

Clark Says 'No Plans'; To Retire

by Jim Knight

Dan Clark says he has "no plans" after June, 1950.

That is the date he will retire from his present position as head of the history department—a position he has held since 1940.

However, it's a safe bet that Dr. Clark will have little time to follow his hobby of gardening. His passion for history and his active nature are almost certain to keep him well-occupied and in the educational limelight for years to come.

Besides spending 38 of his 64 years teaching, Dr. Clark was found time to travel through much of the United States and Europe, and write four books and numerous articles.

With his wife and two small children—and a year's leave of absence from the University—Dr. Clark drove to the Atlantic coast, via San Francisco, Los Angeles, the Grand Canyon, and Washington, D.C., in 1929. From there he sailed to Europe to do research work on his book "The West in American History."

It was in Europe that he learned that not everyone lived in "high gear" American fashion. While he got to visit many of the world's outstanding libraries, he was disappointed when he went to Paris to study in the Bibliotheque Nationale. He arrived there just in time for the yearly two-week cleanup, and neither distinguished scholars nor the eternal search for truth were important enough to open the locked doors.

"I was very impressed with the 'leisurely attitude' of Europeans," Dr. Clark said.

His faith in people's "basic honesty" was also given a boost in Europe. He said he noticed businessmen in England carried their receipts in sacks over their shoulders—as contrasted to the armored car in the United States.

What little spare time Dr. Clark had in Europe, he spent photographing "beautiful and unusual doorways," a hobby long since relegated to a passive role.

The eight years Dr. Clark spent in painstaking research for and the writing of his book were well spent, for, he explained, it has been used as a text in more than 100 universities.

Three other books were written by Dr. Clark before his text book. One of them, "The History of Senatorial Elections in Iowa," was published in 1912, just two years after he had received the Ph.D. degree from the University of Iowa. He also wrote "The Government of Iowa" and the biography of Samuel Jordan Kirkwood.

Eye trouble kept Dr. Clark on the deferred list during World War I, so he took time off from teaching to serve with the Red Cross at Camp Lewis, Washington. He was assistant director in charge of home service, a rank equivalent to an army captain in "social status."

While with the Red Cross, he was instrumental in getting furloughs and loans for needy enlisted men. The losses from the many loans made to servicemen were negligible, he said.

Wearing a regular army officers uniform, minus army insignia, proved embarrassing to Dr. Clark at times. He is a modest man, and the occasional salutes he received from rookies made him feel rather uncomfortable.

His duty at Camp Lewis and Bremerton was a determining factor in his decision to move west from Iowa, where he had been a faculty member of Iowa University from 1909 to 1918.

Oregon's Famed Cemetery Now Basis of Hot Debate

By Margaret Edwards

The shortest route from education to basketball has for at least 25 years presented a problem to University of Oregon officials, students, and Eugene townspeople alike.

The ancient cemetery which flanks Kincaid Street and the Education building on the east and University Street with McArthur Court on the west, was established by the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in 1871, a year before the University was founded. The idea of incorporating the cemetery to the school evolved when new University buildings began to surround it.

This wasn't always the case. The cemetery used to lie miles out of town and slow-moving funeral processions toiled through dust or mud for half a day to reach it. Its entrance was once marked by three great symbolic links until someone across the valley shot them down because they reminded him of Teddy Roosevelt's teeth or glasses.

"Now, however, it lies within the city limits," according to the Emerald issued on February 24, 1924, which remarked, "Almost as old as the graveyard itself, is the story that it is to be removed to make room for the steadily expanding University."

The same article explained that the Odd Fellows had sold all the available space in the old cemetery to purchase a new one outside town and that the IOOF had failed to provide a fund for keeping the graveyard tended. Since that time the lot owners, represented by the trustees of the Pioneer Memorial Association have not had enough money to do the job adequately.

Sporadic movements have been initiated to lift the face of the six-block burial ground. The most important of these came in 1946 when it was the center of a cleanup campaign conducted by the association which aimed to collect \$1500 before Memorial Day. The money was used for improvements such as trimming the trees and tending the lawns.

But these drives, while temporarily successful, have not solved the long-range problem of the future of the graveyard. Two solutions have been offered by those who are interested in the situation, however, and we would like to outline them for you in the hope that your interest will speed up the solving of the problem.

A plan to remove the graves to another suitable cemetery has been suggested. This would entail giving written notice to the family or next of kin of the deceased if

known, and if unknown, that notice of the removal be published for at least four successive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the county.

The basic problem here would be one of money. It is estimated that it would cost half a million dollars which neither the city of Eugene nor the University could easily afford.

Public opinion on the matter is divided. A column by Frederick S. Dunn in the May 2, 1935 issue of the Emerald states that students of that time would greatly miss the cemetery if it were removed while last year a reader wrote the Emerald to criticize:

"The officials who disbelieve completely in future planning and who are so nearsighted that they are stupidly allowing a cemetery to flourish in the center of the campus. It's harmful to campus beauty, retarding to the University's building program, and completely silly in the minds of thousands of students who must walk to class past tombstones and markers."

This irate reader expressed shock at seeing the burial crew at work, but failed to explain why a person, owning property there shouldn't bury his dead in the family plot and also forgot to include his plan for relieving the situation.

"The pioneers of the community are buried there," Judge Fred Fisk, former secretary of the Pioneer Memorial Association, pointed out. "It is an historic landmark of the city."

Fred G. Stickels, present secretary mentioned the prominent men who are buried there including Joshua Walton, an ex-county judge who was very active in Eugene.

"The younger people in town would like to see it moved but the older ones wish to keep it as it is," was the opinion of R. W. Deverell, graduate of the U. of O. and an associate in the Security Savings and Loan Association, 111 E. Broadway.

The second plan was proposed to the University by the lot owners about 10 years ago according to Judge Fish. The association would

deed the cemetery to the school for the purpose of beautifying it. It would be kept in its present but a park would be built within the cemetery with paved streets and walks and well-cared-for trees and lawns.

In 1947 William Tugman, managing editor of the Eugene Register-Guard, added to this plan a proposal to build a chapel in the center of the cemetery for the use of University students. He explained that there is a cleared plot of land 25 feet square that would make an ideal spot for such a structure.

Harvard has such a nonsectarian chapel. The program regularly brings outstanding religious speakers to the campus and is a very useful addition to the University.

If this second plan were to be accepted by the school it would probably include taking down the headstones and erecting markers to enable power mowers to be used for cutting the lawns. This would involve getting the written legal consent of all the heirs. To find this scattered group a lawyer would probably have to be hired for two or three years, according to Tugman.

Ben Dorris, president of the association, stressed the difficulties involved in this process when he remarked that, "After the second generation you usually don't know where your ancestors are buried."

This plan would also call for a special act of the legislature since under the present law a university may not own such a park.

These are two possible solutions to the problem of the cemetery. They are difficult but, to all appearance, worth working for. This is YOUR University. What should be done about it?

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