

### Semi-Centennial Assembly Will Be Held Tomorrow

#### Students Will Pledge Loyalty to State At Exercises

#### Symphony Leader to Get Honorary Degree

Three thousand students of the University of Oregon will pledge their loyalty and devotion to the state, tomorrow at the Semi-Centennial assembly and annual Pledge Day exercises, at 10:30 a. m. in the Woman's building, when Walter M. Pierce, governor of Oregon, will administer the pledge, to be followed by the singing of the Oregon Pledge song.

President Arnold Bennett Hall will, for the first time in the official capacity as president of the University, preside at the assembly, which will be opened by an academic procession which will form in the sun room of the Woman's building, and will march to seats at the left of the auditorium. A professional band will be played by the University orchestra led by Rex Underwood, conductor.

**Miller to Give Address**  
The principal address of the morning will be "Education and Civic Responsibility," to be delivered by the Honorable Edward W. Miller, Ph. D., state senator and former president of Kansas Wesleyan University.

The invocation will be given by the Reverend Herbert S. Johnson, '87, and the Semi-Centennial song, "Great Oregon," will be sung for the first time. The words were written by Irene Stewart, alumnus of the University, and the music was written by Rex Underwood.

**Ode Will Be Read**  
Another feature of the program will be the reading of a Commemorative Ode written recently for the Semi-Centennial occasion by Mary Lowell Rebec, by Prof. W. F. G. Thacher, professor of English.

**Degree to Be Given**  
The only honorary degree to be conferred during the Semi-Centennial, will be given at the assembly when Mr. Willem van Hoogstraten, conductor of the Portland Symphony orchestra, will receive the degree of Doctor of Music. Mr. Hoogstraten will also deliver an address at nine o'clock Thursday morning, at the music symposium in the music auditorium, Dean John J. Landsbury presiding.

#### Faculty and Students Cooperate in Housing Celebration Visitors

"The work of the housing committee for the Semi-Centennial and Homecoming has been a wonderful example of student co-operation with the faculty," says Prof. W. W. Snyder, chairman of the committee for the faculty. Edgar Wrightman is heading the students in this work.

Surveys have been made of the housing facilities, and every available room, in hotels, rooming houses and private homes have been listed by the Homecoming housing committee. This list has been placed at the disposal of the Semi-Centennial committee.

A complete plan has been worked out whereby each incoming train will be met by the students. An information booth will be maintained at the depot all week. Visitors will receive directions there, after which they will be taken to the administration building for registration. They will be assigned rooms at the alumni headquarters back of the administration building. Five cars will meet each train according to the announcement.

The committees will function all week due to the fact that visitors will be coming in for different phases of the program during the entire time.

The personnel of the housing committee is: Faculty, Prof. W. W. Snyder, chairman; Mrs. Virginia Judy Easterly, Prof. George Turnbull.

Student committee: Edgar Wrightman, chairman, Herbert Socolofsky, Phil Sheridan, Ronald Hubbs, William Prudhomme, Rodger De Bush, William McGregor, Mary McKinnon, Mary Clark, Esther Hardy, Sally Hughson, Don McCook.

#### Former Residents Are Visiting Here

Mrs. Charles H. Edmondson whose husband was formerly with the zoology department on the campus is visiting in Eugene for two weeks or more. Mr. and Mrs. Edmondson now reside in Honolulu, the former being with the zoology department in the University of Hawaii.

Mrs. Edmondson is accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Frank J. Brown, and while they are here they are guests of Dr. and Mrs. Warren D. Smith and Prof. and Mrs. Albert E. Caswell. Mr. and Mrs. Edmondson and Mrs. Brown have been taking a tour of the world, Mr. Edmondson having returned to Honolulu earlier in the summer.

### Lone Building, Two Oaks, Uncut Grass Were Early Features Of Today's Campus

Only Entrance in 1887 Was a Four-step Stile, Says Dean Straub: Students Older Than

Picture one lone building on top of a knoll, two isolated oak trees, and a field of tangled uncut grass, and you see the Oregon campus as Dean John Straub saw it on November 17, 1887, when he first came to the University of Oregon. One wonders if Dean Straub's more sanguine hopes could have imagined, from that humble college struggling for its existence, the University of Oregon as it is on the eve of its Semi-Centennial celebration; a college pulsating with the life of 3500 students.

When Dean Straub first came to the University there were only 150 students in the school, with only 40 enrolled in the collegiate department. Soon after entrance in the faculty Dean Straub became its secretary. It was in this position that he won himself the hearts of the students. He was always the students' friend in whatever trouble came up.

During his stay at the University, Dean Straub taught in every department in the college but one, the department of chemistry. In 1900 he was made dean of the college of liberal arts. He was for many years the dean of men, and in 1925 he was made emeritus dean of men.

"When I first came to the University," he said, "there was only one street leading to the campus; that was Twelfth street; and there was only one way to get into the campus and that was over a four-step stile. This led one out upon a board walk which led to Deady hall. There was no water with which to irrigate the lawn. When the grass grew too long a man would come

with a team and mow and cut it and take the hay away with him. There was a windmill and a tank on top of Deady hall. It was from this the campus got its water."

The two lone trees afforded but little shade for the University and Dean Straub made several appeals to Judge Matthew P. Deady, chairman of the board of regents, for an appropriation to provide for more trees. Finally he succeeded in getting \$200. One hundred trees were planted and ninety-seven of them grew and are on the campus today.

The student body of the early days, according to the dean, was different from the student body of today. The students were more mature, ranging in age from 20 to 30. There was none of the class spirit that you see today. There were no fraternities or living organizations. Those who did not board in private houses usually assembled in groups of two or three and did their own cooking.

"I knew everybody by name," Dr. Straub said. "It was like one big family."

When asked if he felt the growth of the University as it grew up through the years, he replied that he did not. "Each fall the classes would be a little larger; buildings were added one by one, but the change was so gradual that I scarcely noticed it."

"I am fond of the University," Dean Straub said, "perhaps fonder than I was in the old days. I have grown up with the institution and have the same feeling for it as children who have grown up side by side and have learned to love each other."

#### Chemical Society Members Discuss Oregon Minerals

Dr. Floyd L. Rowland, professor of chemical engineering at O. A. C., gave an illustrated lecture on survey work done last summer in Eastern Oregon, at the monthly meeting of the Oregon section of the American Chemical society which met last Saturday in McClure hall. The lecture was entitled "Chemical Resources in Eastern Oregon."

Dr. Rowland mentioned finding nitrate deposits which were believed not to be of chemical importance unless there be a more concentrated bed as yet undiscovered.

Dr. E. T. Hodge, professor of geology in the University, while in discussion, put forth the theory that prior to the formation of the Cascade mountains, Eastern Oregon was inhabited by many millions of birds, such as ducks, geese and pelicans. He further said that after the formation of the Cascade mountains, the territory became dry and the guano deposits left by the birds were concentrated by surface and underground waters, forming the present outcroppings of nitrate.

The main speaker, Dr. Rowland, pointed out that Summer Lake contained large quantities of sodium carbonate. He maintains that within the next ten or twenty years this will be developed into a resource of first magnitude.

Mention was also made of the large deposit of diatomite near Redmond which awaits an adequate market on the Pacific coast for development.

The meeting was attended by a group of 30 people. The next session will take place in Portland, November 6.

#### Jessie M. Thompson Engaged to Mr. Scott

Jessie M. Thompson of Portland announced her engagement to John Denny Scott, prominent Portland man and member of an old pioneer family. The news was made known Monday evening at the Thompson home.

Miss Thompson was a member of the class of '23 and when at the University she was on the Emerald staff, Oregon staff and a member of Theta Sigma Phi, journalism honorary.

Mr. Scott is a graduate of Lehigh University. They have not announced their wedding date.

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### Social Science

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teaching as we have today; there must be developed research work; and the distinctly statistical functions of the state must be merged with the department of economics, according to word of Dr. Frank Leonard McVey, president of the University of Kentucky, in his speech at the social science symposium yesterday afternoon. These are necessary steps if our universities are to go forward rather than backward.

"On many occasions and by many

eminent men the functions of the university have been discussed before audiences of interested people. These functions have been declared to be teaching, research and the preservation of the evidences of civilization in museum and library. To this list a fourth may be added—that of mediator, the pathfinder, the interpreter," he stated.

Dr. McVey pointed out the danger of under-development of research in the universities of today, as hastening their own insufficiency.


**Hospitality Is Lauded**  
Dr. McVey, in opening, spoke of the hospitality of the University, especially lauding the arrangers of the inauguration banquet for doing the unheard of, ten speakers, yet the banquet was over at 9 o'clock. This should be an example to others, he said.

Dr. Willard E. Hotchkiss, dean of the school of business at Stanford University, speaking on the subject of "Human Relations in Industry," said: "So far this coast has not gone very far on the road toward industrial civilization, but if there is a swing toward industry it is not likely that our sons and daughters, the young people who are in our universities now, will have in their lives to face some of the issues which hitherto the growth of industry has always brought in its train."

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not draw our inspiration from utopian dreams of things that never happened and never will, nor indulge in uncritical or overdrawn statements about the harmony of interest and the joys of co-operation between different industrial groups, he pointed out. "We need rather to seek out concrete situations in which actual people have handled actual conditions so as to secure a maximum of satisfaction for all concerned."

As Dr. Hotchkiss sees it, improvement centers around the idea of stabilizing employment.

Dr. Joseph Schafer, in his address on "Modernizing the University of Oregon," summed up the progress

made under the first presidents of the institution. He reached a climax in epitomizing the work of President Campbell and peered into the future with Dr. Arnold Bennett Hall as chief executive.

To Charles Hiram Chapman, Dr. Schafer gave credit for the first two steps in the transformation process which was to make the school a full-fledged university. These were the new methods of laboratory teaching and the lecture method of instruction.

Among other outstanding achievements was the organization of many new departments and the gathering of faculty members to serve in them.



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