

# FAVOR R. O. T. C. UNITS

### Presidents of Land Grant Colleges Decide for Military Training

## JEWETT RECEIVES REPORT

The question of military training in Land Grant Colleges which was a burning topic at the University of Missouri last fall, and which bobs up periodically in other R. O. T. C. schools and colleges, was considered at the recent meeting of Presidents of Land Grant Colleges held in Chicago last November, and a report, decidedly in favor of the system, together with strong recommendations for its extension and improvement, was adopted and was transmitted to the war department. A copy of the report was received this week by Commandant Jewett. Extracts are quoted below:

"The Association of Land Grant Colleges stands squarely and strongly by the official military policy of the nation as embodied in the National Defence Act. We believe that that Act provides for a reasonable, democratic, and efficient system of national defence suitable for a nation which has no designs of aggression, but which is resolved to maintain itself in security with the least possible disturbance of the industrial employment of its citizens.

"We recognize the important function of the Land Grant Colleges in making the provisions of the National Defence Act effective. The keystone of that act is the constant maintenance of an adequate supply of reserve officers. Our institutions are the largest source of supply of reserve officers, and the most economical means of supplying them. Better officer material does not exist than the student body of these colleges. They are prepared for their reserve commissions with no interruptions to their civic employments and gain rather than loss to their educational development. Military education is training in organization, in leadership, and in command, which qualities are of utmost value in college youth.

"Because of their conviction of the educational value of military education as now organized and conducted by the War department in the Land Grant Colleges, and from our sense of the patriotic duty of institutions founded by act of the national government and maintained by the public funds to bear their part in the security of the nation, we desire no release from the contract with the government which we have observed faithfully for more than fifty years—to include military science and tactics as a required element in our curricula.

"We desire military instruction in these institutions more efficient, rather than less so; to make the advanced courses more attractive to larger numbers; and to relate our activities to the plans of defence in such a manner that each branch of the service may be provided with its full complement of reserve officers.

"Relying upon the good faith of the government and upon their contract with the nation, which has been renewed and strengthened by legislation enacted more than a half century ago they have come to depend upon their military department for important elements in a sound and practical education for the American citizenship. In a period of marked advance in every other feature of their enterprise, technical, scientific, and cultural, they are unwilling to take a backward step in potential protection of the nation for whose safety and honor their whole effort is directed.

# Make Appeal To Preserve Ancient Gigantic Husker Cottonwood Tree

"Woodman, spare that tree." That is the appeal made in behalf of a historic cottonwood, a Nebraska landmark.

Again the struggle between the present safety of people and the old historic landmarks.

The tree in question stands in the center of the Potash highway south of Lavenna, and peevishly a little to the west of the center of the new bridge across the Beaver creek. Four or five feet above the ground the trunk divides, and just below this crotch the trunk measures eighteen feet in circumference. Its height is estimated at sixty or seventy feet. Two years ago Mr. C. B. Cass states in "Nebraska History and Record of Pioneer Days," that he found two laboring men working under the directions of a local county supervisor, sawing off the south trunk of about eighteen or twenty feet above the ground. He adds that the north trunk is fairly vigorous and with proper care it could be preserved for many years. Efforts have been made to remove it in order to permit a wholly unobstructed view so near the bridge, and that it would be extremely dangerous to traffic to leave the tree in its place. An elliptical shaped cement curb around the base of the tree has been suggested to divide the traffic and so avoid all danger.

There is no written history about the tree, but according to Mr. Cass it antedated the white settlement of the region a hundred years or more. Hon. S. C. Basset of Gibbon, Nebraska pioneer, estimates the age of the tree at about 20 years. Excavations at various places along the base of the hills northward from the tree have uncovered a great many skulls, bones and other relics which seem to indicate that a large Indian population at one time must have inhabited the region around about. No systematic research has been carried out but in the grading of the streets of Ravenna and in the opening of a gravel pit east of the town, specimens of varied type have been found. Some, Mr. Cass says, are now in the Smith collection in the Museum of the University.

"This tree was a giant when the first white settlers on the Loup river came there. It had been a shelter to the emigrants on the Mormon or California trail, many of whom travelled up the Loup river crossing to the south side at Ravenna and joined the old trail on the Platte south of here. Before there were any Mormon emigrants this magnificent cottonwood tree was a camping ground for the Indians, historic and pre-historic who lived upon the Loup," says Mr. A. E. Sheldon, secretary of the Nebraska State Historical Society.

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Negro blood to Africa as being utterly nonsensical.

As she proceeded to a possible solution, she pointed out the fact that a large group of Negroes believed that amalgamation which has been going on was not only the inevitable end but the solution of the problem and indicated considerable sympathy with that reasoning. Ignoring biological proofs of undesirability of mixed races she averred that only pseudo-scientists had made any claim to mixing of races being undesirable or producing an inferior race.

Miss Derricotte then pointed out the opinion of another group that since Anglo-Saxon world dominance was due to commercial supremacy that a solution of inter-racial problems lay in economic equality of the two races. Still another group she

pointed out believed in a slow process of education as a cure.

She then pointed out that both races were handicapped by prejudices and declared that her conviction that Christian conduct and education of the two work together in harmony was the only satisfactory cure.

On April 13, 1887, an Arab pearl diver remained under seven fathoms of water for 109 seconds.

Have Physical Examination University of California.—All students finishing the required two years work in physical education are now required to pass a physical examination before receiving credit for the work.

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## EXPLAINS WORLD COURT PROPOSALS

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## TELLS OF PROBLEMS OF NEGRO RACE

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viding of separate waiting rooms for Negroes in the stations and the various other lesser discriminatory regulations.

The greatest evil, however, Miss Derricotte charged was the discrimination against Negro citizenship. She charged that many Negroes who think that they exercise a vote in the South do not know that their ballots are later cancelled. Likewise she charged that the courts showed unjust discrimination against colored people, always giving them more severe sentences and convicting often

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