

The Memorial Parkway's Three Purposes

The Memorial Parkway—
a genuine "living" memorial;
a framework for the University's future expansion;
a vitally-needed traffic artery;

companion of the campanile as part of K.U.'s World War II Memorial to former students who lost their lives during the war.

Primarily, of course, the driveway is designed as a "living" memorial, a thing of beauty which continuously contributes something to the welfare of mankind. To Jayhawkers who have strolled through Marvin Grove and beside Potter Lake, who have walked in cap and gown down the path from the Rock Chalk Cairn to Memorial Stadium, it will renew memories of college days and college friends. Those classmates now represented by gold stars will live again along the living, growing parkway.

The driveway also is a contribution to the future. It will gain new friends for K.U. from among its visitors — friends who will appreciate and remember its scenic beauty. Together with the music of the mighty carillon, it will take its place among the many traditions already a part of the University.

A Blueprint for the Future

The University's physical growth, retarded by war-time shortages, is sched-

uled to begin soon. Several new buildings are planned, including engineering shops and five residence halls, and additions to be made to Watson Library and the Memorial Union. A glance at a map will show that there is no more space on top of the Hill for the new buildings. They must be located on the slopes, either north or south, as was the Military Science building, constructed during the war.

The Memorial Driveway will provide easy access to areas which otherwise would be difficult to reach. It will link all the buildings, old and new, into a unified campus and form a pattern of expansion for many years to come.

A New Traffic Artery

Those who have seen the center drive and parking lots choked with automobiles will agree to the need for new trafficways. Enrollments passed 5,000 this spring, and the administration's "working plan" for the fall term is based on a 7,000 figure. High enrollments — meaning more automobiles and bigger crowds — are expected to continue.

The Memorial will make possible enough parking space, mainly in lots south of the Hill, to triple the present capacity, providing places for an additional 829 automobiles. Particularly for special University events—concerts,

plays, and basketball games—will the driveway assume a much needed utilitarian task.

Gateways from the Class of '46

Formal gateways to the University, the first ever to be erected, are planned for the corner of Thirteenth and Oread streets. Money toward the cost of these entrances has been voted by the Class of 1946 as its class gift. As tentatively designed, archways will span the sidewalks along Oread street and sidewalks leading down behind the Memorial Union building, with space between for a fountain or a pool.

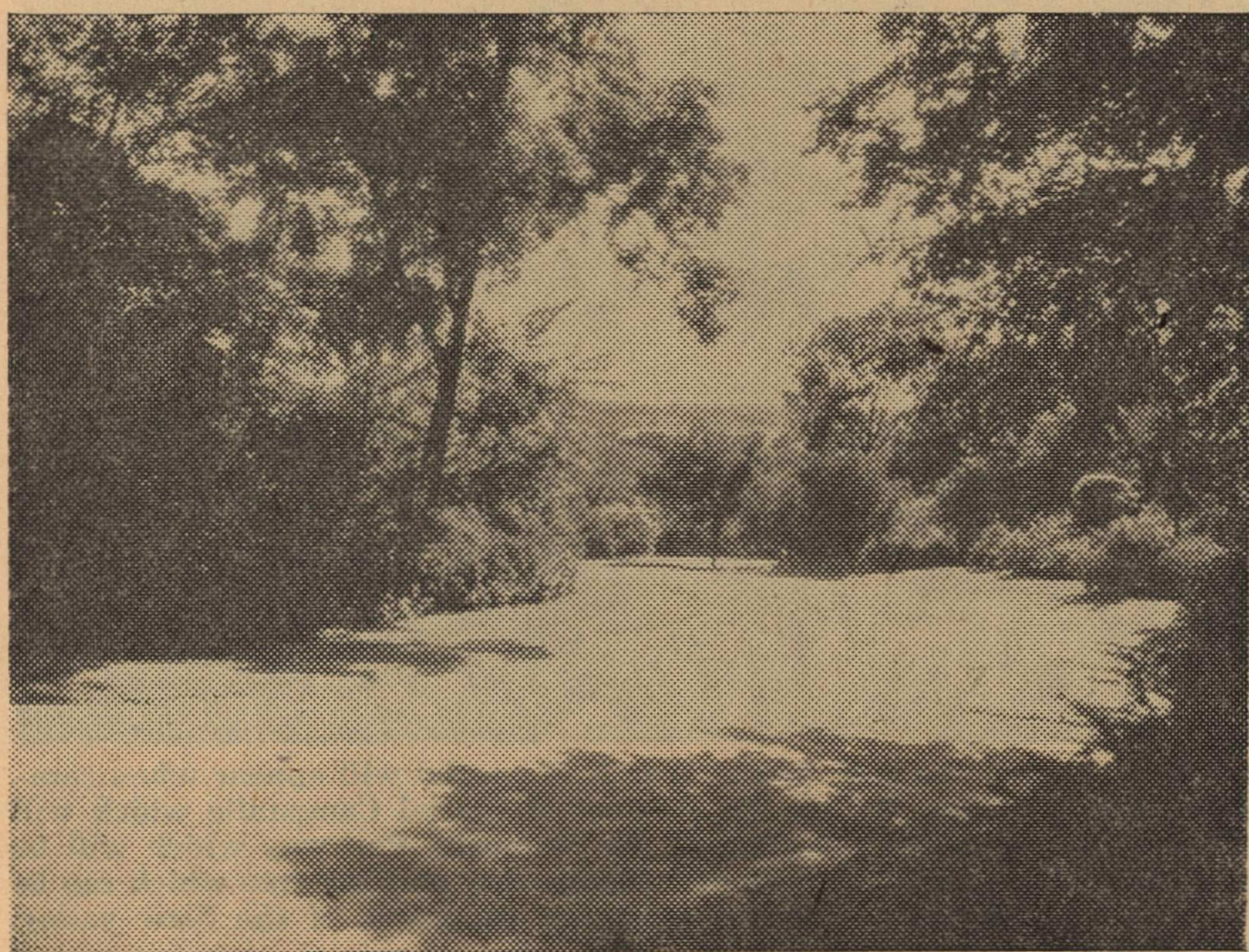
Beginning at the corner of Thirteenth and Oread (note map on p. 3), the driveway will wind down the slope past the Union, follow Mississippi street for approximately 150 yards, and then enter Marvin Grove behind the Chemistry building. On a level just below the brow of the Hill, the drive will make a wide curve behind Frank Strong Hall, passing below the campanile at the furthest point of the promontory jutting out behind the Hall.

At this point is planned a temporary parking place, at which visitors may pause to view the Kaw valley or to visit the campanile and carillon. The traditional path from the top of the Hill to the stadium, the one used by senior classes in Commencement ceremonies, will pass through the campanile and cross the driveway here.

Southwest From Potter Lake

From the campanile, the road will continue below the brow of the Hill overlooking Potter Lake and will join Jayhawk Drive at the western end of the campus. At this point, it will pass the well-known circular flower bed. Curving around Lindley Hall, the driveway will begin its southern arc.

On the southern slope, the drive will be laid over the ruts of the still-unmarked Oregon Trail, as described by Prof. Robert Taft, of the University chemistry department, in his book, "Across the Years on Mount Oread."



This scene from a Kansas City parkway is similar to those which will be found along the Memorial Drive. Visitors may pause at several turn-off points to view the river valleys and the campus.