

Boucher . . .

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conditions of his health would improve and that he would be able to continue in active performance of his position beyond the date suggested, Sept. 1, 1946."

"Chancellor Boucher has been outstanding in the quality of his leadership and administrative ability since his coming to the university," Mr. Devoe said. "He has been most co-operative with the Board of Regents, and most courageous in dealing with the important and critical problems that have faced the institution since his incumbency as chancellor. The board regrets very much the necessities of the situation which require his resignation."

Text of Request.

The complete text of Chancellor Boucher's request for retirement in a letter dated January 18, 1945, and submitted to the Board of Regents at that time, is as follows: Members of the Board of Regents:

"Because of ill health I hereby submit to the Board of Regents a request that I be retired from active duties as chancellor of the University of Nebraska on September 1, 1946. In submitting this request for retirement in advance of my normally expected retirement on attainment of the age 65, I am motivated by a desire to avoid becoming an embarrassment to the university and a burden to my family as a result of a serious breakdown physically and nervously that is foreshadowed. My ability to bear ordinary conversations is becoming impaired to the extent that it will soon be a serious handicap in the performance of my duties. This seems to be but one symptom of increasing physical and nervous exhaustion as indicated by the fact that periodically I suffer from such exhaustion to an extent that not only gives me personal distress but impedes the performance of my duties with the verve and vigor that I have previously possessed. I believe it is in the best interest of the university that I retire before experiencing a complete physical breakdown.

"After progressing professionally in several universities from the position of instructor to full rank as a professor of American history and serving seven years in that capacity, I was requested to assume administrative duties. First as dean of the College of Arts, Literature and Science of the University of Chicago, then as president of West Virginia university, and finally as chancellor of the University of Nebraska, I have served for almost 20 years in administrative positions that have been interesting and challenging, but have made continuous and heavy demands on my reserves of physical strength and nervous energy.

"To the members of the board of regents I wish to express my deep appreciation of their great helpfulness at all times in pursuit of my absorbing passion to serve the best interests of the university. For the members of the board individually I have much genuine affection, and for their collective judgments as registered by official actions I have profound respect. Having sought the advice and counsel of the board continuously on matters of administrative policy, I have received invaluable assistance always graciously given. I have presented to the members of the board many grave problems; after revoting their exceptional talents for constructive thinking, mutual counsel, and mature deliberation, they have never collectively reached a decision or taken an official action that could fairly be said to be unsound educational or adminis-

trative policy. It have been a personal joy and a professional satisfaction to work with the board in one of the country's most important enterprises.

Gratefully yours,
C. S. BOUCHER.
Chancellor Since 1938.

Dr. Boucher was appointed chancellor in July, 1938.

After receiving his master's degree from the University of Michigan he joined its faculty as instructor in history, returning to the same post in 1913 after study at the Harvard graduate school. From 1914 to 1919 he was assistant professor of American history at Ohio State university and for three years professor of American history at the University of Texas.

In the second semester and summer of 1923, he was professor of American history at the University of Wisconsin. In 1923 he joined the faculty of the University of Chicago college of arts, literature and science, a post he held until 1935, when he was elected president of West Virginia university.

The Nebraska chancellor has been an active worker in many educational and historical organizations. He was president of the Land Grant College association in 1944. He was vice chairman and

a member of the board of review of the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education of the North Central association from 1928 to 1932. He is a member of the American History association; the Mississippi Valley Historical association, of which he is past president; and other organizations. He is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Pi Gamma Mu, Theta Delta Chi, and a fellow of the Royal Historical society. He is the author of several works on the antebellum history of South Carolina and the south, and a contributor on historical and educational subjects to the various leadership periodicals. His books also include "The Chicago Plan," a statement of educational policies at the University of Chicago. He was associate editor of the Mississippi Valley Historical Review from 1921 to 1924.

Dr. Boucher received his bachelor's degree in 1904 from the University of Michigan, his master's degree a year later, and his doctor of philosophy degree in 1914. He has received the LL.D. degree from Washington and Jefferson college.

Contrary to public opinion, Columbus' first mate was not Don Sebastian of Cordova, but an obscure shoemaker named Ginsberg.

Mortar Board Assistance Bids Due Saturday

Students applying for the four Mortar Board scholarships of \$75 each must turn in their applications by Saturday, according to Mortar Board members.

Need, scholarship, ability and promise will serve as the basis for determining the winners. Two recommendations must be sub-

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Dual Payments.

Recipients of the scholarships will receive payments of \$37.50 each of two semesters. Those who win must be carrying 12 hours this semester and 12 hours next semester.

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