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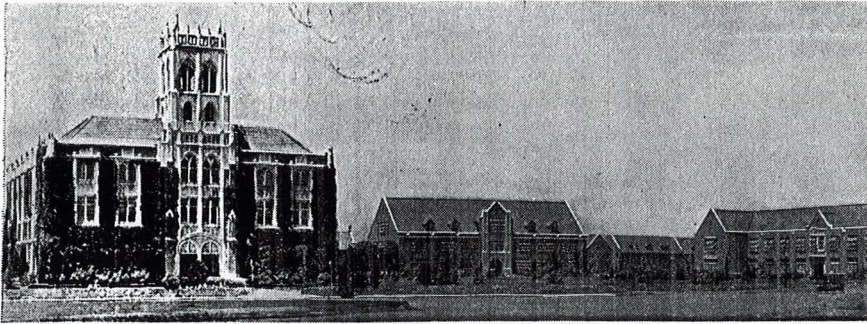
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A GENERAL VIEW OF THE CAMPUS

The College of the Pacific

Now free of debt it looks forward to years of progress

By MARVEL BERGE

THE College of the Pacific, California's oldest incorporated educational institution, has had three names and three locations. It began its existence in 1851 at Santa Clara, California, being granted a charter under the name of "California Wesleyan College," becoming the "University of the Pacific" the following year. In 1871, San Jose offered the institution more opportunities for expansion and it was moved to that city, where it remained for fifty years, or up to 1921. In 1911, the name became the "College of the Pacific."

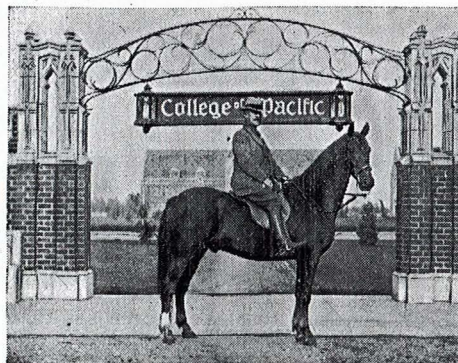
MANY IMPROVEMENTS

Each move of the school has marked great changes in the equipment and building. Starting with two structures in Santa Clara, the Female Institute, which cost \$5,000 and the Male Department, \$12,000, the college, during its period at San Jose, had a

campus of eighteen acres with five main buildings and the Jacks-Goodall Observatory. At Stockton there is a forty-acre campus, and nine buildings of Collegiate Gothic style of architecture, beside seven fraternity and sorority residences.

THE GOLDEN AGE

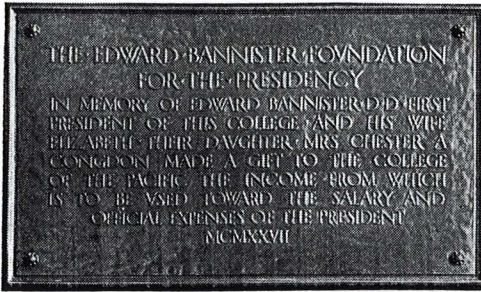
The "Golden Age" of the college, as the ten-year period of President C. C. Stratton's administration, 1877 to 1887, was called, marked a growth in the student body from 166 to 423, the wiping out of all indebtedness, the erection of three buildings, and the increase in regular professorships from six to ten.



PRESIDENT TULLY C. KNOLES

During the presidency of Dr. John L. Seaton, from 1914 to 1919, another accumulation of debts was removed, notwithstanding two fires and other difficulties. Dr. Tully C. Knoles became president on April 1, 1919.

The Christian Student



THE BANNISTER FOUNDATION PLAQUE

When the California Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church met in Stockton in 1921, the city requested the trustees to relocate the college in Stockton. The city was ready to give it a hospitable welcome. A gift of land for the Harriet M. Smith Memorial Campus was offered by the J. C. Smith Company. After accepting this offer, the citizens of Stockton and vicinity, led by the Chamber of Commerce, subscribed \$750,000 to be used in the erection of buildings for the new home of the College. An endowment of a million and a half and the payment of all debts became the goal.

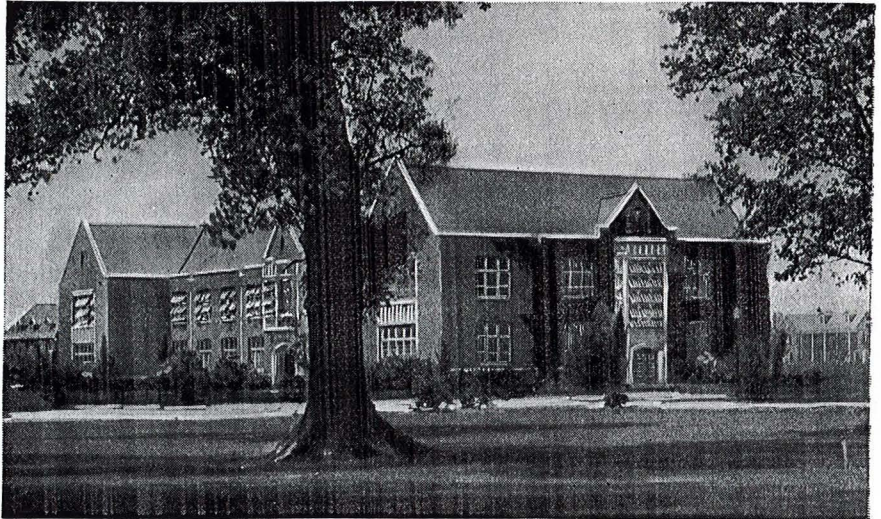
Last year a campaign was begun under the leadership of President Knoles to eliminate the debt of \$450,000. The drive ended successfully in June, 1929, and the college became eligible for a gift of \$250,000 from the General Educational Board.

The nine buildings on the campus, of red brick, terra cotta facings, and black slate roofs, include: the Administration Building; Weber Memorial

Science Building; Conservatory; Women's Dormitory; Men's Dormitory; Dining and Social Hall; West Memorial Infirmary, the gift of Mrs. Charles M. Jackson in memory of her father and mother, George and Ellen K. West, and her brother, Frank Allen West; Power House; Gymnasium, and the President's Home.

The attractive gate to the campus is the gift of Miss Nellie E. Smith in memory of her mother, Mrs. Harriet M. Smith.

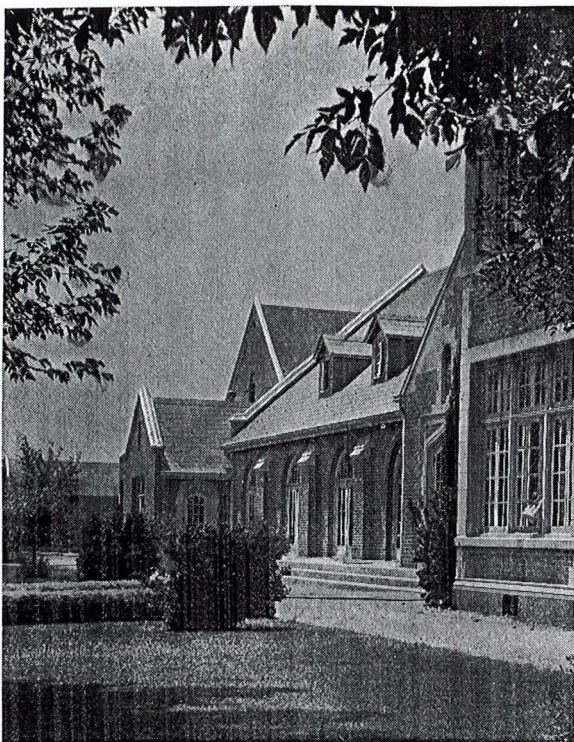
Among the other memorials at the institution are: The Edward Bannister Foundation for the Presidency in



WEBER MEMORIAL SCIENCE BUILDING

The College of the Pacific

memory of Edward Bannister, D.D., first president of the College, and his wife, Elizabeth, given by his daughter, Mrs. Chester A. Congdon, the income from which is to be used toward the salary and official expenses of the president; the Muto Fund—established by Mr. S. Muto, of Tokio, Japan, a former student of Pacific. The interest from this fund is to be used to purchase books dealing with the problems of Japanese-American relations; the Watt Memorial Organ, a four-manual Estey Pipe Organ given by Mr. and Mrs. Rolla V. Watt, and the Mr. and Mrs. Jere Leiter Fund for Chimes, given in memory of Mr. and



THE DINING AND SOCIAL HALL



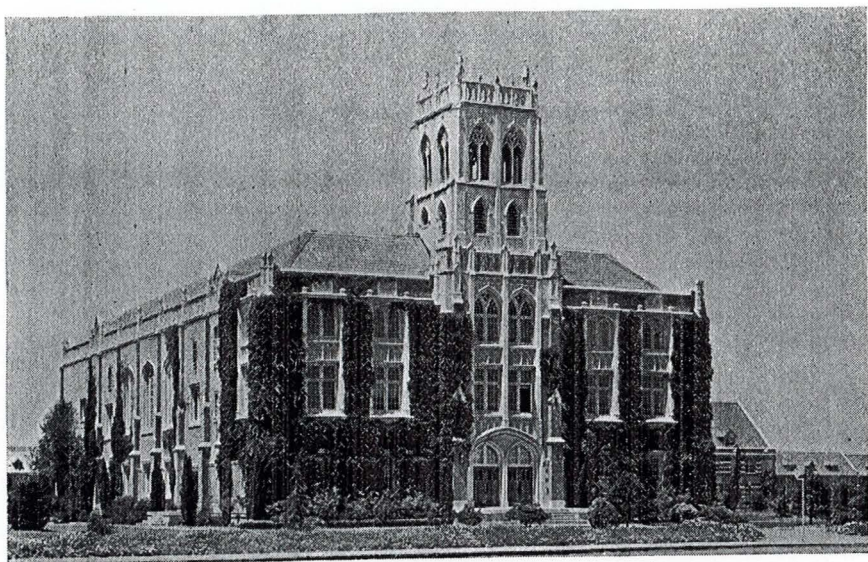
THE INFIRMARY

Mrs. Jere Leiter for the establishment of an echo organ with chimes.

The campus is in a new part of the town. The oak trees at the campus gates are the only landmarks that were there before the buildings were erected.

Across the street from the campus is a subdivision that has been developed by the College faculty. The land was purchased and streets laid out and many of the faculty built their own homes on it. The remaining lots have been sold to townspeople. The profit realized amounted to about \$10,000 and this was given to the College.

The College on March 21, 1928, dedicated its aviation field, which was built entirely by student labor. The field is but four hundred yards



THE CONSERVATORY

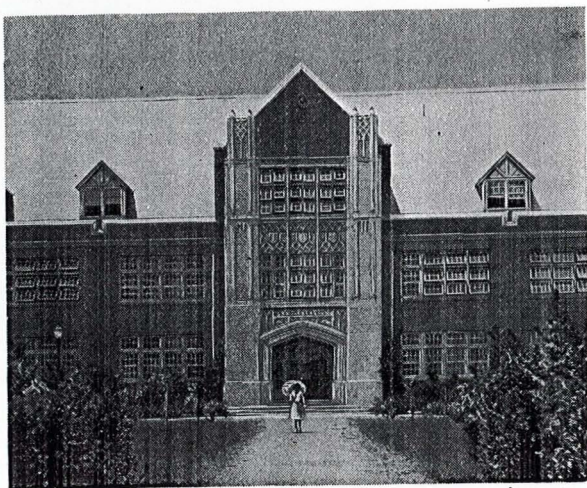
from the College of the Pacific street car line, and is more than thirteen hundred feet long, providing two diagonal runways, each one quarter of a mile long. A hangar has also been constructed. A course in aeronautics in connection with the engineering department, was inaugurated in the fall of 1928.

Mr. Thomas Baxter, president of the board of trustees, presented an Eaglerock airplane to the school about a year ago and Lieutenant Chester P. Winston, a lieutenant in the Air Service Reserve, has been giving instruction with the plane and has taught many of the students how to fly.

The athletic field is of unique construction. The bleachers are earth mounds encircling the playing field. The top is flat and it is possible

to drive around the field on top of the mounds in an automobile.

The College of the Pacific celebrated her Diamond Jubilee in June, 1926. Just as 1877 marked the beginning of the Golden Age, perhaps 1926 was the beginning of the Diamond Age for the school.



THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING