Northeastern to Hold Spring Track Meet

All Schools of Northeastern Oklahoma Invited to Participate—Music, Oratory and Declamation to Be Featured April 27 and 28

For the first time in the history of the institution Northeastern State Normal invites the schools of this entire region to partici- pate in a track meet to be held on Gable Athletic Field April 27 and 28, 1917, with nothing in a half hearted way. Northeastern has not attempted anything of this kind before because of the fact that the athletic field has not been in a shape to warrant the undertaking. She now has, however, an excellent field with the exception of the track, which could be made excellent in a half hearted way. She is the only school in the state, Grandstand and bleachers of her first class rank and the whole field is enclosed with a high-board fence, which in no way interferes with the interest of athletic.

Not only do the entire student body and faculty membership unite in inviting the schools of northeast- ern Oklahoma to be present and take part in the meet, but the citizenship of the entire state is invited to witness her students and their work in athletics which has endeared her to the whole school is en- sured to the whole school. It is enthusiastic over the prospects and all together we feel that the time is ripe for the schools of the entire realm of athletics.

Several new members have been added to the society recently. The president, Mrs. R. L. Fite, has been visiting the different cities in Northeastern Oklahoma the last week in the interest of the society. After her return there will be an appointment of committees and active work will begin.

Some interesting contributions have been made recently among which are a pair of old time songs, contributed by T. E. Taylor, and an old issue of the Cherokee Advocate by Bunk Bean, a contempor- ary report of the proceedings of the Davis Commission by Zeke Parris, and a souvenir song from Checotah, home in Salinas by Dan Harrington and a photograph of Governor By Newton Poucher.

Let other friends of the Normal follow suit and send in articles.

Governor Signs Bill Amounting to Sum of $20,000.00

Governor R. L. Williams celebrated Lincoln's birthday Monday, February 12th, by attaching his sig- natures to the Hinks-Smith bill making provision for the erection of an auditorium on the campus of Northeastern State Normal. This building has long been the crying need of this institution, there never yet having been a summer school, nor club meetings were held during the academic year, nor a school play or opera, but that the present need for an auditorium has been felt by all concerned. Resolutions have been adopted, bills have been introduced, speeches have been made, letters have been written in time past—all to no avail, but this year the fate was more kindly disposed. The Governor and the legislature were more friendly and the result is as stated above—a bill has been pass- ed and emergency clause attached. The long felt need is to be realized.

It is thought that work will be done in the new building as soon as practical and it is even hoped that progress may be sufficiently rapid so as to enable us to use the building for at least a part of the summer term.

Auditorium will be placed in the grove to the southeast of the main building. It will be 100 by 150 feet. It may be heated by the present heating plant. It will contain the main floor, with movable seats in the center and elevated seats at the sides, except that a part of the seating will be on the central rotunda. It will contain a balcony from which spectators may observe such games. It will also have separate dressing rooms for both men and women and will provide ample rear stairs.

On the completion of the new building the auditorium will be moved into the present assembly hall and the present library quarters will be used as a home for the Cherokee Historical association and its col- lection.

Great enthusiasm was shown by the students at the chapel exercises when it was announced that the committee of the passage of this bill was made. Rah! Rah! Rah! filling the air. Everybody wore his best smile. The faces showed the pride and satisfaction in themselves, their school, their state and the general enthusiasm. The following resolutions were unanimously adopt- ed by the student body, copies of which are being sent to Governor Williams, Senator Smith and our own representative, Mr. Harding.

WHEREAS, The Legislature of the State of Oklahoma, recognizing the need of the Northeastern State Normal for a general assembly hall, has passed a bill appropriating $20,000.00 for the erection of an auditorium, and

RESOLVED, That the Committee of will endorse, Governor R. L. Williams, has seen fit to sign this bill, and

WHEREAS, We express our sincere thanks to the legislature and to Governor Williams for this substantial gift, and to the state for the sum it contains.

2. That copies of these resolutions go to the Governor, to Williams, to Mr. Harding, and to Senator Smith, and that copies of same be placed in the Northeastern News and local press.

T. N. H. B. March 28

Northeastern State College

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