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**CHARTER DAY**

February, the month of birthdays, brings Charter Day for the University of Nebraska. On February 15, 1869, the bill for the creation of a state university was passed by the legislature and signed by Governor David Butler. If the sight of the University today is insufficient to inspire students, the story of its past as brought to mind by Charter Day should fill the void to overflowing.

The University of Nebraska is the product of the pioneer spirit. The plainmen who founded it were men of courage and vision. They had the courage to break away from the east of settled and developed communities, to seek homes and happiness in a wild, danger-infested, unfruitful prairie country. And they had sufficient vision to see the possibilities of converting the desert into a prosperous agricultural area, with cities unhampered by the accumulated trash of former generations, and new political and educational institutions embodying the most modern ideas and theories of a progressive age.

From the very first, leaders of the pioneers planned public schools and educational centers. They were impatient to create agencies for the dissemination of thought and knowledge—indispensable tools of all free peoples. Scarcely had legislatures begun to meet at Lincoln when the first bills for the establishment of a university were introduced. Definite action was taken less than two years after Nebraska's admission to statehood.

When the university opened, there was but one college, that of literature, science, and the arts. It offered courses in Latin, Greek, and the sciences. There were practically no secondary schools offering such preparatory work as candidates for admission to a University should have, and instead of receiving more students than could be accommodated the early officials of the University were obliged to go forth and solicit students from the scattered frontier towns.

The most approved 1926 methods of boosting enrollments in state universities are to offer how-to-get-rich-quick courses, lighten requirements, display photographs of enormous buildings, hire expensive athletic coaches and build gymnasiums and football stands. The pioneers' way was quite different. A "Latin school" was created to give preparatory training, and for some time it was one of the most important branches of the institution. The elective system was not permitted until 1880 University Hall, with its leaky roof and smoky stoves, housed every department. There were no organized athletics whatever for about a dozen years.

Of the early faculty, George Elliot, one of the number, has written: "They were not men of wide national repute. Several had had experience in small denominational colleges. Not one was of transcendent ability. Most of them were persons of strong character and high ideals."

Especially interesting to "we moderns" is the undergraduate life of such a school as the University was at first. Poverty was so common that a student did not worry if he found himself flat broke after playing fees and buying books the opening week. A few individuals who "squandered" five or six dollars a week on board were considered frightfully extravagant. Every problem of civilization was thrashed out over humble boarding-house tables.

Despite the social gaiety of Lincoln's younger set, the students had few organizations save the literary societies which, in those days, did honest-to-goodness debating and literary work. There were no fraternities, no formal, only a little dancing, and few fancy clothes. Society was so simple that the janitor with a salary of \$50 a month was treated as an equal by professors and as a superior by students.

What were the chief interests of students? Will Owen Jones describes them as follows: "The only all-university interest was the college paper, The Hesperian Student, which was the center of many a brilliant

contest. Outside of that, we devoted our time to our studies, to any outside work that we may have had, and to the interests of the literary societies, with an intensity of concentration that I am sure would make a present-day professor's eyes stand out in amazement. We were everlastingly discussing questions like the tariff, the Nicaraguan canal and the immortality of the soul. When the suffrage question came to a vote in 1882, we lined up on opposite sides and not only said everything that had been put forward on the question, but after the amendment was beaten got up a respectable riot when the anti started to buy a coffin said to contain the remains of Susan B. Anthony, only to lose it to the beefier suffs."

Imagine a riot on the present campus over the Child Labor Amendment! But Mr. Jones continues: "That near riot was on the whole a very satisfactory affair. We had the band out, and made a big fire on the dirt road at Eleventh and O streets and rowed around so much like real students that we felt very much encouraged about our rising college spirit. If we could only get a football team and some fraternities started we might at last put the University on the map."

Last week, Chancellor Avery declared in an interview: "Because we still a little more 'pioneerish' than they are farther east, opportunities are more appreciated." Who can look back at the University as it was when the first pioneers were still young and not sincerely hope that the Chancellor is right? May the University of Nebraska always be "pioneerish!"

To be sure, it has lived to see most of the dream of the founders for its material future realized. It is questionable, however, if the pioneers' exalted hopes of implanting a scholarly spirit in Nebraska's sons and daughters have yet been fulfilled. Prejudices still prevail, minds are still inactive, and false standards are still set up. Of course, the edifices of freedom, tolerance, and justice may be yet erected some day.

The pioneer spirit is primarily courageous and forward-looking. It is opposed to the kind of conservatism that is based on fear of everything new. It is opposed to the kind of radicalism which would remove the solid rock from civilization's foundation along with that which has decayed. If the University is to continue along the lines contemplated by the genuine pioneers who founded it, the leaders must be unafraid of innovations or far-reaching changes nor must they ever weaken in their devotion to the ideals of free people.

**Ten Years Ago**

Fifty members of the Girls' Club council met in the Y. W. C. A. to organize for the second semester. Committees were named to make plans for the entertainment of the Intercollegiate Women's association scheduled to meet in May.

The race for the basketball championship of the Missouri Valley, which was between Missouri, Kansas Aggies and Nebraska was to be cleared when Nebraska played Ames. Nebraska did not meet Missouri so the Ames game was to determine the relative strength of the two schools.

The University received from the Carnegie endowment fund \$250 to spend in international relations and in South America during the summer session. The announcement was made to Chancellor Avery in a letter from the American Association for International Conciliation.

**Curator Speaks at York**  
Mr. F. G. Collins, assistant curator of the University museum, gave a lecture on "The New Morrill Hall and Fossil Animals of the State," at York Friday, February 12, under the auspices of the York Y. M. C. A.

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**Twenty Years Ago**

The chapel was packed to hear the first performance of the new Glee and Mandolin club. The men in the two clubs showed the results of hard and earnest work on the part of themselves and of the directors.

An endeavor was made to organize a boxing class with Jack Best as instructor. Since most eastern colleges had boxing matches along with other athletics, this class was strongly advocated.

Dr. Clapp organized the regular class for the members of the faculty who were interested in gymnasium work. It was divided into the heavy and light apparatus work, mat work, and basketball.

**On The Air**

University Studio broadcasting over KFAB (340.7)

Monday, Feb. 15

9:30 to 9:55 a. m. Weather report and Announcements.

10:30 to 11:00 a. m. "Why Girls Enjoy Clothing Clubs," by Miss Mary Borreson, Assistant in Boys' and Girls' Club Work, Agricultural Extension Service.

1:15 to 1:30 p. m. Address by Chancellor Avery, "The University and the High School." Musical numbers by Miss Mary Ellen Edger-ton, Violinist.

3:00 to 3:30 p. m. "Evolution of Our Educational System," by Professor O. H. Werner, Acting Head of the Department of Elementary and Rural Education.

"Does Education Pay?" by Dr. F. E. Henzlik, Chairman of the Department of School Administration.

8:05 p. m. to 2:00 a. m. Charter Day Program. Special Charter Day Program under the auspices of the Nebraska Alumni Association.

**Notices**

**Union Literary Society**  
Union Literary Society will hold an open meeting, Friday at 8:30, at the Union Hall in the Temple. Visitors invited.

**Catholic Students**  
The members of the Catholic Student Club will receive Communion in a body at the 8 o'clock mass, Sunday, at the Cathedral. Breakfast and a meeting of the Club will follow at Le Petit Gourmet.

There will be a meeting of the Vestals of the Lamp Tuesday, February 16, at 4 o'clock in Ellen Smith Hall. Important business.

**Valentine Day Celebrated in Many Different Ways in Years Gone by**

Valentine Day, according to Webster, is the day on which one chooses his official sweetheart for the month, semester, or year; on which we celebrate by sending some funny looking thing, sometimes called a Valentine to our friend or sweetheart if we think she deserves it. But Webster lived a good many years ago and one cannot say that he kept up with our ideas and ideals. So now men (and college students) usually send their lady friend a box of candy or flowers.

Of course Valentine's Day has been celebrated differently in different years. On February 14, 1914 the Black Masques, in honor of the second semester girls, gave a party at

the Temple. Wild games, such as sewing contests, drop-the-handkerchief and others of equal speed were played. In 1917 the University students held a "hop" at the Rosewild dance hall. The affair was a big success. There was \$49 profit made and this was divided in the spirit of New Years, Christmas, and also Valentine's Day, among the managers.

The engineers also enjoyed the day in 1917, by tying "love knots." These seemed to have held better than those that are made today because they were made of extra hard spring steel. They guaranteed their knots to hold against any kind of a breakup in any kind of weather and under any conditions.

**STUDENT JUDGING CONTEST PLANNED**

Block and Bridle Club Sponsors  
New Competition; Crowley Elected President

The Block and Bridle Club elected officers Wednesday, February 10. Edward Crowley, Cambridge, was elected president; Francis Reece, Simeon, vice president; Tom Johnson, Broken Bow, secretary; Irving McKinley, Ponca, treasurer; and Watson Foster, Imperial, sergeant-at-arms. These men will hold office during the second semester.

Plans for a judging contest which is to be held some time in March were discussed. This contest will be open to all men majoring in the animal husbandry department, and is to create interest and get more men to come out for the college judging teams.

**PAPERS BY UPSON PUBLISHED**

Chemistry Professor Is Joint-Author Of Two Recent Papers

Prof. F. W. Upson of the department of chemistry and Fred W. Jensen of the department of chemistry of the Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College are joint-authors of an article on "The Oxidation of d-Glucose by Means of Copper in Sodium Carbonate Solution," in the December number of The Journal of the American Chemical Society.

In the January issue of the same journal was published an article on "The Oxidation of d-Glucose by Air in Calcium Hydroxide Solution," by Professor Upson and M. H. Power, who is now engaged in research chemistry at the Mayo Institute at Rochester, Minn.

Five rides for price of one.—Adv.

**WRITE OF THERMOREGULATOR**

Prof. T. J. Thompson Joint Author of Article on New Device

"A New Thermoregulator," by Prof. T. J. Thompson of the department of chemistry and Prof. Henry J. Wing of the department of chemistry of Doane College, appeared on the December number of The Journal of Industrial and Chemical Engineering.

Another article by the same authors on "The Solubility of Barium Propionate," was published in the January number of the Journal of the American Chemical Society. Professor Wing received his master's degree last summer at the University of Nebraska.

**WILL VISIT STATE CAPITOLS**

Edna Bullock, Director of Reference Bureau, To Study Methods

Miss Edna Bullock, Director of the Nebraska Reference Bureau, leaves this morning on a three month's visit to thirteen capitol cities, her first stop being Topeka, Kansas. The purpose of her trip is to study legislative procedure in the various legislatures now in session and to gather data for the Bureau's work for the next Nebraska legislature.

She will stop at Washington, D. C. Among the other cities included in her itinerary are: Springfield, Ill., Madison, Wis., Indianapolis, Ind., Boston, Mass., Trenton, N. J., and Providence, R. I. She will return some time the middle of May.

Yellow Cabs have balloons.—Adv.

**JUDGING TEAMS ARE PRESENTED AWARDS**  
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den, coach of the poultry team, introduced George West, Ray Taylor, and Wendell Woodward. Prof. W. W. Derrick, coach of the animal husbandry judging teams, introduced Melvin Lewis, Amos Gramlich, Walter Tolman, Lewis Hall, Russell Kendall, and Peter K. Pratt. The men on Prof. T. H. Godding's grain judging team were George Beadle, Lawrence Jones, and John Davis.

Miss Vera Barger, head of all the physical education work for the Y. W. C. A. in China gave a very interesting talk on college life in China as compared to college life here. She told of the dress of the Chinese students, the sports they are interested in, and of the great strides being made along educational lines in that country.

**Thousand Attend Valentine Party**

More than a thousand attended the All-University Valentine Party held last night in the Armory. Elsie Walbridge danced the Sweetheart Waltz, a Valentine dance novelty, during the intermission.

The hall was decorated with red and white streamers leading to a large heart in the center of the room. Small hearts were placed at the other end of the streamers. Fruit punch and wafers were served.

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**College Gossip** by VERA MILLS

**Fashion-grams**  
It's no longer the "red flannel shirt," but the red flannel SKIRT, that is attracting attention these days.

Lisle stockings are considered much smarter with tweed and similar sports costumes, especially since they come in tones to match.

The draped felt turban—arabesque fashion—is triply smart when its draping makes use of three blended colors.

In spite of the increasing vogue of color, Paris still holds faithful to black, and considers the smart wardrobe incomplete without several black frocks in it.

When Chanel introduces a fashion or fabric, Fashion sits up and takes notice. Her latest contribution to the mode is CHECKS.

The short, box-coated tulleur looks much the same as every year, till one comes to the skirt, which flares differently this year, due to an intricacy of design and cut.

The basque line at the hips is a chic variation of today's silhouette.

Tearing a leaf out of the pages of youthful days, the sailor collar comes back as the newest neckline for grown-ups. A large, man-size handkerchief of taffeta should accompany the tailored costume. It is most effective worn Apache fashion. There is no longer any question as to the importance of the cape. From chiffon to tweed, on the beach or in the ballroom, it lends its versatile and flattering grace to every type of costume.

Prints will do duty again this spring, with flowers, dots, plaids and geometric patterns predominating. Designs are smaller this year.

Plain color sheer silks, in company with printed sheer silks, will uphold the task of making our wardrobes interesting.

The mode has more or less found itself—the flare is used with more discrimination—the straight line, whenever the fabric demands it.

Taffeta comes to us this spring in the nature of a revival, and is scheduled for success. For daytime, it is often used in combination with other fabrics and is slender of line. For evening, bouffant. And in coats, quilting is its favorite trimming.

The jumper frock is still the favorite. It may be long or short, straight or flared, but jumper it is.

Straw unbends before spring and now comes in such pliable weaves that it can be draped as beautifully as silk or felt.

We can expect to see plenty of pleats—treated differently, it is true, but pleats, nevertheless.

Soft, crayon colorings—or "dusty" colorings, as they are called—are used in suits and coats and give promise of a bright spring.

The high crown in millinery gives many pointers to smartness. It is not easy to wear, but if one can, the result is extremely chic.

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