

## B e n n i n g t o n C o l l e g e

Ground-Breaking--August 16, 1931

The following detailed arrangements for the exercises on August 16th are submitted for the information of all members of the Committee. It is hoped that as many as possible of the members will be present before the hour set for beginning the program and assist in welcoming guests and expediting their gathering in the quadrangle.

(1) Place: The exercises will take place in the quadrangle formed by the red barn. A platform has been built on the foundation of the old silo at the northeast corner. The sod to be lifted is at the southwest corner and a passage will be roped off leading to it from the platform.

(2) Motor movement: The movement of automobiles will be directed by Mr. Frultrich and assistants.

Arriving: Entrance will be only by the south gate,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles from Bennington on the highway to North Bennington. Signs will be placed at intersections on the driveway to direct drivers to the quadrangle. Until 4:55 p.m. cars will pass across south or open side of the quadrangle discharging passengers. Cars will then proceed to field west of barn for parking. At 4:55 p.m. the road across the quadrangle will be closed. Cars arriving later will pass around north side of barn to door at middle of west side discharging passengers there and then parking in field.

Leaving: Cars will be parked in lines facing the barn, ready to move in orderly fashion to take passengers after the exercises. Departing cars will pass across quadrangle to driveway leading to south gate. At 5:45 p.m. officer at south gate will refuse admission to cars so that there may be one-way traffic on driveway for departing cars.

(3) Music: Readiness to begin the exercises will be announced by chimes. The musicians will play an opening number after which Dr. Leigh will introduce the speakers. When the time comes for lifting the sod Dr. Booth, after brief remarks from the platform, will go with Dr. Leigh and Dr. Stokes to the southeast corner. Dr. Stokes will offer brief prayer and benediction from that spot. The program will close with music.

Rain: In case of a sudden shower at the time of the exercises the various parts of the barn will be opened for shelter and a brief postponement until shower clears. If the day is rainy the exercises will be held in the Congregational Church in Old Bennington. Notice, so far as possible, will be given from the pulpit and there will be someone at the gate to direct guests to Old Bennington.