

College Founders' Day Observed By Hundreds

Commemorating the founding of the Branch Normal School, predecessor of the Branch Agricultural, in 1897, "Founders Day" was observed Thursday at the Branch college. The annual reunion of the Alumni Association of the college was also observed.

The principle feature of the day was a program in the college auditorium, with Professor D. L. Sargent, of the B. A. C. faculty, presiding. The following program was rendered:

Band selections by the college band, under the direction of Roy L. Halversen.

Two songs by a choral group, directed by William H. Manning.

A talk by Director Henry Oberhansley, of the college, reporting on prospects for favorable legislative appropriations by the session of the Utah State Legislature.

Introduction of founders of the college who were present, by Randall W. Lunt of Cedar City, who told of the various contributions of individuals introduced, in the way of stone work, brick work, blacksmithing, and other activities connected with the erection of the first building on the campus, the present Library Building. Mr. Lunt recounted how timbers were brot down from the mountains in the winertime to be sawed into lumber for this building.

Alumni song group, consisting of Nels Marsden, Blanch Jones, Jim Urie, Parley Dalley, I. E. Riddle, Walter Lunt, Mrs. Isabelle Papworth, and Earl Urie, sang some of the songs which were the official school songs in the early history of the institution.

Alan Macfarlane, president of the student body, welcomed the visitors to the school.

Talk by Mayor Charles R. Hunter, in which he praised the accomplishments of the institution and urged greater support of the college by local people, particularly in sending their children to the school here.

Morgan Hollo, Blanch Corry Jones and John M. Foster reminisced regarding anecdotes in courtroom activities of the student body court which prevailed in the early years of the Branch Agricultural college.

Dr. M. J. Macfarlane, who is also an alumnus of the college and who at present is a member of the Board of Trustees of the State Agricultural College, gave a short address praising the accomplishments of the institution and urging the alumni to send their children to school at this college.

In his remarks at the program Director Oberhansley reported that the present cost per capita of training students in the college division amounts to \$208.00 per year, compared with a per capita cost of \$1,000 per year not many years ago, when the enrollment was much smaller. The all-time low on per capita costs was \$174.00—the average for the past 3 years.

Many of the founders and alumni are parents and grandparents of members of the present student body. A congenial and enjoyable spirit prevailed at the program.

Following the program the founders were the guests of the institution at a luncheon prepared and served by the college home economics department, under the direction of Miss Lydia Jennings, instructor in home economics.

Among the founders of the institution present at the celebration were: Mr. and Mrs. David Dix, Fred Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ashdown, Mrs. Thomas Bladen, John Nelson, Mrs. Lullus Rosenberg, Mrs. Andrew Corry, William Corry, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Decker, Mr. and Mrs. George H. Wood, Mrs. Louisa B. Palm, E. J. Palmer, Mrs. Ellabeth Leigh, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Leigh, Mrs. Christina Chatterley, Mrs. Nancy Pendleton, Mr. and Mrs. William R. Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. Randall W. Lunt, Mrs. Samuel T. Leigh, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Fife, Richard Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel B. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Adams, Mr. and Mrs. David Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Dover.