

Opportunity ...

Historical Society Exhibits Include Bill Hickok's Rifle



By SAM JENSEN

Editor's note: This is the first in a series of articles in *The Summer Nebraskan's Opportunity* series. Featured topics will concern opportunities for education and recreation that exist outside of the classroom, but are still readily accessible to summer students.

Inscribed on the portals of the State Historical Society Building are these words: "The spirit of a people lives in its history. Here open to all is the history of this people."

And Nebraska's history includes Indians and Wild Bill (known in Nebraska as Duck Bill) Hickok; it includes William Jennings Bryan and Peter Sarpy. Nebraska history has a special place for the early tiller of the soil—the pioneer.

There are the records of primitive Indian civilizations and the beginnings at Bellevue and the life on the Missouri and its early trading posts. These things and many others can be found within the halls of Nebraska's State Historical Society Building which faces the Capitol on 15th street.

The building, dedicated in September of 1953, contains, among other things, 40,000 books dealing with the state's history, 35,000 bound volumes of Nebraska newspapers and 55,000 photos of Nebraska scenes, not to mention the scalp shirt of Crazy Horse who led the attacks at the Little Big Horn.

The first floor of the building contains interesting displays, dioramas and articles that trace Nebraska's history from 2,000 years ago to the present. The state's first piano can be seen in a display that utilizes logs cut down for a cabin in 1823. A scale model of University Hall, one of the University's main buildings for over half a decade, is shown with great authenticity.

A new exhibit, now in the process of being mounted, concerns the making of one of the West's greatest gunmen, Wild Bill Hickok. The display is built around the rifle which Hickok used to shoot down a man named McCandless in southern Nebraska in 1861. A diorama shows McCandless entering the trading post where Hickok was a stable hand. Hickok is hiding behind a blanket hung on a line across the room and has the rifle leveled at McCandless.

This killing started Hickok on his career which made him a legend throughout the old West and a subject of contemporary historical fiction.

A special exhibit is displayed on the second floor of the build-

ing. It features settings of domestic scenes in early Nebraska homes and includes an authentic display of the interior of a sod house.

Although the Historical Society Building is located on campus, the grounds belong to the Society. Dr. James Olson, Director of the Historical Society, has said concerning the location of the building, "It was placed on the campus to provide succeeding generations of young Nebraskans a link with Nebraska's past."

Students Needed For RC Activities

"Students are needed to work in the Red Cross summer activities program," Marilyn McHargue, RC summer activities director, announced. The scheduled program includes visits to the Veteran's Hospital, Orthopedic Hospital, homes for the aged and orphanages.

This program is a continuation of the regular Red Cross College Unit activities, Miss McHargue said. Approximately 50 students are needed for a successful program, she added. All students interested in community service through the Red Cross should contact Miss McHargue at 5-2961 this week.

First In Sport Reel Series Today

Short movies, "Democracy of Baseball" and "Umpire in Baseball," will be shown Thursday as the first in a series of Sports Reels held in the Union Main Lounge during the noon hour.

The series is sponsored jointly by the department of physical education for men and the Union.

"From Tee to Green" and "Golf Mistakes" will be shown June 30.

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No experience is necessary, Jensen said, and there is no minimum amount of time that a person must work. Persons with any sort of journalistic interest will be welcome, he said.

Fowler Review Set Monday In Book Nook

"Minutes of the Last Meeting" by Gene Fowler will be reviewed by Twila Walker, continuity writer for KOLN-TV, at 4 p.m. Monday in the Union Book Nook.

The book is a biography of Sackichi Hartmann and his associations with John Barrymore, W. C. Fields, and John Decker, who, as Fowler put it, "lived intensely, as do children and poets and jaguars." It is a memoir of a group of friends "whose love for life and whose capacity for humor and irresponsibility were equaled by their talent, courage and inexhaustible genius for friendship."

Gene Fowler, one of America's most beloved newspapermen, also wrote such best-sellers as "Schnozzola," a biography of Jimmy Durante and "Good Night, Sweet Prince," a biography of John Barrymore.

Miss Walker was women's program director of KOLN and is known for her program "Around the Town with Twee." She has given many performances in the Community Playhouse and Hayloft productions. Her interest in the theater is responsible for her selection of Gene Fowler's biography of theater personalities for a book review.

Refreshments will be served. The Book Nook is located to the left of the Crib.

The pedestrian record reflected for the fourth consecutive year an improvement for motor vehicle accidents in 1954.

Inside World

Summer Events

Pi Lambda Theta

Pi Lambda Theta, Teachers College honorary, will hold a luncheon on Wednesday in Ellen Smith Hall at 12 noon.

Tickets for the luncheon are 60 cents. Reservations must be made by Monday noon at Dr. Dudley Ashton's office in Grant Memorial Hall.

Swimming

Recreational swimming for men will be held daily at 3 p.m. in the Coliseum pool, the men's physical education department has announced.

To participate, students must obtain swimming permits from Student Health and also wear a rubber swim cap while swimming.

Tennis

Tennis courts will be open in the evenings for play Monday through Friday, according to the men's physical education department.

Floodlights will be turned on.

Lutheran Service

Summer worship services will be held at 9 a.m. at the University Lutheran Chapel (Missouri Synod), 15th and Q Sts., Sunday, according to the Rev. Alvin J. Norden, pastor.

A special invitation is extended to all summer students and All-Staters, Rev. Norden said.

Union Movie

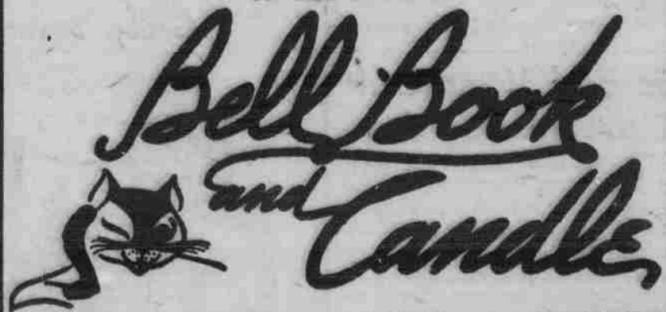
The musical biography of March King John Philip Sousa, "Stars and Stripes Forever," will be shown in the Union Ballroom Sunday at 7:30 p.m. The technicolor musical, starring Clifton Webb, Debra Paget, Robert Wagner and Ruth Hussey, is shown free of charge.

Jokers ...

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