following outstanding army and civilian personnel will be represented there: National heads of Negro, Jewish, Catholic, Protestant girls; Genevieve Herrick, prominent newspaper woman and journalist; Dr. Lillian Gilbreth famous woman industrial engineer; Col. Oveta Hobby and other top ranking WAC officers. Lieutenant Colonel Wilson, who has come directly from overseas, is to report on the condition of the WAC as it is there.

Army experts want civilians to investigate the WAC and see if each group of WAC is giving good service and that their needs are being met, according to Miss Lee. Since the creation of the WAC, their jobs have increased from four to 250.

Move Toward Withdrawal From Peace Conference

Russia today threatened to withdraw from the university experimental peace conference unless her demands in regard to the Baltic states, Finland, Bessarabia, northern Bukovina and control of the Dardanelles are met.

The text of the statement issued by the Soviet Union is:

UNITED SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLIC.

Official.

United Soviet Socialist Republic will withdraw from the peace conference unless an approved agenda is made up in committee five. The question of the Baltic states, Finland, Bessarabia and northern Bukovina has been settled to the satisfaction of all directly involved. Consequently, there is no need for further discussion.

United Soviet Socialist Republic asks that the question concerning the control of the Dardanelles be opened.

(Signed) J. STALIN.

By representatives of the U.S.S.R. for the miniature peace conference.

The question of disposition of the Baltic states, Finland, Bess-

arabia and northern Bukovina was opened in the meeting of conference committee five Friday afternoon. Delegates of the Soviet Union stated that separate treaties with the Baltic states, Finland and Rumania have been signed and that these countries are now part of the Soviet Union.

Russia Calls Meeting.

A meeting of all speaking delegates representing Great Britain and the United States on peace conference committees has been requested by Russia. The meeting will be held from 1 p. m. to 3 p. m. Saturday in the faculty lounge at the Union.

Policies will be formulated concerning Russia's stand on certain questions. The Crimean declaration will be reiterated by Russia and additions will be made to that charter, according to the Russian delegation, late Thursday night.

Nine countries at the committee meeting approved of the Soviet Union's acquisition of the Baltic states but discussion of Bessarabia was postponed.

The question of control of the (See SOVIETS, page 2)

YWCA Invites University Coeds To Attend Tea

The annual YWCA tea, for all university women will be held Friday afternoon in Ellen Smith Hall from 3 until 5.

Miss Eleanor French, National Student YWCA secretary from the headquarters in New York, will be the guest of the Nebraska chapter for the day.

The tea, which will be informal, is in charge of Alice Abel, Mary Louise Weidman, and Myrlea Holler.

Dean John Clark Reviews Russian Theory, Policies

Dean John D. Clark gave a review of Russian foreign policy, Russian economic and political thought and the idealism which motivates Russian ideology, and also presented the sharp contrast between this idealism in theory and practice, in his lecture "Russia Looks Towards Nationalism," Wednesday, in sosh auditorium.

Dean Clark's lecture was a part of the university's series on "International Problems Ahead." Miss Emily Schosberger, university editor, will speak on "Austria and Italy: Testing Grounds of Future Europe" in the next lecture in the series to be held Feb. 21.

Political Science Class Hears Peterson Monday

Mr. C. Petrus Peterson, one of the writers of the state constitution and a member of Nebraska's first state legislature, is to speak to R. V. Shumate's Political Science 4 class, Monday.

Mr. Peterson will give high lights on Nebraska's Unicameral legislature, according to Mr. Shumate.

Prof. Wilson Receives First New Fellowship

Harold S. Wilson, assistant professor of English at the university, is the first recipient of a recently instituted fellowship for the faculty of the university. The fellowship was established by Franklin S. and Grinda M. Johnson to enable faculty members to continue their studies outside the university and thus better their scholarly and professional standing.

Professor Wilson, who will be on leave of absence for the academic year 1945-46, expects to leave soon after the summer school session to further his studies in the life education and reading of Gabriel Harvey, early university professor of Cambridge, contemporary of Spenser and Shakespeare.

Professor Wilson will go to Harvard University and Columbia University, besides continuing his research in the Folger Shakespeare library of Washington, D. C. and at the Chicago University. Professor Wilson has been engaged in studies on this subject during the last three years.

Valentine Royalty Highlights Frolic Tonight at 8:30

High point of the Ag Valentine frolic tonight will be the presentation of a King and Queen of Hearts. The party, sponsored by the Ag Executive Board will begin at 8:30 in the student activities building.

Candidates for king are Allen Klingman, Wilbur Bluhm, Berl Damkroeger, John Osley, and Dick Steffer. Candidates for queen are Sue Fishwood, Monica Ann Alberty, Lois Oppen, Ginny Bobbit, and Frances Jone Howell. A stage show will also be a part of the evening entertainment.

Bobbitt Presides Over Ag Council For Coming Year

Virginia Bobbitt has been elected the new president of the ag Student-Faculty Council, which co-ordinates student and faculty relations in the home economics department, according to Madeline Holtzschler, retiring president. Marolyn Hartsook is the new secretary.

Misses Mary Gutheris, Florence Smith and Bess Steele will be the faculty advisers. Pat Gillispie and Geraldine Gowan are new council members



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Teachers Meet To Plan Unity In Departments

A Teachers college meeting was held last Tuesday night to make plans for the organization of undergraduates into a group that would unite all different departments in teachers college.

The student's viewpoint was expressed by Jo Ann Witt. The professional opinion of the plan was presented by Dr. C. W. Scott and Dean F. E. Henzlik.

Members Favor Organization.

Members at the meeting were in favor of organizing an undergraduate association and a temporary chairman was appointed in addition to eight advisory members who will draw up the constitution and aims for the group which will be presented to the general group for acceptance at a later meeting.

The chairman of the committee is Lorene Novotny and representatives from the different classes are: Jeanne Rotton and Jo Ann Witt, seniors; Suzanne Pope and Mary Ann Mattoon, juniors; Clarice Marshall and Helen Laird, sophomores; and Mary Jo Schmale and Aubrey Knoll, freshmen.

Freshmen Vie For Long Cup In Debate Meet

To the outstanding freshman debator in the forthcoming junior varsity debate and discussion conference Feb. 16 and 17 will go the coveted Long cup, given annually to the Nebraska freshman making the best showing in debate.

Last year the cup was won by Bill Miller and the previous year it went to Don Patterson. Those freshmen and upperclassmen representing UN at the junior varsity conference will be Ardyth Smith, Gladys Grothe, Marthella Holcomb, Betty Jean Holcomb, Don Klein, Bob Wilkins, Bob Coonley, and Bill Roberts.

Attending the Rocky Mountain debate and discussion conference at Denver during the same weekend will be Betty Lou Horton and Maurine Evnen.

ROTC Symphony Band Gives First Concert Sunday

The university ROTC Symphonic band will present its first concert of the season Sunday afternoon at 3:00 in the coliseum. Band activities previous to this concert have included playing for football and basketball games, and with the AST units at the University.

Sponsored by J. P. Murphy, military commandant, the program will be:

- Overture in Spring Time Goldmark
- Seifried's Rhine Journey Wagner
- March Panormine Lentz
- Triplets of the Finest Henneberg
- The Four Freedoms Goldman
- Malaguena Lecnona
- Andalucia Lecnona
- Gavotte from Classical Symphonie
- Italian Polka Prokofieff
- Clarinet Polka Rachmanioff-Bennett
- Semper Fidelis Polish Folk Tune

Col. J. P. Murphy Gives Silver Star Posthumously

Col. J. P. Murphy, infantry commandant of the university, as representative of the commanding general, Seventh service command, will present the Silver Star medal to Mrs. Mary Forney, wife of Sgt. Forney of Falls City, at a ceremony sponsored by the War Mothers club on Feb. 20 in F.B.A. hall in Falls City. The Silver Star decoration, ranking next to the Legion of Merit, was awarded posthumously to Tech. Sgt. Forney.

'45 War Show Features New Songs, Talent

BY ANN CONVERSE

Three Original Songs! You did say three original songs for the 1945 War Show, didn't you, Lucy Ann? Talent is really floatin' at ole UN, according to Lucy Ann Hapeman, student director of the 1945 War Show as she raved about the three songs which have been written by two students on campus and one faculty member.

"That Night in December"—m-m-m- and sigh. And that's the way the song written and composed by Ginnie Eberly will affect all Nebraska coeds when they hear the low melodious voice of Russ Ledger sing it. It's positively out of this world! Ginnie's song is first on the list of the songs for the War Show, "Till Johnny Comes Marching Home."

Foster Writes Ballad.

Bob Foster's love ballad, "Indifferent to Me," makes one anything but indifferent as we can promise you when you hear it, especially when sung by "Petsey Baby" Anderson and accompanied by "tickler of the ivories" Bob Foster.

The fun fun number of the original songs is Mr. Donald Glattly's song, "I Don't Care." This is the attitude created when sung by Jim Yanney, as a G. I., with the chorus in this number.

Pictures of Experimental Peace Conference Groups Appear in National Publications Soon

Pictures of conference committee meetings of the experimental peace conference which will soon be released to national publications will be taken by the Visual Education department of the university Saturday afternoon in the committee meetings.

The visual education department will take the pictures between 3 and 5 p. m. Saturday. The pictures will be released when needed to newspapers in Nebraska, newspapers in large cities over the United States and national magazines. Barbara Stahl, member of the planning

committee, urges that attendance at these meetings be as great or greater than the splendid attendance at the first sessions of the conference committees.

Changes in rooms where committees will meet were necessary and the new rooms for meetings are:

- Committee No. 1: Music room, Union.
- Committee No. 2: Parlor X, Union.
- Committee No. 3: Parlor Y, Union.
- Committee No. 4: Room 316, Union.

- Committee No. 5: Room 313, Union.
- Committee No. 6: Faculty Lounge, Union.
- Committee No. 7: Parlor Z, Union.
- Committee No. 8: Card room, Union.
- Committee No. 9: Room 201, Temple.
- Committee No. 10: Room 203, Temple.
- Committee No. 11: Room 154, Temple.
- Committee No. 12: Room 205, Temple.