

NEWS of SCHOOLS and COLLEGES



OMAHA LAD GETS DIPLOMA AT TECH

Basil Lanphier Graduates at the Massachusetts School of Technology.

BIG COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Basil Lanphier of Omaha was one of 317 who received the degree of bachelor of science at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology this year.

The title of his graduation thesis was "The Errors of Measurement With Portable Voltmeters and Ammeters."

At the graduating exercises degrees were given to 360 students, the largest number the institute has graduated in a single year. Three of the younger men received the degree of doctor of philosophy; two, doctor of engineering; thirty-eight master of science, and 317 bachelor of science.

The graduating exercises were only a part of the great celebration which the institute has been holding, including the dedication of the new buildings.

The dedication of the Walker memorial was the opening ceremony. This building, named for the second president of the institute, General Francis A. Walker, is the club house for all students, and together with the dormitories, in course of erection, will place the Boston "Tech" on an equality with academic institutions in point of social intercourse of the students.

Water Festival.

Monday afternoon was devoted to a water festival in which hundreds of boats of all descriptions participated. Aeroplanes, yachts, hydroplanes, motor boats, water sleds and submersible craft were all represented, with numerous races and extraordinary development of power on the part of the motor craft.

Following the golden jubilee smoker in which 5,000 alumni took part, the whole company of faculty, alumni, seniors, undergraduates and citizens filled the great square in front of the Rogers' building for a formal goodbye, with songs and cheers to the building, which for fifty years had been the center of "Tech's" educational activities.

On Tuesday morning the alumni adjourned to Nantasket, an ocean resort near Boston, where the ingenuity of the brightest scientific minds in the country was devoted for a few hours to the amusing side of life. The "stunts" of the "Tech" classes are famous throughout the country and the wish to see these brought many of the former students back to Boston for the celebration. Tuesday evening was devoted to the masque and pageant, the most remarkable presentation of its kind that the east has ever seen. The lightings have not been exceeded in any demonstration in the country, while the 2,000 students furnished a dramatic personae that was striking in its magnitude and mass effects.

Wednesday morning was devoted to the graduation exercises, which at Technology are always simple and always include the presentation of real engineering work in the thesis of the students that are read. In the afternoon, at 2:30, the academic procession was formed, and in the court of honor of the new buildings, President MacLaurin and his fellow speakers

dedicated the institution to the cause of education. The orator of the occasion was Henry Cabot Lodge, senior senator from Massachusetts, a man with intimate knowledge of the problems of education and always an enthusiastic supporter of the institute and its methods. In the evening, for the final event, there was the banquet of the Alumni association, with 1,500 at the table and as many more in the balconies, who came later to hear the speaking. This was a telephone banquet and when President MacLaurin and the notable men who were with him, Edison, Bell, Vail, Carly, Pupin and others, spoke, they spoke into telephones and to an audience of thousands which included nearly every "Tech" man in the country, many governors, mayors and local dignitaries, each with his individual receiver and seated at banquet tables in thirty-five important cities spread over the country.

This is simply the skeleton of a well-filled week of celebration, with hundreds of other events. A great museum with thousands of exhibits gathered by "Tech" men and showing the relation of applied science to civilization was constantly on view. The cadets of the institute, for this is a school which with its hundreds of men skilled in military practice is always prepared, performed their evolutions and formed their dress parade in the great court. The same young men in uniform served for guides to the visitors. The women graduates of the institute had their own celebration, their own dinners, their own reunions and their own

exhibit in the museum, joining with the alumni and students on the greater occasions. There were class dinners and reunions on every hand. There were dinners by departments, where electricians and chemists "swapped" experiences with others in their own profession, with all the while the splendid background of delegates formally representing the most important educational institutions of this and other countries. And in the midst of it all the solid business men of Boston had an opportunity to meet the visiting dignitaries at a number of receptions at the new technology.

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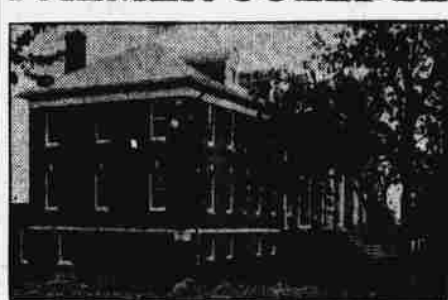
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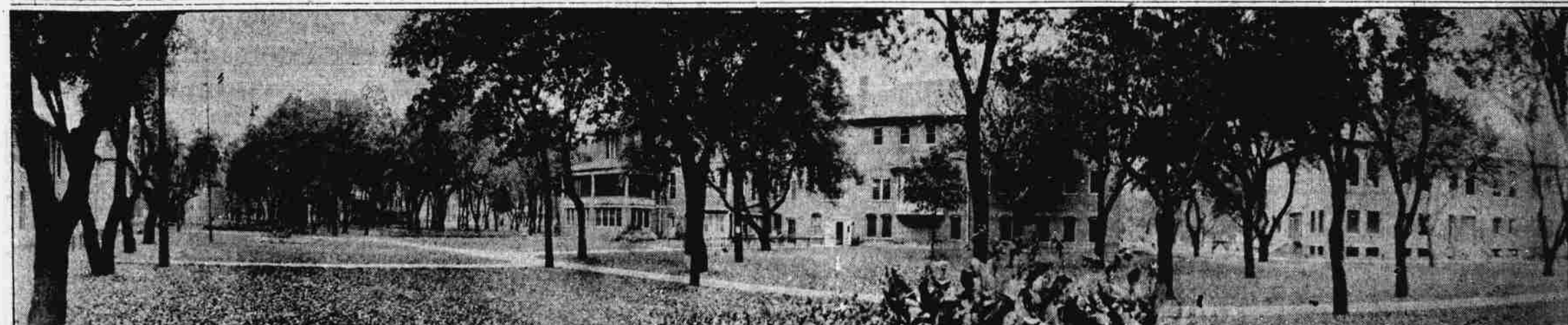
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