

IN THE VALLEY

By JACK ELLIOTT

The athletic department of Kansas University is taking all possible means to make the 1927 Kansas Relays the best in the history of the school from the viewpoint of the spectators. The quarter mile track at Memorial Stadium is being surveyed by engineers and twenty-two metal markers with brass tops are being placed at intervals on the track to show the starting and finishing points. Instead of having the shot-put event outside the field like it has been in the past, it will be held at one end of the gridiron. This will make it possible for all the followers of the cinder-path to see the weight events. Special roped lanes will be constructed for the javelin and discus throwers.

Spring football practice at Drake University is in full swing and Ossie M. Solem, athletic director and varsity football coach, is planning to have two regular games played between two elevens composed of men who are now out for practice. The Drake mentor is disgusted with the failure of many veterans from last year's squad to come out for the spring sessions.

The University of Michigan is bringing a record breaking squad of athletes to the Eighteenth Annual Drake Relays at Des Moines the latter part of April. Hester, Detroit sprinter who won the 100-yard dash at the Penn Relays a year ago will be one of the Wolverine tracksters to make the Drake trip. Texas, Oregon, Oregon Aggies, Alabama Poly, Oklahoma, Nebraska and many others are going to Drake for its eighteenth annual carnival. Teams from the west, east, north and south will be represented at the track carnival. The West Point Cadets and Pittsburgh will represent the east against the track stars of the west and the athletic department is attempting to make this year's relays one of the largest national meets of the season.

Thirteen Oklahoma Aggie matmen will receive letters in the grappling department for this year's work. Nine of the men receiving letters are getting them for the first time and four are lettermen from last year. Three men who made letters last year did not make the O this year.

An entirely new experiment is being tried in the Missouri Valley this season by Oklahoma University. The southern school is broadcasting all baseball games played on the Sooner diamond this season. This is an experiment that has never been tried in the Valley and in all probability there will be a number of old Sooner grads listening in on the home games.

Although the Cornhusker tracksters came through with the short end of the 85 to 46 score at Berkeley last Saturday, several Husker stars came to the front to show their heels to the California Bears. Glen Johnson, the feet-footed Nebraska miler sprung a neat surprise for the Golden State track followers when he easily won the mile run from the Bear distance star. He came back to win the half-mile event in 1:57.2.

"Libraries In the United States" Discussed by Doane in Radio Talk

"Libraries in the United States" was the subject of a radio talk by Gilbert Doane Monday afternoon at the University radio station. This is one of a series of addresses on the history of libraries each week. The history of the University will be discussed by Miss Nellie Compton, assistant librarian next Monday afternoon at 8:00.

"American library history begins almost with the first permanent settlement in the New World by the English," Mr. Doane declared. "At Jamestown it was proposed to establish a college, and the books of the Virginia Company record the gift of some books for that institution, although it never came into being, owing to the Indian massacre of 1622. The fate of the college designated for New England was much better, for we find Harvard College founded in 1636, and two years later receiving under the terms of the will of the Rev. John Harvard some three hundred books. Harvard today has one of these three hundred volumes with which their library, now the second largest library in the United States, was started nearly three hundred years ago. The fact that they haven't more of that original collection is due to the fact that they had a fire about 1673.

"The eighteenth century marked the origin and development of the library in America as a separate and distinct institution. This was due to the founding of the subscription or shareholding library, many of which survive today. They were not public libraries in the sense that anyone could use them, but in the sense that those subscribing to their support or holding a share of the stock could use them. The earliest of these was founded in Philadelphia in 1732 by Benjamin Franklin, that versatile genius of his century, and was known as the library company of Philadelphia. It was the out-growth of literary society known as the Junto, which eventually became the American Philosophical Society.

It is interesting to note in the following statements of Mr. Doane that the people soon desired a free public library. "With the popularization of the shareholding library did not go far enough. It did not respond fully to the demands of the American Educational system, so the idea of a free public library, open to everybody began to take shape. The first great public library to be formed was in

Boston, which was established in 1848, when a law was passed making it possible."

Mr. Doane's talk follows, "The greatest public library in the United States today is the New York public library, which was founded in 1895 by the amalgamation of the Astor, Lenox, and Tilden libraries. The Chicago public library assumes a position next to that of the New York Public and the Boston Public."

"Of the college and university libraries in the United States, the oldest and the most important is that of Harvard, founded, as I have said, by gift of books from the Rev. John Harvard in 1639, later destroyed by fire and then rebuilt. Today its collections contain about two and a half million volumes. It has many very rare and priceless volumes, some of them of such importance that they draw scholars from all over the world for use and study.

"The greatest library in this country, greater even than the New York Public library, is the library of Congress. This, the national library of the United States, was formed in 1800, but destroyed by fire when the British sacked Washington in 1814. It was replenished by the purchase of the private library of ex-president Jefferson, at a cost of twenty-three thousand nine hundred and fifty dollars. It was partially destroyed again in 1851, when seventy-five thousand dollars were appropriated to replenish it. It is now increased by regular appropriations by Congress for the purchase of such books as do not come to it by the copyright law; by those books which do come to it by copyright, according to which two copies of each book copyrighted must be sent to the Library of Congress by gifts and exchanges."

"The first library established in Nebraska was the state library, established according to the Nebraska Act of 1854. The next library to be established was at the University, which was coincident with the founding of the University in 1869. The first public library to be established was the city library at Lincoln which was founded in 1875. The public library at Omaha was founded in 1877. At the present time there are over one hundred thirty libraries in this state.

"The largest library in Nebraska is the University Library, with approximately two hundred thousand volumes in its possession.

Engineers Report Successful Tour

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visited the City Plan Commission, where the system of planning and zoning was explained to them, in the morning. In the afternoon they were entertained by W. S. Dickey Clay Manufacturing Company where they had their picture taken for the Kansas City Post. They also visited Harrington, Howard, and Ash, Consulting Engineers, where they had the opportunity of meeting the vice president of the Pennsylvania Railroad.

The same day the agricultural, chemical, electrical and mechanical engineers visited the Corn Products Refining company's plant and the Cook Paint and Varnish company where they were entertained at lunch. In addition to what was scheduled, they were also shown thru the plant of the Lone Star Cement company. This plant makes cement by the wet process, and is a very modern and up-to-date plant. In the afternoon this same group was shown through the Swift Packing company plant, and joined the other group at the Kansas City Art Institute.

On Thursday morning the entire company inspected the Kansas City Railway company and the Kansas City Power & Light company's new power station where they were again entertained at lunch. This station is very modern and one of the largest in this section of the country. In the afternoon they visited the assembling plant of the Ford Motor company, which they found very interesting, and the Sheffield Steel company where they saw the making of rolled steel forms.

On Friday morning they visited the new plant of the Kansas City water works, which is not yet in use and is very modern using a large number of automatic appliances, and inspected the bridges of the industrial section of the city. In the afternoon they inspected the plant of the Kan-

sas City Structural Steel Company and Proctor and Gamble.

In addition to the trips scheduled, the entire group visited the plant of the Asphalt Paper Products company, where they saw asphalt shingles made. Members of the group report this to have been on of the most interesting sights seen while in the tour.

Most of the men returned Friday night and Saturday morning, although some did not arrive home until Sunday.

WINNING TEAM TO BE SENT TO DRAKE

Nebraska High School Team Winning Home Course Relays Will Be Sent to Des Moines Meet

The winning Nebraska team in the annual home course relay meet is to be sent to the Drake relays, to be held at Des Moines, Ia., April 29 and 30, according to an announcement of the athletic department of the University of Nebraska.

E. H. "Red" Long, of the College Book Store, is financing the trip for the winning team of the state and the University of Nebraska is in charge of the preliminary competitions.

The home course relays will close on April 16 at which time the results of the districts are to be forwarded

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