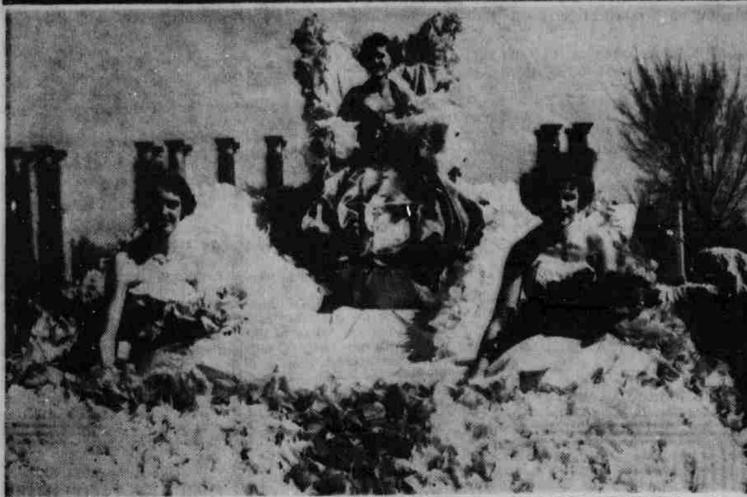


### College Days Floats . . .



**PARADE BEAUTIES** — Pictured from top to bottom are FarmHouse, Sigma Chi and Gamma Phi Beta floats. The FarmHouse float shows five phases of college life. It won first in the Ag division. Sweetheart of Sigma Chi Ramona Van Wyngarden and attendants, Dorothy Elliott and Jo O'Brien, rode on the Sigma Chi float which won honorable mention. The Gamma Beta float, first in women's division, featured "In the college whirl is a Gamma Phi girl."



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### 'Big Sisters' Plan Picnic At Ag May 10

Coed Counselors will hold their annual spring picnic on Ag campus, Thursday, May 10, starting at 5 p.m.

Mary Hubka, president of the organization, said that the picnic will conclude Coed Counselor's activities this year and provide a get together for this year's Coed Counselors and those selected this spring.

On the picnic agenda will be tours of Ag campus, a softball game and group singing, after which the coeds will retire to the lower Ag campus park for a picnic.

Tickets for the picnic are ten cents and may be purchased from any Coed Counselor board member. The tickets include transportation to and from the Ag campus and the evening meal.

Coeds planning to attend the picnic should be at Ellen Smith hall at 5 p.m. Girls who can furnish transportation and those who cannot leave at 5 p.m. should contact Jean Loudon, 4-3021.

#### Theta Sigma Phi

##### To Honor New Pledges

Theta Sigma Phi, honorary journalism fraternity for women, will have its traditional Ivy Day breakfast Saturday at 7 a.m. The breakfast to honor the new pledges will be held at Ellen Smith hall.

The women chosen by Theta Sigma Phi will be notified Saturday morning before the breakfast. The names of the pledges will be announced by the Ivy Day toast.

### Nebraska's Top Retail Counties, City Named

Hastings was the top city, and Grant and Hooker the top counties, on the Nebraska retail sales map in March, the University business Administration college reported.

Dr. Edgar Z. Palmer, head of the college business research department, said Hastings led eight reporting cities with a 27.2 per cent gain in sales over March, 1950 and 28.5 per cent gain over February. The average of the reporting cities for both comparisons was 10 per cent increase.

Grant and Hooker, reporting jointly, reported a sharp 72.2 per cent retail sales gain in March over the same month a year ago, and 25.9 per cent above February, 1951.

The complete list of cities reporting March retail sales:

City	% Above or Below Mar., '50	% Above or Below Feb., '51
Omaha	3.7	2.8
Lincoln	11.3	14.3
Grand Island	8.0	9.2
Scottsbluff	5.7	17.3
McCook	19.7	18.7
Nebraska City	5.3	8.8
Hastings	27.2	28.5
Fremont	17.1	22.6

The complete list of counties reporting March retail sales (Dodge county does not include Fremont):

County	% Above or Below Mar., '50	% Above or Below Feb., '51
Antelope	22.1	1.2
Cass	-4.0	17.6
Chase	22.4	10.9
Cherry	55.2	24.0
Dawes	6.6	10.8
Dodge	11.5	-4.1
Franklin	25.1	12.0
Grant	72.2	25.9
Kimball	15.3	17.8
Pawnee	20.1	42.2
Thayer	24.3	2.4
Valley	27.1	29.3
Other counties	21.6	18.1

### Seventeen Named To Pi Mu Epsilon

Seventeen students were elected to membership recently in Pi Mu Epsilon, honorary mathematics fraternity.

Each student, in pledging to the honorary, promises to give his best effort to improving his scholarship in all studies and research work and especially in mathematics.

Distinction in the study of mathematics and completion of courses involving integral and differential calculus are the prerequisites for membership.

New members are: John Robert Anderson, Fay Bowerman, Richard Cutts, Willard Gaedert, Marvin Greenstein, Charles A. Harvey, Jeon H. Herman, Myron J. Holm, James E. Koller, Cheng-Chuan Lin, Norman Line, Don Jerome Nelson, James A. Nelson, Victor Utzoff, Daniel Weitzel, Norman Dale Williams and Kellogg Wilson.

#### Main Features Start

State: "Only the Valiant," 1:17, 3:18, 5:19, 7:20, 9:23.

Varsity: "The Thing," 1:33, 3:33, 5:33, 7:33, 9:34.

Husker: "They Live By Night," 2:21, 5:21, 8:21. "Night Raiders of Montana," 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00.

### Know Your University . . .

#### Department Serves NU On 'Inside'

While campus upkeep takes care of repairs on the campus grounds proper, the maintenance and repair department keeps things running smoothly inside the buildings. One of its important duties is to keep electric circuits in good working order.

One of the most essential subdivisions of building and grounds, but probably the one least noticed by the students is that of utilities. However, they would certainly notice it if their classrooms were without heat or light some dark winter morning. Other utilities include air conditioning and hot water for showers in the physical education departments.

#### Job Pool

The parasite of the department of buildings and grounds is the revolving department. It lives off the needs of the other eight departments. It is composed of the job pool, which keeps a flock of skilled and unskilled laborers on hand for use in other departments; the auto shop, which repairs the vehicles used in other subdivisions; and the auto rental pool, an accessory for use in business for the University. Anyone who is a member of the faculty or is a student at the University can rent one of these automobiles for business purposes and may drive it to any spot in the country, if it needs be.

Having been started only a short time ago, this car rental pool began with one Buick. Now it has a host of vehicles to facilitate business and class projects for those affiliated with the University. A nominal rate is charged per mile.

Even though the department of buildings and grounds performs



(Courtesy of Journal-Star)

**AUTO RENTAL POOL**—This mechanic, another of the many employees in the vast organization of the department of building and grounds, is repairing one of the many cars in the auto rental pool, a service which has been set up for exclusive use in business trips for the University.

A good many useful services, it receives its share of "boners" too.

**Elephant Bones**  
Fowler remembers the time, during the rush and uproar of a game day, that one faculty member called him. The man wanted to know what he should do with the elephant bones in the basement of one of the old buildings that was being torn down at 15th and U streets.

"I thought he was kidding," said Fowler. "However, he seemed quite sincere. Even so, I didn't know anything about it." Among the more routine type are those from people who are

locked out of buildings on campus, from house mothers and from people reporting a break-in.

Despite all these things, the department of buildings and grounds, not missed when it's there but missed when it's not on the job, performs a Heinz "57 Varieties" of tasks which, although necessary for student-faculty operations, are sometimes taken for granted.

Indeed, this wheel, with its nine subdivisions as cogs, is one of the most important in the campus machinery when it comes to cushioning the bumps for both student and faculty members.

### Amidst Pompous Ceremony, Poor Ivy Grew Silently in Mud, Flower Pots, Confusion

By Amy Palmer

Ivy Day, University of Nebraska's oldest tradition, has a long history with a slow beginning.

It all began some 54 years ago in 1898 when they called it Senior Class Days and only those so honored were allowed to attend. That first year the ivy was planted accompanied by many long and tiring speeches. In the confusion everyone forgot where they planted the ivy and that alone remains a secret.

By 1901 the idea had become accepted and the name was changed to Ivy Day. That year also saw a lot of changes.

There was the presentation of the class orator, poet and gift from the senior class. In a dramatic ceremony, the president of the senior class turned over the ivy trowel to the junior class proxy.

#### First Tapping

In 1903 another addition came as the tradition became more firmly entrenched. The Innocents had their first tapping and a May pole dance was innovated. However, this did not survive.

By 1905 the Mortar Boards had started tapping prospective members. In that year a Schilling Linden tree was planted in honor of the German poet. This tree is still on campus and is near the spot where the ceremonies are now held.

The ivy chain was first carried in 1910 by 50 girls who wandered around campus. They were put to a better use in 1912 when the first Ivy Day queen was crowned. She made a dramatic entrance riding in a poppy-covered rickshaw donated by William Jennings Bryan. It was pulled by the Mortar Boards. To entertain the new royalty there was a quartet and baseball game.

#### Service Flag

A service flag with stars representing University boys in service was presented during the ceremonies in 1918. Ivy from the Doughboys in France was planted both then and the next year. The Lord of May was presented the year the war was over, but this too was voted down. It embarrassed the boys.

During the '20's all of the sing-

ing and other details which are so well known now were added, including the Gothic arch throne.

The height of pomp and pageantry was reached in 1936 when the queen followed her royal court down a satin carpet. She was attired in a white silk net dress with a 12 foot train. The high Medici collar covered her short hair, in style today.

#### Jeweled Crown

A jeweled crown was given in 1938. It was then that all festivities were combined into one. Many visitors crowded the campus for Farmers' Fair, Engineers Week and the grand opening of the new Union. The poem that year was later described as "a dilly" and started:

"The simon rods were heavy to my feet,  
A vivid sky hung full of darkest fear,  
Of fainting hopes—dimly, remotely dear,  
But in the air your joyous songs were sweet."

By 1942 another war was disrupting things and the Daily Nebraskan commented rather cynically, "With this year's mess, the

Mortar Boards might have chosen 13 freshmen." Uniforms were the order of the day as everyone struggled through the state's well known mud.

Not until 1945 was another Ivy Day held. There was great cause for celebration that day as it was announced that Germany had unconditionally surrendered.

#### 'The Ivy Pot'

Innocent alums were present to add color to the ceremony, but no new members were chosen until 1947. The event had to be held in the Coliseum because of a labor shortage. There the ivy was planted in a flower pot. Previously it had been placed near one of the buildings to grow up the walls. But a rather scastastic article in the newspaper stopped that. The feature suggested that the ivy was so thick, that once it was removed, the tottering structures would fall down.

To welcome back the Innocents in 1947, the "Rag" started its racing form with odds about the hopefuls.

### Ag Scientists Begin Spring Planting for Testing Projects

Farmers who didn't plant oats because of unfavorable conditions this year will probably get some measure of the yield they would have received by keeping tabs on the University's outstate testing projects.

August Dreier, in charge of the institution's project, said all of the oats and barley test plots have been planted, with the exception of the northeastern Nebraska. Most of the small grain plots east of Custer county were planted last week.

The outstate testing project is designed for getting data on various crops to find their adaptation to areas in the state—in a wide range of soil and climatic conditions. A total of 62 variety tests will be made this year, according to Mr. Dreier. They will include old and new varieties of winter wheat, winter barley, rye, spring wheat, oats, spring barley, hybrid corn, safflower, soybeans, alfalfa and grain sorghum. They

are being made in 37 counties. Included in the outstate testing project this year are two new varieties of oats, not yet named, and two new barley varieties—Otis and Titan, which now are classed as "acceptable" for planting.

Many fertilizer tests also are in the making this year. They include experiments on winter wheat, spring wheat, oats, corn and native meadow. Mr. Dreier said the project this year is stressing the use of nitrogen fertilizers other than ammonium nitrate because of the shortage of the latter. There are three different tests, for example, using anhydrous ammonia—a liquid nitrate fertilizer.

The application of phosphate fertilizers on native meadows is being tried in three locations this year—Morrill, Logan and Lincoln counties. One test includes the seeding of legumes in the meadow and the application of phosphate, nitrogen and potash.

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