

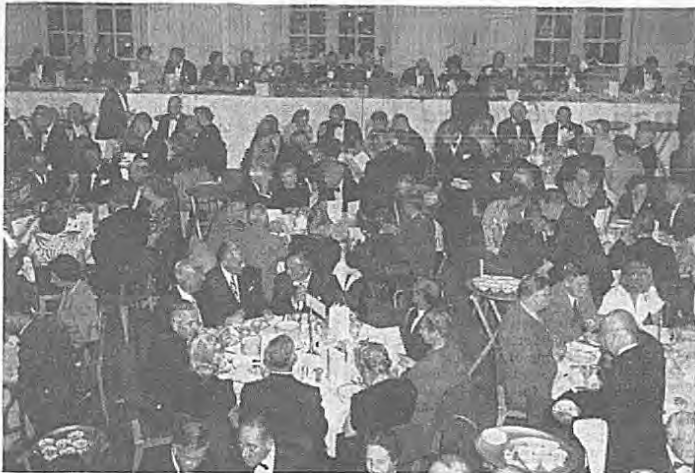
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13 Honored At Anniversary Celebration



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BANQUET SCENE—The gathering of Corporation members, college representatives, guests, faculty, alumni, staff members, and student leaders. The order at the head table, left to right, Dr. Beatley, Mrs. Nash, Reverend Keleher, Mrs. Killian, Dr. Carmichael, Mrs. Marsh, Dr. Conant, Mrs. Ell, Mr. Randall, Dr. Dodge, Dr. Ell, Mrs. Horton, Bishop Nash, Mrs. Conant, Dr. Marsh, Mrs. Carmichael, Dr. Killian, Mrs. Beatley.

By MURRAY GART

Northeastern's 50th Anniversary celebration was climaxed Saturday, October 2, by an afternoon convocation in Alumni Auditorium and an evening banquet in the main ballroom of Boston's Hotel Copley Plaza. Both were attended by approximately 1,000 persons, including college presidents and representatives, corporation members, alumni, faculty, staff, students, delegates from learned societies, and guests.

'N.U.'s Plan Sound'

"Make no little plans; they have no magic to stir man's soul. Make big plans; aim high in hope and work, remembering that a noble, logical diagram once recorded will never die. Let your watchword be order and your beacon beauty." President Carl S. Ell used this quotation to describe the university plan which has become Northeastern, in his 50th anniversary address at the evening banquet.

Before a distinguished gathering of college presidents, corporation members, faculty, alumni, students, and guests Dr. Ell stated, "Northeastern has made no little plans. It has made big plans and sound plans. It is looking ahead to the next 50 years."

stand idle. It is these same steel mills which have won a war such as that just passed and are rebuilding the world."

Men of education are criticized by business, Mr. Randall said, for their ivory tower attitude, their overconcern for abstractions, and their tendency to criticize business as being too worldly and practical without attempting to direct the process of education to the needs of business.

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LLD Received By Dr. Conant

Height of the afternoon convocation was reached when Dr. James B. Conant, President of Harvard University, Chief Justice John P. Higgins of the Massachusetts Superior Court, Joseph P. Spang, Jr., President of the Gillette Safety Razor Company, and Robert G. Dodge, Chairman of Northeastern University's Corporation and first lecturer, were among 13 persons presented with honorary degrees.

Award Given In Absentia

Other honorary degree recipients along with President Conant, Chief Justice Higgins, Mr. Dodge, and Mr. Spang were Clarence B. Randall, Vice-President of Inland Steel Company; President Raymond Walters of the University of Cincinnati and guest speaker; Thomas W. Swan, Judge of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals and former Dean of Yale University School of Law (conferred in absentia). The degree of Doctor of Laws was conferred upon each.

Mary Ellen Chase, author and professor of English literature at Smith College, and Bernard DeVoto, of Cambridge, author, historian and critic, were awarded degrees of Doctor of Literature. Luis de Flores, consulting engineer, inventor and rear admiral in the Naval Reserve, and Edward R. Gilliland, professor of chemical engineering at M.I.T., were

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President Carl S. Ell

School History Shows Expansion

By JOHN ATKINSON

Northeastern had its start on Monday, October 3, 1898, when the first few evening classes were held in the old YMCA building on the corner of Berkeley and Boylston Streets. Instruction continued there until 1909, when a fire destroyed the building. Then classes met in a building on the site of the present City Club at Ashburton Place and Somerset Street.

Became A College In 1916

Further educational service was begun in 1909, when Northeastern opened the day School of Engineering and adopted the Co-operative Plan of Education. In 1920 some 250 students were placed with fifty companies; this year 2,000 students will be placed throughout New England, New York, and New Jersey.

Northeastern did not become a college or have a separate corporation until 1916. Until then it had been operating as the Department of Education of the Boston YMCA. During the next twenty years the new college was housed in the Huntington Avenue building of the Boston "Y." The name was changed from college to university in 1922.

The University in 1929 purchased its first property at the Huntington Avenue site where it now stands. This area was formerly used for revival meetings, American league baseball, and a drill field in World War I. The property remained vacant until 1938, when N.U. erected its first building, Richards Hall. In 1941 the second building, Science Hall, was constructed.

Northeastern began the celebration of its fiftieth anniversary with the dedication of its third building, the Student Center, in 1947. Recently more land was acquired for an outdoor gym, and parking space. The University also maintains a law school building behind the State House on Mt. Vernon Street.

Clarence B. Randall, vice-president of the Inland Steel Corporation and recently returned from Europe after a special assignment with E.C.A. took the opportunity in his address to criticize both business and education for allowing so large a breach to exist between them.

"Men of education," Mr. Randall stated, "have criticized business for the depression of the early thirties, for allowing large steel mills to be built to

College Heads Salute N. U.

Presidents of seventeen colleges and universities attended the anniversary convocation and banquet. Included among those present were James B. Conant of Harvard, Raymond Walters of the University of Cincinnati, Daniel L. Marsh of Boston University, Leonard Carmichael of Tufts, and James R. Killian, Jr., Executive Vice President of M.I.T. in place of Dr. Karl T. Compton.

Contribute To N.U.

Other presidents who participated were Abram Sachar of Brandeis, Very Rev. William L. Keleher of Boston College, Kenneth C. M. Sills of Bowdoin, Bancroft Beatley of Simmons, Mrs. Mildred McAfee Horton of Wellesley, Rev. Robert I. Gan-

non of Fordham, Very Rev. Daniel P. Lyons of St. Michael's, Carl R. Woodward of Rhode Island State, Raymond C. Wass of Lasell Junior College, Boylston Green of Emerson, Harrison M. Davis, Jr., of Nasson College, and Allan R. Cullimore of Newark College of Engineering.

In his anniversary address, President Carl S. Ell of North-

eastern stressed the fact that several colleges and universities have contributed to Northeastern's development. Former Deans of Harvard and Boston University Law Schools were important factors in establishment of Northeastern's School of Law in 1898.

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DELEGATES AND GUESTS — 1st Row: President Carmichael (Tufts), President Walters (University of Cincinnati), President Horton (Wellesley), Corporation Chairman Dodge, President Ell, President Conant (Harvard), President Marsh (Boston University); 2nd Row: President Beatley (Simmons), President Cullimore (Newark College of Engineering), Commissioner of Education Desmond, President Keleher (Boston College), Vice-President Killian (M.I.T.), President Woodward (Rhode Island).

Robert Dodge Is Cited For Invaluable Leadership

Until Robert Gray Dodge was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws by Northeastern University at the 50th Anniversary Convocation last Saturday he was unaware of the honor to be done him. President Carl S. Ell and the Board of Trustees felt that Mr. Dodge, as Chairman of the Board, would refuse to allow the award if he were consulted.

Was First Lecturer

Making an exception by awarding an honorary degree to a member of the Board of Trustees, Frank L. Richardson, Vice-Chairman of the Board, said on behalf of his associates, "Mr. Dodge, by his modesty and his intelligence, his steady influence and his wise counsel, has provided invaluable leadership, winning and holding our whole-hearted esteem and affection." Fifty years ago, in October,

1898, a young lawyer conducted Northeastern's first class. Since then, Robert Dodge's period of service to Northeastern has been unbroken. Now Chairman of the Board of Trustees, he assumed that position in 1932.

A graduate of Harvard College with degrees from Harvard Law School and Tufts, Mr. Dodge has been a leader in the Boston and Massachusetts bar. He has been well characterized as a crusader for fair practice and justice. He is a member of the law firm of Palmer, Dodge, Chase, and Davis.

Proof of his deep and sincere interest in education is Mr. Dodge's connection with other schools. He was a member of the Board of Trustees of Wellesley College from 1923 to 1947, and President of the Board from 1930. He is a trustee of the New England Conservatory of Music.

Novelist's Award First To Woman In N. U. History

Dr. Mary Ellen Chase was presented the honorary degree of Litt.D. as the first woman recipient in the history of Northeastern University.

Professor of English Literature at Smith College, Dr. Chase enjoys a reputation as a versatile and accomplished writer.

Among her short stories and books is the novel "Windswept," a family chronicle set against the Maine coast.

\$1,301,670.75

Tops Goal

In 1943 the Northeastern University Corporation decided to raise a fund for the Fiftieth Anniversary, the principal purpose of which was to build and equip the Student Center Building. In 1947 the Corporation voted to raise a fund to purchase land for the North Parking area and to complete the payments on Richards Hall and Science Hall.

The total fund objective was announced as \$1,300,000. Saturday night, at the Anniversary Banquet, President Carl S. Ell announced that the total received was \$1,301,670.75.

In acknowledging Northeastern's debt of gratitude, President Ell said, "The raising of this fund has been possible only because the faculty of this Institution, over a period of years, has turned out a product in the way of graduates who were well educated, trained and competent."

"Only because many genuine friends of the University looked at this Institution, saw good in it and gave generously to the fund."