

Bored With Modern Nebraska? 3,000,000 B.C. Was Exciting!

So you think Nebraska is dull! You didn't live soon enough! The Nebraska of three or four million years ago might have pleased you more. Proof that things would have been more exciting then can be found any time on the second floor of Morrill hall, where many of the pre-historic fossils which have been uncovered in Nebraska are on display.

Since in Nebraska there are more fossil mammals to be found than in any other state, an abundant variety of fossils are displayed. The late director of the museum, Dr. E. H. Barbour, used to say about Nebraska, that you could "dig down anywhere and find an elephant fossil."

A Terror

Had you lived in this region several million years ago one of the terrors of your life might have been the giant Mosasaur. More than 25 feet long, the reptile once swam in the inland sea which covered Nebraska and Kansas. The Mosasaur lived in Jurassic and Cretaceous time, better known as the Age of Dinosaurs.

Though no dinosaurs are known to have lived in Nebraska, neighboring state Wyoming was once home to many "terrible reptiles." A cast of the head of a fossil Tyrannosaurus, the "King of Dinosaurs," is on display in the museum. Now being made ready for display is a 20-foot-long Stegosaurus, or "armored dinosaur." When completed it will be displayed in Founders Hall, west of Elephant Hall.

Grand-Dad Herring

Swimming in the sea at about the same time as the Mosasaur was the Porthus, a giant fossil fish which was found in Franklin county. This giant fish often grew to 15 feet or more, and was the great-great-etc.-granddad of modern salmon, herring and trout.

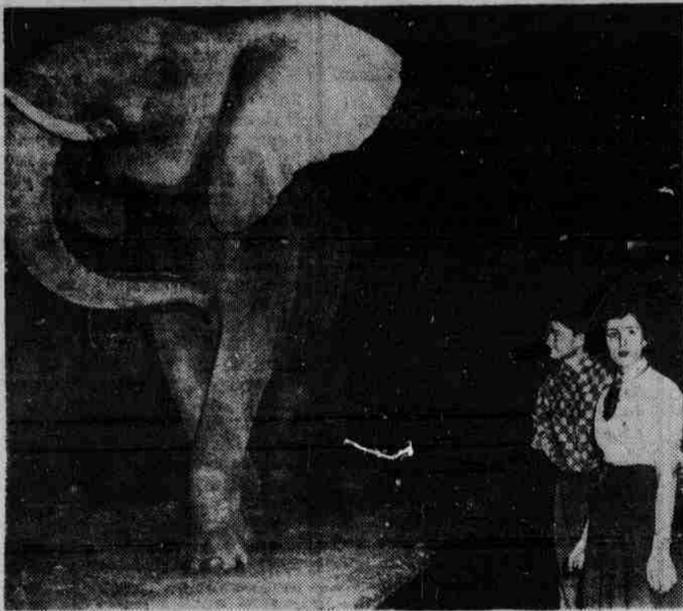
In the vicinity of Garden county, "Hortense" was once one of the bright lights. "Hortense" is the name given by some Morrill hall art students to the giant camel. Inhabiting Nebraska as recently as 900,000 years ago, "Hortense" was one of many camels in this part of the country. Other camel fossils found in Box Butte county indicate that the ancestors of the modern camels and llamas may have originated in Nebraska and Wyoming.

The little snapping mud turtles found near Nebraska streams today do not begin to compare with the turtles of the past. During the Age of Dinosaurs, turtles grew as long as 12 feet, and swam in the sea of Nebraska and Kansas. More recently, giant tortoises lived just before the beginning of the Ice Age, but were not quite as large as those of "Dinosaur" time.

Terrible Pig

Dinohyus is another interesting inhabitant of the museum. A giant hog, Dinohyus gets its name from the Greek words meaning "terrible pig." Discovered in Sioux county, this specimen is the largest yet found. The only other mounted specimen of Dinohyus is found in the Carnegie museum in Pittsburgh.

Perhaps the most famous fossil in the museum collection is the



THE NEW AND THE OLD—As well as having an outstanding collection of fossil remains on display, the University Morrill Hall museum also displays examples of modern animals. The two students shown above, Bill Dugan and Pat Beechan, examine one of the displays in Elephant hall. The modern Indian elephant shown above contrasts sharply with the fossil skeletons of mastadons mounted in the same room. The Nebraska museum houses the largest fossil mastadon ever found, and the display has received nation-wide attention.

elephant from Lincoln county. It is the largest fossil elephant on record, and has attracted nation-wide attention and publicity. Also to be found in Elephant hall is more proof that Nebraska was far from dull a million or so years ago. The scoop-tusker elephant from Cherry county, the shovel-tusk from Frontier county and the long-jawed elephant from Brown county all prove that elephants were once predominate in Nebraska.

These are only a few of the fascinating examples of former Nebraska life. Equally interesting are the specimens of primitive beavers, no more than a foot long; the display of big game which could once be found in Nebraska; and the Devils Cork-screws, strange objects believed to have been the homes of small beaver.

Theater . . .

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win decides to go back to his work with the greeting card company, but with the promise that he would continue giving Patsy, Frankie and Charlie the daily dope on the horses.

The Cast

The cast is as follows: Audrey Trowbridge, Christine Phillips; Clarence Dobbins, Jack Weststrand; Harry, Bill Klamm; Mabel, Joan Spiedel; Moses, Dick Miller; Gloria, Mary Lou Thompson; hotel maid, Arlow Radar; Mr. Carver, Ralph Humkins.

The play is to be presented in arena theatre style in which the stage is in the center of the audience with inclined seats built out from all four sides of the stage. This method of presentation is fairly unique to University theatre patrons

Help for African Students Planned

A plan to help Africa develop its resources by assistance to promising young African students was announced today by the Institute of International Education. Emphasis will be placed on study in agriculture, engineering, education, and social sciences—fields which will make the greatest contribution to the development of the African countries.

By the establishment on July 1 of the new Africa Division, made possible by three-year grants from the Carnegie Corporation of New

Sheldon Will To Provide NU Art Gallery

An art gallery—to house a collection of painting, sculpture and other works of art owned by the University of Nebraska Art Association—will be realized through the provisions of the will of Frances Sheldon, who died June 28.

The University was named beneficiary of the entire trust estate of Miss Sheldon, who was a patron of the arts. Upon termination of the trust, the entire trust estate and the accumulated income shall be paid to the Board of Regents of the University for the building of a gallery.

Miss Sheldon provided in her will that a room, luxuriously furnished for board meetings of the trustees and social gatherings of the Nebraska Art association should be a part of the gallery on the University campus. In it are to hang her paintings purchased from the Nebraska Art association.

A. B. Sheldon of Lexington was named trustee of the estate and executor of the will.

As trustee he is instructed to add accumulated income to the trust and paid to the Board of Regents of the University upon termination of the trust.

Miss Sheldon was the daughter of the late George Sheldon of Lincoln, who when he died left an estate of \$524,516, according to records in the county court. Miss Sheldon and her brother were the only beneficiaries of that estate.

York and the Phelps-Stokes Fund the services to the 555 African students now in the United States will be greatly expanded.

The work will be under Miss Alice Dodds, who has been appointed head of the new division, and Thomas E. Brooks, acting as her assistant. Working closely with the Committee on African students in North America, they will help African students with such matters as immigration problems, proper placement in schools, appropriate courses of study, and personal adjustment.

Two Business Graduates Win Recognition

Two June graduates of the University Business Administration College have won awards for high scholarship achieved during their college years, Dean Earl Fullbrook announced Monday.

Fred J. Schindel, Lincoln, who received his degree with distinction, has been awarded a Miller and Paine Business Research Fellowship for the 1950-51 school



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year. The award has cash value of \$375. It is made upon the basis of an outstanding scholastic and citizenship record and a demonstrated capacity to benefit from advanced study.

David C. Myers of Weeping Water has been awarded the Wall Street Journal Achievement Award which is made annually by the publication to a number of leading colleges of business administration. Recipients are graduating seniors who have high interest in business finance. The award consists of a silver medal and a year's subscription to the Wall Street Journal.

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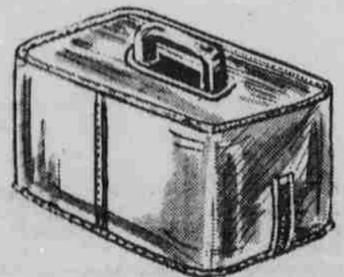
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