

M'NUTT MAKES MARK AT UNIVERSITY

Ranks High in Classes and Is Leader in Student Activities



This is the second of a series of stories on the life and activities of Governor Paul N. McNutt.

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A CHOKE-COLLARED "freshie" stepped from a train in Bloomington, Ind., on a fall day in 1903.

His cold eyes were warmed by greetings from a group of turtle-neck sweatered youths—yes, they wore them then—hallooing, "McNutt! Are you McNutt from Martinsville?"

The "freshie" softened. His eyes replied with a vocal "Yes."

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Here was a fraternity prize to be nourished and padded and hazed no more than the initiations compelled!

And with the "giddap" to horses of the carriage that day, the career of Governor Paul V. McNutt rolled not only hillward toward the university campus, but also toward the deanship of the law school.

"FROSH" M'NUTT was following his own natural bent in taking up the study of law and cabbagging his father's brief case for use at university lectures.

Judge John C. McNutt, former appellate jurist of the state, had not coerced his son into becoming the proverbial wood-chip.

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