

Nebraskans' Composition Selected As U.S. Entry

A choral and orchestra composition, composed and performed by University of Nebraska personnel, has been selected as one of two U.S. radio entries for the Italia Prize, an international radio and TV program competition to be held in September in Sorrento, Italy.

The Broadcasting Foundation of America informed Lincoln Station KFMQ, who submitted the entry, that "Elegy for a Dead Soldier" was chosen to represent the U.S.A.

The composition was composed by Robert Beadell, 34-year-old assistant professor of music. The text is the Pulitzer-Prize winning poem, written by Karl Shapiro, professor of English at the University.

Professor Beadell composed the work originally for performance by the University music department before the regional meeting of the Music Educators National Conference, held in Omaha in 1957.

The piece was also performed later at the University's Lincoln campus by the University Singers and Orchestra, with Prof. Leon Lishner as bass soloist. The Lincoln performance was recorded and later presented by Station KFMQ to its listeners.

Prof. Emanuel Wishnow, chairman of the music department, made the original suggestion that the poem would



Shapiro Beadell

be an excellent text for a composition.

The Italia Prize consists of a cash award varying from \$2,000 to \$6,000 for the best 1959 radio program of a musical composition with words. The U.S. is represented by the Broadcasting Foundation of America, which acts as the coordinating agency to receive and process entries from American radio and television stations.

Twenty-two countries will be represented in the 1959 international competition.

The composer of the U.S. entry, Professor Beadell, joined the University faculty in 1954, and since that time has written numerous pieces for performance on the University campus. He is now in

the process of writing an opera. Earlier this year, he was one of a few young American composers selected to spend two weeks with the New York City Opera Company to observe rehearsals of the company.

Professor Shapiro has been a member of the University faculty since 1956. During his army service, 1941-45, he wrote "V-Letter and Other Poems," which brought him the Pulitzer prize. He is the author of 10 books, the most recent of which is "Poems of a Jew."

Grad Returns From Job In Afghanistan

A 1950 graduate of the University of Nebraska School of Journalism returned to campus this week on the last leg of a trip around the world. Peter Bielak, a native of Connecticut, has served Assistant Information officer for the U.S. Information Service in Afghanistan.

He is in the United States on a 30 day leave after which he will go to the Information Service Department in Ethiopia.

Bielak said that their greatest job in Afghanistan was countering the propaganda put out by the Soviet Union and Red China, both bordering countries. To do this, he explained, they showed films, prepared exhibits and put out a daily news bulletin among other things. In addition they maintained a very extensive library.

He explained that although he had no real trouble with the Communists, there was constant U.S.-Russian competition over telling and showing the latest developments in their home countries. Bielak said that in spite of this, Afghanistan had been able to keep her neutrality.

Visiting Professor Educator Stresses Good Pay

"If we are to have the best kind of teachers in our schools it is extremely important that we continue in our attempts to raise their salaries," states Professor Lucille Lindberg, visiting professor from Queens College in Flushing, N.Y.

"It is also very important that teachers of elementary education have at least four years of college education and I'm very glad to see the progress Nebraska is making in this direction," she noted.

"Elementary education is my specialty," states Miss Lindberg who is also vice-president of the Association for Childhood Education International, a member of the board of directors of the National Kindergarten Assoc., and a member of the education board of Childhood Education magazine.

"The way in which a child starts, makes a big difference in later life," she noted.

"There is a great deal of talk these days about children not reading and writing as well as they used to," she said, "on the contrary, records show that children throughout the country are doing much better than children of 20 years ago."

"I am very much impressed with the extra curricular program offered summer students by the University of Nebraska," professor Lindberg noted, "you'd have to go a long way to find a better one."

"I urge all my students to take advantage of these activities, for I feel that they are a wonderful way to broaden ourselves culturally," she added.

Music School Given Grant

The University of Nebraska's music department has received a \$2,000 grant from a former music student to be used to aid music education, Prof. Emanuel Wishnow, chairman, announced today.

The former student is Curtiss C. Grove, a member of the University School of Music class of 1919 and vice president of Chase Manhattan Bank, New York. In accordance with its fund program, the Chase Bank matched Mr. Grove's gift of \$1,000 making the total grant \$2,000.

The grant can be used as the department sees fit, Professor Wishnow said. He added that the money probably would be used to aid outstanding students who are in financial need.

He said this is one of three recent gifts which are intended to aid in support of the University's music education program.

University Receives Money To Hold Guidance Institute

The head of the University of Nebraska's department of education psychology and measurements announced last week that the University has been granted \$116,863 to conduct an eight-state counseling and guidance training institute next year.

Dr. Charles O. Neidt, speaking before the University's two-day All-Teachers College conference, said the institute, to be held Febr. 1 to June 3, 1960, is one of six of its type to be conducted in the nation.

Money for the program, which must yet be formally accepted by the Board of Regents, was granted under the National Defense Education Act of 1958.

Dr. Neidt, who will direct the program, explained that approximately 45 persons will be selected from Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wyoming to participate. Each, he said, will receive stipends of \$75 a week plus allowance of \$15 a week for each dependent.

"The general purpose of the Institute is to improve the qualifications of school counselors for providing guidance to secondary school students who are capable of profiting from advanced education," he said.

Among the specific aims of the Institute, he outlined, were:

- Assembling and evaluating pertinent personal information regarding students.
- Employing appropriate

techniques for counseling individual students.

-Conducting conferences with parents and professional personnel.

-Developing educational and vocational plans for college-bound, secondary school students.

-Evaluating the effectiveness of counseling experiences.

Dr. Neidt said that to be considered for enrollment in the Institute each teacher must show that he will be employed at least half time as a school counselor for the academic year of 1960-61.

A total of seven institute seminars and courses will be taught by University professors.

College YW Names Exec.

Miss Jacklyn Wilkes of Portland, Ore., will be the new executive secretary of the University of Nebraska YWCA, beginning in September, it was announced today.

Miss Wilkes has been on the staff of Bethany Episcopal Home in Glendale, O. She is former assistant program director and camp director of the Portland, Ore., YWCA.

In 1953, she received her Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Oregon, where she was president of the YWCA and active in regional YWCA activities.

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