

EAST CAMPUS



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William T. Esry Shepherd retires

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Without cane or a sheepdog, William T. Esry has guarded the University sheepflock for 42 years.

Esry, who has been the University's shepherd since November 1, 1926, will retire April 1.

Wearing overalls and a friendly smile, Esry has been a familiar figure working in the East Campus Sheep Barn.

He has observed many changes in the University's structure. "There has been an increase in the size and number of everything — animals as well as students." The sheepflock has increased from 100 to 400 sheep, he added.

He also observed changes in the livestock breeds. Sheep have changed from a smaller animal with excessive fat to the present day leaner animal with a more desirable carcass.

Ted Doane, professor of Animal Science, called Esry "an excellent manager of livestock."

An interesting coincidence, Doane commented, is that when Bill first came to the University and that when he retired, there was no sheep barn on East Campus.

Esry came to the University when the old sheep barn was

first moved on the campus and this year the sheep were moved to the field laboratory at Mead.

Although his job usually meant working a normal eight hour day, Esry admitted "there were some days when it was a 24-hour-a-day job."

M. A. Alexander, retired University Extension sheepman, said Esry was one of the most loyal employees during the depression. "When officials were considering closing the University, Esry worked for almost no salary and at great personal sacrifice to keep the University program going," Alexander recalled.

Alexander also pointed out that Esry was instrumental in the creation of the Nebraska Registered Sheep Breeders Show and Sale which has been held annually since 1937.

B & B begins all-year effort

The Block and Bridle Club has offered to be more than Christmas-time Santa's helpers.

"If club members want to help people, to make a personal sacrifice, it should be a year around project," said Ed Klima, chairman of the club's community service committee.

Distribution in the Clinton area of approximately 200 flyers explaining garbage and refuse treatment was the latest club effort.

The community service committee was created before Christmas, 1969. In January, Klima offered to the Home and Neighborhood Development

(HAND) office and Lincoln Action Program volunteers for service projects.

HAND, composed of concerned residents of the Clinton area, is leading the fight "to build up and clean up their area," he said.

The Clinton area includes 27th to 33rd Streets and Leighton Avenue to Holdrege Street.

The area is not in worse condition than other areas in Lincoln, but these residents want to draw attention to problems that city officials or others fail to notice, he added.

The Block and Bridle Club

earlier helped HAND circulate petitions which asked for playground equipment for Peter Pan and Pentzer Parks, both located in the area. The petitions also asked the Lincoln Park Board for swimming and wading pools.

Klima noted that Block and Bridle's efforts netted about two-thirds of the signatures presented to the board.

"In the future Block and Bridle will continue to work with HAND and the Lincoln Action Program," Klima said.

Ag society gives annual award

The Nebraska Chapter of Gamma Sigma Delta, the Honor Society of Agriculture, presented its annual \$100 sophomore scholarship award to Thomas Downer, of Bartley, at the recent annual scholarship dinner.

Downer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Downer, was presented the award for attaining the highest scholastic average after four semesters in agriculture.

Thirty-three sophomore and twenty-nine junior Agriculture students with a scholastic average in the top 10 per cent of their classes were also honored at the dinner.

Arff wins \$300 award

The Midwest Retail Farm Equipment Association has awarded scholarships to a University of Nebraska agricultural engineering student.

The award of \$300 went to Duane Arff of Gretna, NU student. The scholarship is offered to winners of an annual contest held in conjunction with the

Triumph of Agriculture Exposition, which concluded recently.

Contestants are required to submit models or blueprint drawings of new ideas in farm equipment or improvement of existing equipment. Entries are on exhibit at the Omaha show.

Arff's winning design this year was for a hydraulically-operated air conditioner. He estimated an expenditure of about \$800 on parts and about six months work in building the machine.

Ecology people meet Tuesdays

Citizens for Environmental Improvement will hold meetings every Tuesday evening at 7:30 p.m. at UHME, according to Jim Pattavina, spokesman for the group.

"We are interested in attracting new members, and we need people to work on our various projects, as the booth in the Union, a paper drive and a speakers bureau. We encourage anyone concerned in the problems of pollution to come," he said.

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