

1932 Reunion and Commencement All Attended by Alumni and Friends

More Than 250 Alumni Attend; Picnic Dinner by Ward Chapter; Annual Banquet One of Best; Seniors Guests; 'Tauy' Jones Pageant a Feature of Program.

The 1932 alumni reunion was a pronounced success from start to finish. There was something to do every minute of Monday, May 30. And there were about 250 or 300 alumni who were around to enjoy the activities. Of course everyone enjoyed the commencement exercises on Tuesday morning.

The weather threatened rain, but it made small difference. The Ward chapter took its picnic dinner to the gymnasium where about 350 alumni and friends were entertained with a fine picnic luncheon. Mrs. Wayne Gilliland had charge of the preparation of this meal and from the way those present went after the food laid out on the long tables it should be pronounced an excellent repast.

After the dinner the alumni moved slowly to the auditorium where they were entertained by a fine program. Era Henderson Briggs gave a song recital which was highly appreciated. After her songs Everett Fetter of the music department directed the university orchestra in several selections that gave the audience a thrill. Then the Players Club of the school presented a musical farce "The Apartment House Fire."

The outstanding feature of the reunion program was the banquet on Monday evening. Mrs. Edward Haley, who was general chairman of the reunion committee, spared no efforts in making the banquet a complete success. The commons room was packed to say the least. Over 225 ate inside the spacious room while an overflow crowd was seated in the hall with the table facing the double doors of the banquet hall. It was a merry crowd.

The 1932 senior class were the guests of honor. Almost all of their number were present. After the dinner course had been served Thomas A. Ebaugh, alumni association president welcomed the class into the alumni association. Prentiss Pemberton, the class president, replied to the welcome and assured the alumni present that the class of 1932 would do all in its power to assist the school in its progressive march. The fact that most of his class had pledged to the secretary plan fund rather bore out his pledge of cooperation.

The banquet program was a pageant featuring the life of John Tecumseh Jones. The pageant was enacted to the words of a very interesting poem composed by Mrs. Haley especially for the occasion. It was read by Alice Gordon Wilson. The various scenes enacted portrayed the birth of "Tauy" Jones, his childhood, his decision to go to the schools of the white men, his coming to Kansas, his courtship of Jane Kelly, and his help in founding Ottawa University.

Mr. Ebaugh presided at the business meeting at which time alumni present reelected Mr. Ebaugh president of their association. Mrs. J. E. Shinn was again named as vice president, Robert McCrea was elected secretary-treasurer. Glenn Hayward was reelected to the executive committee. Mary

Adams Bancroft was a new member appointed to the committee. Ethiel Morris Haley was selected as reunion chairman for next year.

Those who attended the reunion and signed the register are listed below. It was estimated that over 100 did not sign.

1891: G. K. Grant. 1892: Elizabeth B. Jacobus, Dr. J. T. Crawford. 1893: Mary Stiles. 1895: W. B. Wilson. 1898: J. E. Shinn, J. N. Atkinson. 1901: Carrie Sheldon Bowers. 1904: Mr. and Mrs. Thomas A. Ebaugh. 1905: Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Willis, Drusilla Shinn. 1906: Herbert Jones. 1907: Hattie Bell Maupin Ayres, Grace Bird, Grace Sutherland, Nita Constant Rankin, Lulu M. Brown, Tabettha S. Teall, Dora Grass Hayes, Augusta Parrish Williams. 1908: Olive Lynch Greiner. 1909: H. B. Parrish. 1910: Elsie Dietrich Gault, Bernice Heath Hart.

1911: Pearl Jenison. 1912: Alice Keith Parrish, M. C. Clemmons, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Gilliland, Hale B. Blair, A. B. Childress. 1913: C. C. Blood. 1914: Elva Van Meter Apel. 1915: Mary Costigan Scoville. 1916: Edith Clark Wells, Margaret KestingAllen, Pearl Stannard. Elsie Umstot Hayward. 1919: Rena Demmin, Glenn Hayward. 1920: C. M. Ott, Ralph M. Bower, Mary J. Skidmore, Enola Miller, Frances Balyeat Cochran, Mary Mickey Worthington.

1921: Mrs. Evalena Price, Norman I. Reist, Gladys Easley, Alta Walters Hegberg, Mabel Hegberg Bolle, Claude Cochran, Paul Worthington. 1922: Wilma Barnhart Withey, W. H. Carter, Mrs. Ruth Reist, Minnie Maude Macaulay. 1923: W. D. Hartley, Mrs. John J. Pinney, E. G. Dick, Gladys Garnett. 1924: Ogle Bailey, Zana Skidmore, George Rouse, Florence Maxwell Teague, Era Henderson Briggs, Gladys Keith, May Elder, Lois Johnson Giffin. 1925: Gertrude L. Hunt, Paul C. Twinning, Frances E. Paul, F. R. Teague, Marian Marshall, Edith Kibbe, Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Palmquist, Mr. and Mrs. Robert McCrea, J. E. Lewis, R. T. Sandow. 1926: Verna Glaze, Ruby Dickson Laird, George W. Saip, Ruby Olson, Ruth Bundy, Helen Bond, Hazel Griffeth, E. E. Haley, Harriet Seymour, Fannie Seymour. 1927: Lottie Skidmore, Irene Aikin, R. W. Bundy, Rose Horn, Thelma Ireland Detrick, Maurine Hollinger, Ethiel Morris Haley, Marcia Cudworth. 1928: Mrs. Lois Staadt, Ruth Buchanan Curtis, Areta Gillett, Mrs. Ben Wiseman, Marie Davis. 1929: Jesse V. Cooper, Florence Golden, Helen Money, Mary Alice Holladay Peters, Marie Floyd Dellinger, Paul Dellinger, Clare Owen, William Bancroft, Hazel Hoffman Langley, Ola Easley, Emmett Ireland, Wilma Warner, Frances Spencer, Thelma Hays, Price Crenshaw.

1930: Maurine Bell, Flora Fowler, Helen Lefebvre, Wilma Mae Woods, Anna Towser, Katherine Chrisman, Ruby Horn, Mary Adams Bancroft, Helen Heckman, Reba Cooper, Clarice Welton, Margaret Chandler, Helen Page, Lester Spong, Robert Fredeen, Claude Webb, Paul Shelden. 1931: Bessie Crouch, Martha Watenpaugh, Louise Holladay, Lily Mae Buchanan, Vivian Drum, Charlotte Vander Ploeg, Edith Hart, Virginia Jennings, Clifford Binns.

Fifty-Six Seniors Graduate; Gilkey Is the Speaker; Banning Gets Honorary Degree; Announce Budget Is Balanced; Plan for Enrollment Increase.

Commencement Day 1932! What a joyous, inspiring experience!

Even the sudden change from the campus to the First Baptist church, necessitated by an early morning storm, did not dampen the spirits, although it did rob us of the delight created by the stately robed procession on the winding walks and under the leafy canopy of the trees.

The address by Dr. Charles W. Gilkey, Dean of the Chapel of the University of Chicago, was one of the most significant addresses ever delivered, emphasizing as it did not only the need of proper roteage for the development of life in its physical, mental, social, and religious aspects, but of the equal need of the proper atmosphere, the elements of which though less susceptible to tangible measurements were nevertheless real and significant. This thought he vividly and interestingly applied not only to the function of an educational institution tempted to deal only with facts and forms and methods of organization, but also to human and divine relations as well. We are hoping to have this address available for all at a later date.

A unique announcement was the occasion of great rejoicing. For the first time in many years, the treasurer's report showed a balanced budget (in spite of the depression) and a considerable excess of receipts on expenditure, which made possible a reduction of the indebtedness accumulated during the past ten years from in round numbers \$131,000 to \$129,000.

But one honorary degree was conferred this year. Rev. Charles Floyd Banning, O. U., 1916, graduate of Colgate-Rochester Seminary in 1925, and minister of the Richmond Hill Baptist Church, New York City, was presented by Dr. W. A. Elliott, minister of the First Baptist Church, Ottawa, Secretary of the Board of Trustees, for the degree of Doctor of Divinity which Dr. Behan conferred upon him, while Prof. Ritchie, of the faculty, invested him with the symbolic hood.

Mr. Webb has asked me to tell you a little about the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees which occurred the day before Commencement, Monday, May 30th.

The main interest centered around the financial reports, a preliminary statement given in Acting President's report which here follows:

Mr. President and Members of the Board of Trustees:

I have the honor to submit the following report:

FINANCIAL: That this year has been a trying year to us all needs no argument. Educational institutions especially have been hard hit and this is more true in the middle west than in the east. Three factors have contributed to this serious financial condition.

1. There have been diminished returns from investments.

2. A second factor in the situation is a reduction in gifts. Men and women throughout the country have not been able to make any considerable financial contribution and all philanthropic institutions and causes have suffered. In a large number of cases men have been unable to make any payments on pledges. This factor has influenced our income. Last year our returns from campaign pledges reached only \$11,856, about \$2,150 under a year ago.

A fund of \$10,500 was collected last fall to cover summer indebtedness, \$3,500 of which came from the Northern Baptist Board of Education, \$3,500 from C. Q. Chandler, \$1,000 from O. A. Powell, and \$2,500 in many gifts ranging from \$5.00 to \$150.00 from various trustees and friends. The members of the faculty and administration, most of whom have been living on salaries below normal for the last ten years, voluntarily and generously contributed 1-10 of their salaries to the current expense fund and have made the same pledge for next year and this gift, amounting to over \$3,000, has been paid in full. There has also been a gift of \$1,700 of returned annuity received from the Collingwoods, \$800.00 to be applied on this current year and \$900.00 on next.

The largest single gift, however, has come from the Northern Baptist Board of Education. In addition to the \$10,000 appropriated for endowment but released this year for current expense, \$3,500, as indicated above, was paid to fulfill Dr. Padelford's pledge meeting a similar amount from C. Q. Chandler and the trustees and further addition of \$1,371.50 came to the treasurer's office this month from the same Board.

3. A third factor affecting the general financial condition of colleges and universities is seen in a somewhat reduced enrollment. This is especially true here in Kansas. Every educational institution in the state save two outside of the junior colleges, registered a loss. The two that had any gains were Lindsborg and Ottawa and Ottawa had the largest gain, a gain of 20 or 8% as over last year. Baker, to the north of us, lost over 60 and others accordingly.

You all are naturally anxious to know our present financial situation in view of these three factors and others that might be mentioned. Our treasurer's report will show a total of expenditures for the year of \$92,169 and it is with great satisfaction and even greater gratitude that I am able to announce receipts of \$94,500, a surplus of \$2,331.00 over expenditures and for the first time in at least ten years we close the year without a cent of deficit. When we remember that our deficit at the end of the last school year was over \$22,000, the figures for this year are all the more remarkable and significant.

A budget for the year 1932-1933 of \$95,780 was adopted to be reviewed and, if necessary, revised after six months. However, this budget was built on the expected income from a student body of 325 students, 25 more than last year, with every possibility of a much larger number.

—Dr. W. P. Behan.

1933: I—'05, '06, '07, '08.

'25, '26, '27.

III—'30, '31, '32.