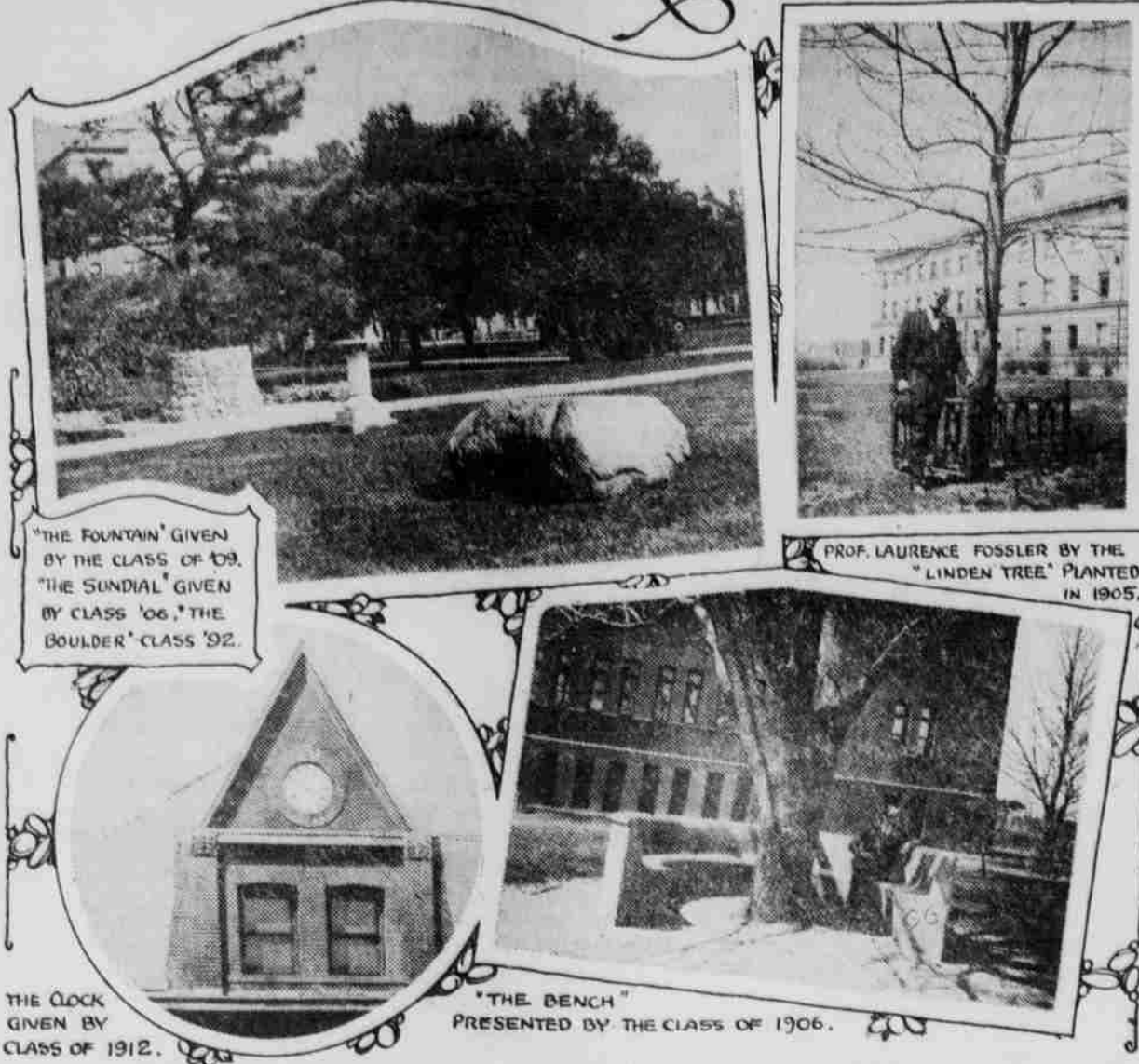


# Class Gifts, Like Loadstones, Draw the Heart toward the Big Cornhusker Roundup in June.



"THE FOUNTAIN" GIVEN BY THE CLASS OF '09. "THE SUNDIAL" GIVEN BY CLASS '06. "THE BOULDER" CLASS '92.

PROF. LAURENCE FOSSLER BY THE "LINDEN TREE" PLANTED IN 1905.

THE CLOCK GIVEN BY CLASS OF 1912.

"THE BENCH" PRESENTED BY THE CLASS OF 1906.

The loom of college life never stops but the pattern in weaving changes and the colors used when the sun went down may be different on the morrow. The fabric of love for Alma Mater is real and strong and not of glass threads to be snapped at graduation. Certain fibers of our being—pride, loyalty and gratitude—furnish the warp, but the woof is of the finer filaments of friendships which mark the beauty of college life. The designs stand out clear and as we study the pattern in retrospect its full charm envelopes us. Concrete reminders of the good old college days are the class gifts which all the "old grads" will view with heart tugs in June when they come for the big Cornhusker roundup of the alumni of the University of Nebraska. There seems to be no limit to the enthusiasm with which the plans for this June reunion are received by the alumni over the country. East, west, north, south—from everywhere they are coming to the biggest three days fun festival ever held on the University of Nebraska campus.

Among the first "loadstones" to draw them will be "The Boulder," the gift of the class of 1892, of which Bean C. C. Engberg and Professor Louise Pound were members. Nebraska possesses this rock "by a hair." Negotiations were almost completed and it was about to be shipped to the Iowa college. Luckily, the Nebraska students, through Prof. Barboon, stepped in just in time to secure "The Boulder" for the University of Nebraska, where it rightfully belongs, since it came from near Hartington in this state. This huge stone had been flattened in the glacial movements and Indians had traced their progress on its broad flat face. Since being placed on the University campus—a symbol of the war days of early Nebraska history as well as a memorial of the class of 1892—the weather has worn many of the signs, but they are still legible by careful inspection. It was known at Hartington as "Indian Rock" because of the tracings by the Indians. James Boyd Macdonald, then of North Platte, now of Omaha, was chairman of the committee originating the idea of importing this rock to the city campus.

One of the most treasured of class memorials is the collection of framed pictures of all the chancellors of the university down to and including the then Chancellor Andrews. This collection was presented by the class of 1905 and Roy E. Darrow of Lincoln, now professor at the University, and Mrs. Eunice Davis Darrow of Lincoln, were members of the committee which finally settled upon this fitting class gift. Fred M. Hunter, now Supt. of Schools at Berkeley, Calif., was president of the class of 1905. The money for this gift was not raised by staging a dance or other form of entertainment for profit, but by an assessment of \$3.50 from every member of the class—making it a truly complete class gift. It was no easy task to assemble this collection, especially of the older chancellors and it was fortunate that the class of 1905 undertook it for in less than a year afterward the first chancellor died. The pictures are now hung in the registrar's office. It is hoped the collection may be hung at some future date in a more advantageous setting that the entire student body may grow acquainted with the

leading spirits of the college days of the past.

The "Linden Tree" was planted on the campus in 1905 to commemorate the hundredth anniversary of the death of Schiller, the great German poet and thinker. It was a mere sapling in those days but now is a large spreading tree despite the reluctance of lindens to grow on the Nebraska campus. Professor Fossler (1881), as head of the German Department of the University, was one of the large donors toward the erection of this memorial. The old German Club, also was identified with its dedication. The tree was procured in this country by C. J. Ernst, then regent of the university. During the war many threats were made to have the tree cut down because of its German origin and because it was planted by members of the German department. Prof. Laurence Fossler, who is seen standing near the fence in the above picture, was influential in protecting this memorial. The fine bronze plate which was on the iron fence surrounding the tree was torn off, however, by someone and has not been returned to this day.

"The Bench" was presented by the

class of 1906. It describes a half circle of artificial stone around a large shade tree and thousands of students have felt its charm and appreciated its convenience. "Bench work" has been a part of almost every student's training.

"The Sun Dial," given by the class of 1907, was designed by a student and when it was set up, it was discovered to have been made for an entirely different angle of the sun from that found in Lincoln and that it would not accurately indicate the time of day.

Prof. Swezey made new calculations and the stone was re-cut. It now registers, with very slight variation, the correct time. It is a dignified example of ancient time-pieces and at the time of its erection was so great an innovation in the community that curiosity seekers visited it often. It was particularly attractive to children, who pried out pieces of metal, which had to be replaced many times. At present it is in good working order.

"The Fountain," which satisfies the thirst of the thousands passing daily, was the gift of the class of 1909 and (Continued on Page Three.)

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The marriage of Miss Joy Goss and Paul Raver took place last Thursday. Both people are graduates of the university. Mrs. Raver has been very

active in D. A. R., work and is at present regent of the St. Leger Cowley chapter.

Anne Peterson, ex '20, is to be married to Alva Marshall Wednesday,

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