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ALUMNI DAY CLOSES BRANDENBURG JUBILEE

REUNIONS TODAY, BANQUET
AND DANCE TONIGHT ON
PROGRAM.

Federal Vocational Trainees Who
Attended College After World
War Gather This Morning;
Concert in Afternoon.

March 19, 1938

A week long observance of Dr. W. A. Brandenburg's 25th anniversary as president of the College will come to a close tonight with an alumni banquet in the College cafeteria annex, and a dance in the College gymnasium following.

Speaker for tonight's banquet program will be C. M. Harger, chairman of the state board of regents, and the toastmaster will be C. M. Miller, director of vocational education for Kansas.

Of especial interest tonight will be the presentation of a pageant, "Endearing Young Charms," written by Mrs. Lena Martin Smith, wife of Dr. Ralph Smith, superintendent of the Girard schools. Mrs. Smith was a member of the first graduating class of the institution, who received her degree the year President Brandenburg came to the College.

Cast for Pageant.

The pageant will be directed by Miss Irma Gene Nevins, head of the department of physical education for women, and included in the cast are Lewis Corporon, Betty Dorsey, Leo Howard, Roberta Woods, Burney Bawcom, Ella Bowman, Joe Campbell, Melba Baxter Leota Lance, Frances Householder, Betty Stonecipher, Willetta German, Marian Hart, Anne Frogue, Lora Alice Frogue, Constance Cockerill, Marjory Wells, Helen Glaze Marjory Bottenfield, Mavis Brewington, Marjory Ann Pease, Betty Jo Trent, Pattie Murphy, Joan Babcock, Nancy Anderson, Arlene Zook, Patricia Trent, Joan Hughes, Gretchen Glick, Nancy Lee Duerksen, Betty Kay Small, Alan Thomas and Allan Pratt.

There were reunions of various groups this morning, including the first get-together of the old federal trainees of some fifteen years ago. These vocational students, sent here as a part of the federal government's rehabilitation plan following the World War included many who were incapacitated by their service for the kind of work they had been doing before the war, and the training here enabled them to fit into various kinds of work. Many of them took both high school and college work.

About twenty of them were on hand for a breakfast this morning in the College cafeteria. President Brandenburg talked, giving reminiscences of the days from 1911 to 1925. The affair was in charge of Prof. W. H. Matthews, director of vocational training at the College.

Trainees in Reunion.

Among those present at the federal trainee reunion are R. M. Collins Pittsburg; Rudolph E. Forsyth, Wichita; John Newman, Wichita; Milo Scarigge, Pittsburg; Frank Simino, Pittsburg; Carl Cockerill, Pittsburg; M. E. Lawson, Wichita; R. C. Tharrington, Pittsburg; Elmer E. Edgell McPherson; B. L. Varner, Ellsworth; M. F. Shedan, Hutchinson; Jewell Moore, Wichita; Ray Grail, Wichita; Lester Greve, Kansas City; L. C. Williams, Clearwater, and S. E. Maness Pittsburg.

Smith-Hughes classes, including the home economics adult education women, attended reunions this morning. All departments had reunions from 1 to 3 o'clock this afternoon, most of them having special teas.

At 3 o'clock this afternoon there was a musical concert in College auditorium, at which President Brandenburg spoke.

From 5 to 7 o'clock this afternoon the fraternities and sororities had open house.

ALUMNI DAY SATURDAY ENDS SILVER JUBILEE

GRADS PRESENT BRANDENBURG
WITH NEW CAR AT
BANQUET.

March 21, 1938

C. M. Harger, Chairman of Board of
Regents, Is Speaker at Closing
Event Honoring 25 Years of
Service at College.

Climaxing the week's silver anniversary festivities with the presentation of a new motor car to Dr. W. A. Brandenburg as a material testimony of their regard for the man who has been president of the institution for the past quarter of a century, alumni of the College attended closing events of the jubilee Saturday.

There was a banquet in the cafeteria Saturday night, followed by a speaking program in College auditorium, giving alumni opportunity to say more of the words of praise for President Brandenburg which have been ringing from the rostrums for a week.

C. M. Harger, chairman of the state board of regents, gave the main address following the banquet. Mr. Harger began his speech with the opinion that he had always believed one-third of all speeches could be plowed under without loss to anyone and expressed the opinion that most of those present probably were of the same opinion after a "week of solid speech-making."

Mr. Harger extolled the merits of a college education. "We sometimes laugh at a college education," he said, "but when we get right down to the truth of the matter, it is a valuable thing to have and a man is just a little better off in his community if he has one."

"The alumni of a college are not called on for much but, after all, it is the graduates who represent the school when college days are over."

For Happiness.

The regents head, who has been a member of the state board for more than half the length of the time President Brandenburg has served at the local school, spoke optimistically concerning prospects for the country as a whole.

"The American people," he said, "are intent on happiness for themselves and for others and times are sure to be better."

In telling of the loyalty of Kansas persons to their native state, Mr. Harger stressed the remarkable faculty of Kansans to see good in their state regardless of what happens.

"Although visibility may be less than a block due to a raging dust storm, it is always clear sky for Kansas people," he exclaimed.

In telling of the importance of careful instruction, the speaker stated his firm belief in objective teaching that permits students to learn in an unbiased and comprehensive fashion.

No Communism.

"Our boys and girls are accused of communism," he said, "but I don't think our boys and girls know what 'communism' means. If they did, they wouldn't have anything to do with it."

C. M. Miller, state director of vocational education of Topeka, acted as toastmaster during the dinner in the cafeteria and presided during the speaking program in Carney hall. The banquet invocation was given by Miss Jennie Walker. Karl Rodick, tenor, sang selections as a part of the program.

Following the address made by Mr. Harger, Mrs. Lena Martin Smith of Girard presented a pageant, representative of the 25 years of President Brandenburg's work here.

The pageant included a parade of young women and girls representing the 25 classes since the administration began, diminishing in size until the smallest chairs on the stage were occupied by tots barely able to scramble up the steps.

Classes Represented.

Each of the 25 graduating classes was represented by a member of the class, as well, the various representatives carrying placards with the date of their class inscribed upon it.

Five sections of a huge pasteboard cake were carried into the auditorium, each section bearing five large candles representing as many years of President Brandenburg's administration.

Announcers told of the most important events of each year of the administration and as they did so, the respective class representatives stepped forward to light the candles. When the 25 candles were burning brightly, the pieces were fitted into the big cake and "Prexy" blew the flames out one at a time. The president was a little red-faced as the final candle sputtered out but accomplished the task successfully, the audience showing considerable merriment as the result of "Prexy's" obvious effort as he neared the final candle.

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In Verse Form.

Much of the pageant material was in verse form. Mrs. Smith offered a toast, "Endearing Young Charms," to the guest of honor. An instrumental trio was composed of Genevieve Duncan, Joan Harrison and Betty Carney. Betty Dorsey presided on the stage as the class representatives made their appearances.

An amusing part of the pageant was the belated appearance of the class of 1938, who arrived on the scene somewhat flustered and a little beside himself. He was brought under control by Father Time, who was on hand in his traditional robe and armed with his trusty scythe.

At the conclusion of the entertainment in the auditorium, the crowd adjourned to the campus and spotlights were focused on the new motor car, which stood just in front of the Carney hall steps. President Brandenburg was the recipient of a sheaf of letters contributed by alumni members. The concluding part of the program was the presentation of the car by Mr. Miller.

During the speaking program, a number of telegrams of congratulations were read by the chairman. Distinguished guests were intro-

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Celebration of the twenty-five anniversary of Dr. W. A. Brandenburg's presidency of Kansas State Teacher College will be observed the third week of March in a series of silver jubilee programs. The opening program will occur on Tuesday March 15. Each department will hold open house that day, and following a concert in the evening by the college orchestra, a reception honoring President and Mrs. Brandenburg will be held.

Thursday's activities will be under the direction of the student council and its president, Mr. Lewis Corporan.

Friday has been designated as guest day. Many such distinguished guests as the Governor and former governor, Members of the Board of Regents, and State Board of Administration, legislators and other college presidents will that day pay honor to President Brandenburg with their presence. A banquet in the evening will close the day's observance.

Saturday's festivities will be centered around alumni programs and it is expected that large numbers of former students and alumni members will return to the Campus.

Dr. Brandenburg's twenty-five years of service to the State have been fruitful ones as evidenced by the growth of the College in its standards, buildings and equipment,

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and in its increased enrollments and large number of graduates; and by his contributions to the State's industrial and social progress through his general civic, religious and fraternal interest and activity.