



Photo by Steve Boerner

An old-fashioned Christmas is in progress at the Nebraska State Historical Society, where more than 100 years of "Christmas past" are represented in seasonal displays.

In the Wright dining room, an early 20th century family gathers around the traditional tree before sitting down to a Christmas breakfast. Gifts include a 1917 washing machine, a Lionel train and Tinker Toys (retail 55 cents).

The sod house display includes a Christmas tree fashioned from a tumbleweed wrapped in cotton. A favorite gift of pioneers in the 1870s was oranges, then a rare treat in the Midwest.

The Historical Society 1500 R St., is open daily, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, 1:30 to 5 p.m.

Bicentennial debates draw entries from five colleges

Debaters from five north-eastern Nebraska colleges will be coming to UNL Tuesday to compete in the second round of Bicentennial Youth Debates (BYD), according to UNL debate coach James Klumpp.

The debates are sponsored by the Speech Communication Association and financed by the National Endowment for the Humanities, a federal agency. CBS news anchorman Walter Cronkite, U.S. Sen. Barry Goldwater and National Merit Scholarship Director Joseph Block are BYD National Advisory Council members, Klumpp said.

Four students advanced to Tuesday's district competition from the Oct. 31 local debates at UNL.

Gigi Hall and Kent Brink advanced in both extemporaneous speaking and the Lincoln-Douglas Debate, Klumpp said. In extemporaneous speaking, debaters randomly draw one of the 14 Bicentennial topics for a seven-minute speech.

The Lincoln-Douglas Debate topic was "Resolved: American political parties have

been dominated by socio-economic elites."

Chan Taylor and Christy Bauer advanced in local competition for persuasive speaking, after speaking on "Is Federalism obsolete?"

The two top winners in each of the three district categories will advance to the sectional competition Jan. 31 at Creighton University in Omaha, Klumpp said. The first place sectional winners will receive \$1,000 scholarships, second place winners will receive \$500 scholarships and third place \$250 scholarships.

The first place winners from sectionals will advance to regional competition in April, Klumpp said, where they will be competing for \$10,000 in scholarships. The final round of competition will be June, 1976 at the House of Burgesses in Williamsburg, Va., he said.

The debate topics, which are set by the American Issues Forum, another Bicentennial program, change with each round of competition.

Next Tuesday's debates will be based on the topic, "A more perfect union: the American government."

Senior attends conference on food, population policies

The difficulty of establishing food and population policies to meet world needs was one of many topics discussed at a three-day U.S. affairs conference in late November.

Alan Thorson, a senior premedical, agricultural economics major, was selected by the College of Arts and Sciences to represent UNL at the 27th annual U.S. Military Academy's Student Conference on U.S. Affairs at West Point.

"Food and the Population" was discussed in a small group Thorson attended. Authorities meeting with the group were John Stovall of the USDA and Tim Sullivan of the American Freedom From Hung-

er Foundation, Thorson said.

The majority of the small group agreed food aid and population controls should be linked and increased literacy could help solve the problem, he said.

The group could define world hunger and population problems, but couldn't establish the mechanics needed to solve them, he said.

Thorson said they decided world hunger is a concern for the United States because hungry people are unstable and likely to become hostile to America.

Thorson whose transportation was paid by the College of Arts and Sciences, will make an evaluation of the conference for the college, he said.

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