

HOMECOMING PLANNED FOR COLLEGE HERE

K.S.T.C. Celebration Includes Dedication of Kirk Memorial

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A homecoming deluxe is being planned for the second annual homecoming of the Teachers College here to be held on Oct. 26. Included in the highlights for the day's program will be the dedication of the John R. Kirk Memorial building, a parade of floats, football game between the Kirksville Bulldogs and Iowa Wesleyan College, homecoming banquet and ball.

Forrest C. "Phog" Allen, director of athletics at the University of Kansas and foremost basketball coach and authority of the country, will be featured as speaker at the banquet. William H. Ziegel, dean of the Delta State Teachers College, Cleveland, Miss., and J. C. Williams, of Chicago, Ill., will be featured on the dedication program for the Kirk Memorial.

The general homecoming plans are sponsored by the Blue Key, service organization on the campus, which sponsored the first annual homecoming last fall.

The general program for the day opens at 10 o'clock when the dedication services will be held. Judge J. A. Cooley, president of the Board of Regents, will preside over this section of the day's activities.

Dean Williams served as dean here under Dr. John R. Kirk, late president of the college here. Williams, a graduate of the school here and a classmate of Dr. Walter H. Ryle, president of the school, has been teaching for a number of years in a large high school in Chicago. Williams has been active in the drive for funds for the memorial,

and was in charge of two banquets in Chicago, which were in the interest of the drive.

Dr. P. O. Selby, of the faculty at the Teachers College, will be on the morning program to give a history of the Kirk Memorial.

The noon hour will be devoted to informal luncheons by various groups, and it is expected that different student organizations will make plans for entertaining old members during the day.

A parade of floats, which was one of the features of last year's gathering, will open at 1:30 o'clock. Student groups are planning elaborate floats to enter in competition for a loving cup. The homecoming queen is to be selected and will be crowned on the field just before the game.

The Kirksville-Iowa Wesleyan game is to begin at 2 o'clock.

The homecoming banquet is scheduled for 6 o'clock at the Travelers Hotel and the ball will follow at 9 o'clock in the Kirk Auditorium.

Music will be furnished during the day by the marching band of the Teachers college, one of the largest in the history of the institution, and by other groups. Prof. J. L. Biggerstaff is striving to arrange a program of music which will feature musicians who were connected in some manner with the school during the life of Dr. Kirk.

A large oil painting of Dr. Kirk is being painted and Pres. Ryle said this morning that he hoped that the picture would be finished in time to be unveiled during the ceremonies.