



Urbana has been called the home of the most important manufacturing plant in Illinois. That plant is the University of Illinois. Its raw materials are youth and ambition. Its product is men and women. Illinois has twenty-nine colleges and universities. Of these the University of Illinois is the largest.

There are now enrolled at the university 13,764 men and women. On the payroll of the university, faculty members and employees of various kinds, are 1,380 more. The university owns sixty-seven important buildings. Their value less than one year ago was fixed at \$9,691,177. The school holds title to 2,431 acres of land. The campus proper consists of 356 acres.

**Huge Appropriation**  
The state of Illinois appropriates an average of \$5,250,000 a year to keep the University of Illinois in operation. All of the colleges and schools comprising the university are in Urbana except three. These, the College of Medicine, College of Dentistry and School of Pharmacy are in Chicago.

The three Chicago schools have an enrollment of 1,003 which means that there are 12,761 students on the campus at Urbana. Statisticians tell me that the University of Illinois is the third largest university in America. Colleges in Urbana are chiefly devoted to the arts and sciences, commerce and business, engineering, agriculture, law, music, the science of education, etc. Here, also, are to be found a number of state departments which include the State Geological Survey, Division of Registration and Education, and the agricultural, engineering and bureau of mines experimental stations.

**Where They Come From**  
Visiting Urbana to gather facts and figures, I wanted to know from what sort of homes these students came. It is in the records. Each student is asked to give the occupation of his father when he registers. The vocation of fathers, statistics reveal, are:

Business men	5,114
Farmers	1,974
Skilled laborers	1,615
Professional men	1,259

Of course, there is a job lot of other parentage but these divisions lead. But the education of the sons and daughters of our people is not the only work of the University of Illinois. Its scientists are laboring all the time for the development of the state's industrial wealth.

We find the university a laboratory devoted to the state's business advancement. We shall know it by its achievements. Here are a few of the things accomplished:

- Achievements**  
A system which, if followed, will save any farmer \$2.50 in the cost of raising a hog. There are 4,000,000 hogs in Illinois.  
A study of threshing problems which, it is claimed, may save one-half of the grain losses in threshing.  
A study of poultry diseases which ought to go far toward eliminating flock losses.  
Development of a serum to combat ptomaine poisoning in man and for-

age poisoning in animals.  
Discovery of Ilium, a platinum substitute, better in many ways than the original and cheaper.  
Important contributions in the cure of leprosy.  
Low-pressure process for the coking of Illinois coal.  
Discovery of akaine, a non-habit forming substitute for cocaine.  
Important findings in the fatigue phenomena of metals.

These are only a few of the practical and valuable results of scientific investigations. A remarkable work is now under way, which will take many years and may never end. It is the breeding of new varieties of apples. To date 27,000 first generation hybrids have been developed and several thousand second-generation hybrids are in the seedling stage.

Eighteen thousand trees, worth saving, are now in the orchards and a check-up shows 427 potential new varieties of apples some of which may be of untold value to orchardists and home-growers.

The university has a library of 683,000 volumes and one of the finest musical libraries in the world. It has a college band and two regimental bands, total about 300 pieces.  
Urbana is first of all a residential city. Outside of railroad shops, established many years ago, it is largely void of industrial plants. A few small institutions, scientific in nature and largely born of university research, have sprung up.

One of these, the G-M Scientific Instrument Co., builds special laboratory and research equipment. One of its outputs is a photo-electric cell which makes possible the "phonofilm." This is a talking motion picture film. Words or music can be recorded on the edge of a film. A light beam is used to make the sound as a substitute for the familiar needle.

**City of Homes**  
Urbana is a city of homes, retail trade, good paving, remarkable parks. It has excellent golf facilities which include an 18-hole country club and a links maintained by the university for students. Urbana has two hospitals and a sanitarium project is now being financed. Besides these a tubercular sanitarium and a home for orphans are maintained.

It is a commentary on the business management of the university that the student membership has increased thirty per cent in six years with no appeal from the board to the state for increase in appropriations. What private business could grow in that proportion and maintain such a record?

**Great Asset**  
In this work of "Re-Discovering Illinois" I have tried to search out the state's assets and tell about them. I believe that this school, in Urbana, is one of the most important assets of them all. It is no wonder that many call Urbana the home of the greatest manufacturing plant in Illinois.

It manufactures a product of enormous value—a trained citizenship. It makes that most valuable product on the face of the earth—men and women who can really think. It stirs up in them that greatest trait for progress and achievement—ambition. Yet though it is the largest of our educational institutions remember this:

It is only one of twenty-nine schools of higher learning in the state and while there are 13,764 students on its rolls we have, going to school in Illinois every day, more than 1-

000,000 students. Such is the foundation of Illinois' future!

**APPRAISES RECORD OF 69TH CONGRESS**

**TELLS OF ACHIEVEMENTS**

**Chairman of National Republican Congressional Committee Describes Its Work; Comments**

An Appraisal of the record of the 69th Congress, written expressly for the National Press Service by Congressman Will R. Wood of Indiana, chairman Republican National Congressional committee.  
"The Sixty-nine congress, which closed its labors March 4, obeyed the unmistakable mandate of the 1924 election to disregard radical proposals of changes in the fundamental principles of our government, and to continue the major policies of the national Republican administration, looking to the complete rehabilitation of government affairs upon a peacetime basis.

**Revenue Act**  
"In its first session it lost no time in the enactment of a revenue act, which not only reduced taxes in a further amount of nearly four hundred million dollars and released from the federal taxrolls nearly two and one-half millions of American citizens least able to bear a share of the burden, but which embodied principles of tax reform vigorously opposed by the minority party in the preceding congress. The lesson of the 1924 election had not been lost upon the Democrats in congress who joined almost unanimously in the passage of the revenue act, and who found so little to oppose in other administration policies that they went into the 1926 campaign without a single issue to command the attention of the country as a whole.

**Debt Funding**  
"In its first session, also, in addition to the enactment of much other beneficial legislation in keeping with the Republican program, the Sixty-ninth Congress gave approval to debt funding agreements with most of our foreign debtors.

"As usual the short session just closed was occupied principally with the passage of the great annual appropriation bills, a task sufficient in itself to tax the energies of a legislative body in the three months allotted, yet it has to its credit the enactment of a measure of far-reaching importance—the Radio Control bill—and important legislation amending and liberalizing the national banking laws and looking to the continuance of the great Federal Reserve System.

**Kept Within Budget**  
"Appropriations of public funds by

the Sixty-ninth Congress were kept well within the budget estimates, and in general it gave effective legislative aid toward the National Republican program of economies in keeping with the needs of a rapidly growing country, and toward the laying of a basis for a further reduction of the tax burden."

Mr. John P. Devine of Dixon, Ill. and Mr. Robert L. Bracken of Polo, Ill., have become members of the firm formerly known as Dixon and Dixon and the firm name has been changed to Dixon, Devine, Bracken and Dixon; general practice of law at Dixon, Lee county, Ill. and Polo, Ogle county, Ill., according to announcements recently issued.

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