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Ivy Day, the Day of Memories and of Hopes

On the day in which summer school students are laying the foundations of a new university tradition, the school picnic, it is of interest to glance at the corresponding day in the regular university session. Every year in May the university classes are excused for a day set apart for the planting of the ivy the symbol of growth, and for attendant ceremonies.

On that day the May queen is crowned, the May-pole dance is held, the Ivy day oration is delivered, the senior class gift announced, the senior class poem read, and the members of the senior honorary societies for the following year announced. The Ivy day oration is delivered by some senior elected for that purpose by the class. The May pole dance is executed by the senior girls and the May queen is elected by the senior girls, the choice being kept a secret until she is crowned. The members of the Innocents and the Black Masques, the senior honorary organizations who are supposed to take the leadership in student activities during the year, are chosen by the outgoing members of these societies. Their announcement on Ivy Day is always looked forward to with great interest by the student body.

The oration, the class poem, the crowning of the queen, and the May pole dance constitute the program on the city campus in the morning. In the afternoon occurs the all-university picnic at which the main event is the "tapping" of the Innocents and the Black Masques.

The class of '98, was the first to plant the ivy, hence Ivy Day has existed at the university nearly a score of years. The event was not looked upon as a senior day until 1901, and it was not until 1908, that it became recognized as an all-university event. The first May pole dance took place in 1902, which was also the first year of the Innocent society. The Black Masques have been announced on Ivy Day since 1905.

To university students this day has become more and more treasured as a tradition of the alma mater. It is a day when memories of the university of yesterday are fondly rehearsed, and the hopes for the university of tomorrow are given free expression, a day when the student body meets to foster greater fellowship among themselves, and develop greater loyalty to the University of Nebraska.

Dr. Pool is spending a short vacation trip in the mountains and will return about August 10. At present he is visiting Dr. Clements at Minnehaha, Manitou, but also expects to spend a short time with Dr. Schontz at Akron, Colo.

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BRIEF BITS OF NEWS

Marie McKee, '15, was a recent campus visitor.

Elizabeth Drake, '13, motored to Lincoln Tuesday.

Ada Stidworthy was a campus visitor on Monday.

Harold Noble, '13, is spending his vacation in Lincoln.

Principal Congdon of Fremont, is visiting in Lincoln.

Arthur Hill, of last year's summer school, registered here last Monday.

Isa Reed, who takes her M. A. this summer in psychology, has received a fellowship to Smith College.

Sol Arenson is out of school for at least a week. His mother is now at Hot Springs, S. D., for treatment.

A little more heat and the mercury will go out the top of the thermometer at U. Hall. It was above 110 degrees Tuesday afternoon.

Fred Weinard is working on his Master's problem in the fields this summer. The study deals with the "Relation of Rusts to Transpiration of Their Host Plant."

The Girls' Gym Class and the Playground class will attend the picnic in a body. Mrs. Eva Fisk will be in charge of this party. All interested should take notice.

H. C. Hanson, who obtained his Master's degree in 1916, is continuing his investigations regarding "Response of Certain Plants to Their Environmental Conditions."

Professor Wood, who has successfully passed the examination of the

Botany Department for his Master's Degree, will attend the University of Chicago next year. Professor Wood finished a successful year of teaching in the Greeley, Colo., High School.

The Stanley Rule and Level Co., of New Britain, Conn., had an attractive display in the Woodwork Lab. of the Engineering College Tuesday. It was held primarily for the Manual Training classes and illustrated the use and construction of the tools.

The address by Professor Fogg to the staff of the Summer School Nebraska has been postponed till Thursday. The address will be given in the Journalism room in the Law building and will begin at 7 o'clock.

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