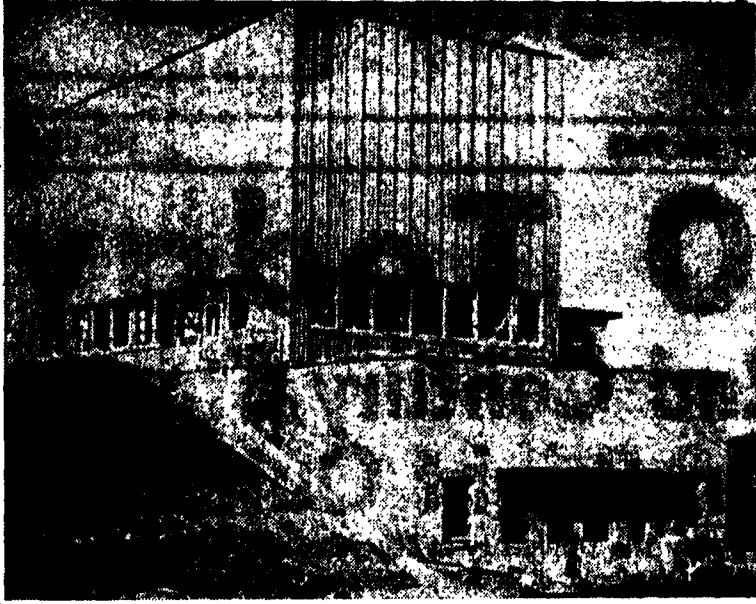


Atomic Landmark



ADM. LEWIS L. STRAUSS, chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, will dedicate the nuclear reactor, shown above, at 3 p.m. today. The reactor is almost completed and is expected to be ready for use in the near future. The reactor itself is located under the steel enclosed may on a 24-foot deep pool of water. The pool acts as a cooling agent and a shield against radiation.

Reactor Dedication— (Continued from first page)

He is the president of the Board of Trustees of the Institute for Advanced Study and is a trustee of the Sloan-Kettering Institute, Memorial Center for Cancer and Allied Diseases, the Brooks Institution, and the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, and is a past-president of the Congregation Emanu-El of New York City.

Born in Charleston, W. Va., Admiral Strauss entered government service in 1917 as secretary to Herbert Hoover in relief operations in Belgium. From 1919 until 1948 he was associated with the

banking firm of Kuhn, Loeb and Co., New York. He entered the Navy in 1941 and served on active duty until 1946. His assignments included staff assistant to the Chief of the Bureau of Ordnance, assistant chief of Procurement and Material, special assistant to the Vice-Chief of Naval Operations, special assistant to the Secretary of the Navy, and Navy member of the Army-Navy Munitions Board.

Marmons, Peerless, Oldsmobiles, Champions, Overlands and Fords could be rented at the University for big weekends in 1923 for 15 cents per mile.

In 1932, nearly 1000 bluebooks were sold to students.

Birthday Party Is Third in History

Although the University has seen 99 previous birthdays, today's ceremonies mark only the third major observance of its creation in the school's history.

The "semi-centennial celebration," as it was billed, was observed at commencement time in 1905, and the 75th anniversary was heralded by a special three-day program during homecoming weekend in Oct., 1930.

There was no observance of the University's first quarter century of existence, however. The fortunes of the young institution were at their lowest ebb, its future uncertain.

By the time of the semicentennial, the picture had brightened considerably. There were 749 students, and the faculty and staff had grown to 68. The latter figure was more than the number of students enrolled 25 years before.

Until 1905, University catalogues had always given the school's founding date as 1859, the year when the first students were admitted. But the Board of Trustees now voted to establish the founding date as the year in which the law chartering the school was signed—Feb. 22, 1855.

If they had so chosen, the trustees might also have made the University one year older than it is presently reckoned, for the school's first charter was adopted by the legislature in 1854.

This act set up a governing board of 60 members. It quickly proved impossible to get so many trustees assembled at one time, and the next year the original charter was repealed and a new one adopted fixing the number of trustees at 13.

George W. Atherton was president of the University during the semi-centennial ceremonies. A full day of the commencement week was set aside for speeches on the early history and growth,

and the current status of the institution.

At night, the campus was lit by electric lights in Japanese lanterns, and streamers of lights were strung from the top of Old Main's tower to the four corners of the venerable building, which in its early years had housed the entire University.

Several of the addressees sa-

luted the University as a pioneer in scientific and engineering education and in agricultural training and research. Others recounted the history of the school and its place in the State's system of public education.

When in 1930, its seventy-fifth anniversary was celebrated, the University was hardly recognizable as the school of 1905. Among other things, the celebration marked the dedication of 12 new buildings, among them a rebuilt Old Main.

Some 4000 students paraded during the festivities, and there was a sizeable academic procession. More than 400 faculty members and representatives from other institutions participated.

President Ralph Dorn Hetsel, summing up the achievements of 75 years, said the University faculty and staff now comprised 1000 persons, and some 4800 students were enrolled.



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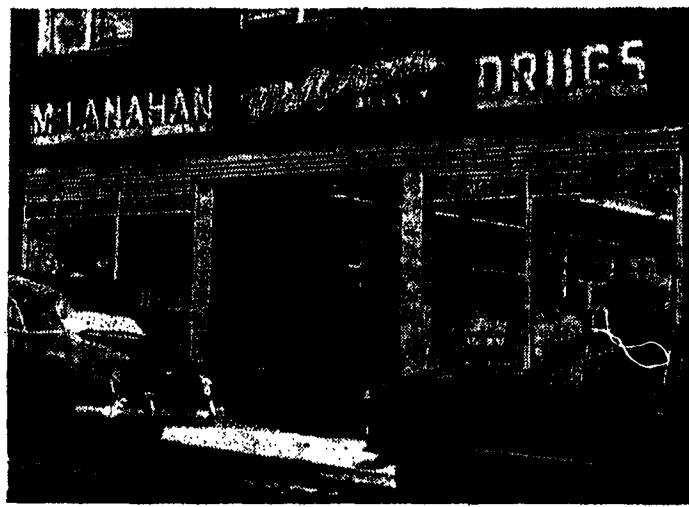
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