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Avery Funeral Services Today

University Mourns Passing Of Avery

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES CEASE IN HONOR OF FORMER CHANCELLOR

Exam Schedule Altered for
Afternoon—To Begin
At 3:30.

University students, faculty and alumni today mourn the death of Chancellor Emeritus Avery. In respect to the memory of the former Nebraska head, all administrative offices will be closed Tuesday, flags will float at half-mast for thirty days, the examination schedules will be altered Tuesday afternoon so that the regular exams will not begin until 3:30, and all other school activities will be discontinued.

University officials, and those who have come in intimate contact with Chancellor Avery, take this opportunity to express their sincerest sympathy at the death of this man, whose memory will long linger in the minds of those who knew him.

Deans of the various colleges of the University of Nebraska, directors of the schools and directors of the conservation and survey and extension divisions join with all the other faculty members and officials of the school in paying a final tribute to the memory of Chancellor Emeritus Avery.

Dr. R. A. Lyman.

Dr. R. A. Lyman, dean of the college of pharmacy, ranking dean of the university, spent an hour with the former chancellor on the evening that he died. In his following statement, Dr. Lyman recalls the joyful spirit displayed by Dr. Avery during that final visit and the experiences they had in common during the latter's regime. He says:

"My first contact with Samuel Avery was in the early 90's. He was a young instructor on the campus. I was a student. My regret is that I never had the opportunity of sitting as a student in his classroom.

"My second contact with him was when he as chairman of the department of chemistry pledged his personal support to the building of the college of pharmacy, a task to which I had been assigned. In his twenty years of service after that as head of the department and as chancellor, he never for one moment let that pledge slip from his mind.

"The University itself is evidence of how well he did his work. There was a solidarity about him which permeated every project with which he had contact. During twenty years the growing University was exposed to many dangers, yet there was always a feeling among the men who knew the chancellor best, that everything would come out all right with Sam Avery on the job. In twenty years of intimate association with him, I never knew him to do one mean thing and I never knew him to take a bit of credit, although it was due him, if he could give the credit to someone else. Such was his brand of unselfishness. If one character could be finer than another, then I want to commend his fineness, his comradeship and his humanness. This his finest trait was seen at its best in the quiet surroundings of his office, or the privacy of his home in company with his friends.

"Through the years of his illness his interest in his creations and in his friends never waned. After night-fall of the day of his passing I spent an hour with him alone in the room in his home which he called his den.

"His body was weakened, but
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Samuel Avery, Chancellor of the University, 1909-1927



—Courtesy News & Feature Service.

AVERY'S INTEREST IN CHEMISTRY UNDYING

Deceased Chancellor Had
Intense Desire for
Higher Education.

The late Chancellor Emeritus Samuel Avery was from a boy noted for his intense desire for higher education. Despite all obstacles, he attended and was graduated from Doane College with an A. B. degree. The young man, Avery, had, from his first contact with chemistry, realized it was the subject in which he desired to specialize.

He came to the university, and acquired his B. Sc. degree in 1892. In 1894 he took his M. A. degree, with chemistry as his major. At this time but few American universities were capable of giving work leading to the Ph. D. degree, so Avery went to Heidelberg, Germany, where in 1896 he received his doctor's degree in chemistry.

Taught Here.

Upon his return to America, he was promptly employed to teach chemistry at Nebraska. From 1896 to 1899 he taught in the university. He spent the next two years in Idaho, but was recalled to become Professor of Analytical and Organic Chemistry here.

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Cline Pays Tribute to Samuel Avery's Life

In the death of Chancellor Samuel Avery the students have lost a wise counsellor, the alumni a sincere friend, the faculty a respected colleague, the university a profound scholar, and the state of Nebraska an able administrator and a distinguished citizen.

No one can estimate the beneficent results from Dr. Avery's lifetime of work with the young people of Nebraska. As teacher, acting chancellor, chancellor, chancellor emeritus, and research professor in chemistry, by example and precept he taught the finest things in life. In all respects he was a leader. The board of regents early learned to value highly and to follow his advice and judgment. He was never actuated by bias or prejudice in administrative decisions.

As a university administrator he was interested in but two objectives; first, to find the right thing to do, and, second, to do the thing calculated to serve the best interests of the university.

Every member of the present and of past boards of regents feels a deep personal loss. A great educator and a fine Christian gentleman has left us.

EARL C. CLINE,
President, Board of Regents.

LEADERS IN CAPITAL REGRET AVERY DEATH

Legislators, Newspapermen,
Educators of Washington
Express Condolence.

(Special to Nebraskan).

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 27. (CPS). Leaders in the nation's capital joined here today in expressing deep regret upon learning of the passing of Doctor Samuel Avery, chancellor emeritus of the University of Nebraska. Senators, congressmen, public officers, high newspaper men and educators joined in the messages of condolence.

Speaking not only for his state, but for the nation's liberal leaders, United States Senator George W. Norris expressed keen regret.

"I am surprised and shocked to hear of the death of Doctor Avery," Senator Norris told Nebraskans. "I knew him as a wise and noble man in the field of education. My condolences go out to his family and all those who knew him. Nebraska can only be the poorer culturally and in every other way for his inopportune death.

"Having received my L. L. D. with him last year a more personal feeling that I can't express is with me now. He was a true
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EX-CHANCELLOR DIES AT HOME FOLLOWING ACUTE HEART ATTACK

Members Chemistry Faculty
To Act as Pallbearers
At Ceremony.

Funeral services for Dr. Samuel Avery, chancellor emeritus of the university who died suddenly at his home Saturday evening, will be held at First-Plymouth Congregational church at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. Rev. John Andrew Holmes of Evanston, Ill., former pastor, will conduct the services.

A heart attack was ascribed by Dr. Earl N. Deppen as the cause of death. Dr. Avery has been practically bedfast for the past seven months but was able to be up Saturday evening for a visit with his wife and friends. Dr. and Mrs. J. P. Senning and Dr. Rufus A. Lyman were present at the time of the former chancellor's death.

The university faculty will attend the service in a body. The pallbearers will be Prof. C. F. Hamilton, Prof. R. C. Abbott, Prof. C. J. Frankforter, Prof. H. A. Page, Prof. M. J. Blush, Prof. B. C. Hendricks, Prof. E. R. Washburn, Prof. C. W. Ackerson. All are members of the chemistry department faculty. There will be no honorary pallbearers.

In 1895 Dr. Avery joined the university staff as a member of the chemistry department. He went to the University of Idaho in 1899 as agricultural expert statistician. He returned to Nebraska in 1901 and remained active in university affairs until his last illness.

Doctor Avery became acting chancellor in 1908 and was elected chancellor in 1909, which position he filled until 1927. His resignation was the result of failing health and a bad heart. His work in the chemistry department was continued until recently and he gave popular lectures in his chosen field and gave frequent talks upon educational matters.

In 1897 he married May B. Bennett, who survives him in addition to two brothers, Henry T. and Stephen B., both of Unadilla, and a niece, Mary, of Chicago. There are no children. The body is at Wadlows.

Burnett Commends Work of Dr. Avery For the University

"The death of Dr. Avery removes the most conspicuous figure connected with the development of the University of Nebraska in its middle and later period," states Chancellor E. A. Burnett. "His connection covers forty years with a brief interval while he was in the University of Idaho.

"From 1908 to 1927 he was in command of university policies as chancellor. This was the period of its greatest growth. New colleges were set up in 1909 and later, giving more definite objectives to the courses of instruction with a larger conception of the opportunities which a modern university should offer as its service to the state.

"The colleges of agriculture and engineering were created out of the industrial college and the colleges of business administration, graduate, pharmacy, and dentistry were established. The teachers college was reorganized and the college of medicine developed a four year course upon the Omaha campus.

"It was during this period that the collegiate schools of fine arts, journalism, and nursing were developed. The secondary school of agriculture at Curtis together with the experimental farms at Valentine and Scottsbluff were located with the intent of giving the farm-
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