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*Your Alma Mater Observes
Its 48th Birthday Feb. 21*

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Book-lore

DR. RICHARD BECK, Professor of Scandinavian Languages and Literatures at the University of North Dakota, is the editor of a book, "Icelandic Lyrics," which has attracted much attention. It was published at Reykjavik, Iceland, last June in connection with the Icelandic Millennial Celebration. In this country the book will be distributed by the Albert Bonnier Publishing House, New York City.

The 269-page volume contains English translations of 79 poems from the Icelandic originals. The translations and the originals are printed on opposite pages.

Dr. Beck has written an introduction to the volume, in which he reviews the history of Icelandic poetry for the past hundred years. He has also furnished explanatory notes. Short biographies of the 30 poets included precede the work of each, and are accompanied by portraits drawn by an Icelandic artist of note.

Two graduates of the University of North Dakota are included among the translators. Dr. Vilhjalmur Stefansson, the noted explorer, has five translations in the volume, and Dr. G. J. Gislason of Grand Forks has contributed ten translations. The work of both has been highly praised by reviewers. Mr. Paul Bjarnason of Wynyard, Saskatchewan, who spent two years at the University, also has one translation in the book.

"Icelandic Lyrics" has been favorably reviewed. Sir William A. Craigie, formerly of the University of Oxford, England, but now of the University of Chicago, a co-author of "The Oxford Book of Scandinavian Verse" wrote in part in the Icelandic weekly "Timinn":

"The task of Professor Beck in compiling this collection has not been a light one. It is not a collection of the best Icelandic lyrics, but a selection from the best English translations of these, and could only have been

made by one possessed of a good knowledge of both languages and of a sound critical sense. Fortunately the best Icelandic pieces and the best translations frequently denote the same thing, as translators have naturally been desirous of rendering the poems which they regarded as among the best in the language. Whatever may be wanting in the book, for lack



DR. RICHARD BECK

of good translations, a glance over the table of contents will show how much there is in it that one would expect to find there."

The reviewer concludes: "In preparing and publishing a book which will increase the interest in Icelandic among the English-speaking peoples both the editor and publisher have done a good service to their country."

Professor Halldor Hermannsson of Cornell University, a leading authority on Icelandic literature, reviews "Icelandic Lyrics" at length in the daily "Visir." He states that the book meets a distinct need, and he continues:

"Professor Beck begins with a brief but clear survey of Icelandic poetry

since the beginning of the nineteenth century. . . . In the matter of selection he has had to make use of what translations there were available; yet he has succeeded in including in his book many of the best things the poets concerned have written. . . . He had many selections to choose from and in my judgement he has been happy in his choice. All the poems in the volume are of merit, and the same may on the whole be said of the translations, although they differ of course in exactness and smoothness." Commenting on the make-up of the volume Professor Harmannsson pronounces it to be "one of the prettiest books" published in Iceland.

Sveinn Sigurdsson, editor of the important quarterly "Eimreidin" writes: "Dr. Beck has written a good introduction to the book and appears to have chosen his selections with good taste and precision. I believe he has, as a rule, chosen the right version, when two or more translations were to be had of the same poem." The reviewer further points out that, although the book is only a beginning forward making modern Icelandic poetry known to English-speaking nations, the editor and publisher are all the more deserving of thanks, as their volume is a pioneer work.

Arni Ola, literary editor of the Reykjavik daily, "Morgunbladid," describes "Icelandic Lyrics" as "noteworthy in many respects."

Reverend B. B. Josson, D.D. of Winnipeg, editor of "Sameiningin," the official organ of the Icelandic Lutheran Church in America, characterizes Dr. Beck's volume as "unique" and concludes his view with the statement that, all things considered, the editor has succeeded splendidly in what he set out to do: to place before the English-speaking world the best translations, rendered into that language, of Icelandic poetry, together with explanations and description of the

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Marking Time With Your Alma Mater

U. N. D. Prepares To Observe Its 48th Birthday

(By ALVIN AUSTIN)

THE University will stage the second of its three yearly "homecoming" receptions for Nodak graduates Friday and Saturday, February 20 and 21, when it stops its regular routine on the occasion of its forty-eighth birthday to review another year of progress.

And Founders Day is becoming just as important an event on the calendars of University Alumni as the "Pow-Wow" treks back to the campus in the fall or the commencement week class unions in the spring.

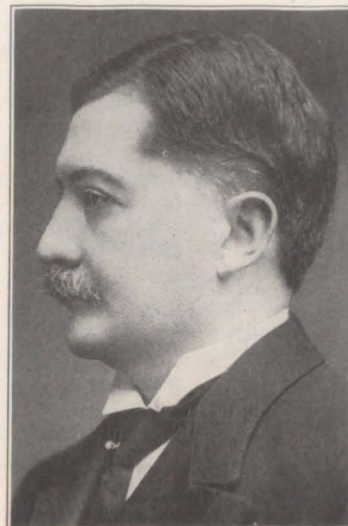
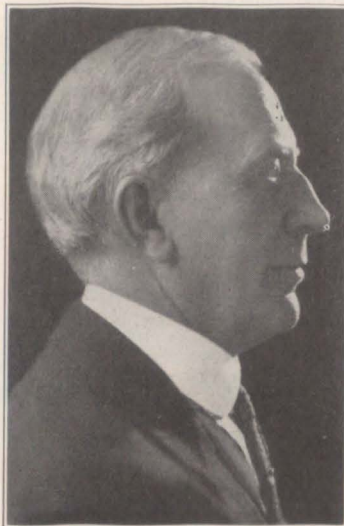
Old grads will be attracted to the campus this year in larger numbers than ever

attended a Founders Day program before because of the opportunity they will be given to "hobnob" with one of the most loved men ever to preside over a class at the University.

He is Dr. Melvin Amos Brannon, now chancellor of Montana institutions of higher education, who performed many services for the University and the entire state of North Dakota during the 21 years he was on the faculty.

He will deliver the main address on Founders Day program and his pic-

THEY WILL BE HONORED GUESTS, SPEAKERS



Dr. Melvin A. Brannon (left) and Dr. George S. Thomas, (right) both former University deans, whose portraits will be unveiled in Merrifield Hall at Founders Day exercises.

ture, with that of Dr. George S. Thomas of Woodstock, Ill., will be unveiled in new Merrifield Hall—dedicated to Founders Day exercises a year ago. An informal luncheon following the ceremonies will give Alumni and present faculty members of the University—many of whom were colleagues of Dr. Brannon—a chance to visit with the noted educator, scientist and lecturer.

Both Dr. Brannon and Dr. Thomas are former deans of the University's liberal arts college. In the new build-

ing their pictures will occupy places of honor along with such other University greats as the late Dean Vernon P. Squires, the late Carl Ben Eielson, the late Dr. Webster Merrifield, E. Claude Carney who established the Carney song contest, Prof. John Tinglestad and others.

Dr. Brannon founded the school of medicine at the University in 1907 and his appearance here is analagous to that of Judge Guy C. C. Corliss at the commencement exercises last spring. Judge Corliss, the first chief justice of the North Dakota supreme court, organized

the University law school.

With B.A. and M.A. degrees from Wabash college in Indiana, Dr. Brannon came to the University in the fall of 1894 at the age of 29 years. He was professor of biology from that time up until the time he resigned in 1914. After organizing the medic school, he served as its dean between 1907 and 1911. He organized the state public health laboratory service and directed that work until 1914. He was liberal arts dean between 1911 and 1914. He left the University in 1914 to become

president of the University of Idaho. Leaving there in 1917, he served as president of Beloit College until 1923. Then he went to Montana.

His services to the state were many during his stay here. He developed the process that made cream of wheat cereal possible. He made a federal survey of North Dakota grasses and forage. He organized a biological laboratory at Devils Lake in 1908. He attempted to restock Devils Lake with fish and with experiments at the University in large vats attempted to acclimate fish to salt water. He was one of the earliest pioneers to recognize the possibilities of North Dakota clay for brick-making.

The keenness and vigor of the man is demonstrated by the fact that in

CHAIRMAN



Dean W. G. Bek who was appointed by President Thomas F. Kane to succeed the late Dean Vernon P. Squires as chairman of the committee in charge founders' Day event.

1911-12, at the age of 47, he received a leave of absence from the University and studied at the University of Chicago for his doctor's degree, which he received "cum laude." He did important work there to establish the power of germs to survive for many years under adverse conditions.

Dr. Thomas joined the University faculty two years before Dr. Brannon, in the spring of 1882. He served as professor of Latin and Greek for 19 years, retiring in 1911 because of ill health. He was Dr. Brannon's immediate predecessor as dean of the liberal arts college, acting from 1900 to 1911. He was chairman of the University graduate committee between 1909 and 1911.

Alumni who were University students while Drs. Brannon and Thomas were on the faculty have contributed the funds from which the portraits of the two men have been purchased. President Fred J. Traynor of the Alumni association will unveil the pic-

tures during the Founders Day ceremonies. Mr. Traynor is foregoing a Rotary convention to be present at the exercises.

Dr. W. G. Bek, dean of the college of liberal arts at present, is chairman of the committee in charge of the Founders events, having been appointed by President Kane to succeed the late Dean Squires who served in that capacity for many years.

The celebration will open the night of February 20 with the traditional Carney Song Contest. This will be the twenty-first anniversary of the founding of the contest and all four classes are rehearsing faithfully to making creditable showings at the singing festival.

Choregi of the classes are Richard Klein of Washburn, senior; Hursel Kallestad of Grand Forks, junior; David Haney of Grand Forks, sophomore, and Wendell Peterson of Hudson, Wisc., freshman.

The contest will open at 8 A. M. following a concert by the University band. Judges of the event this year will be Knute Froysaa, dean of music at Valley City State Teachers College; Mrs. C. C. Swain, wife of the president of Mayville State Teachers College and R. S. Dunham of the Northwest School of Agriculture at Crookston. Traditional inter-class "wisecracking" will feature the interim between the conclusion of the singing and the final announcement of the winners. President Kane will preside at the event.

The Founders Day program proper will open at 10 A. M. Saturday. Violin solos by Mr. Froysaa, a graduate of the University, will feature the music program. Singing of "Alma Mater" will be led by the choregi of the winning class. Other music will be furnished by the University concert band and the glee clubs.

Winners of important University awards will be announced by President Kane, who will preside, and the program will proceed with the talk by Dr. Brannon and the unveiling of the portraits of Mr. Traynor.

The events of the week-end will be brought to a close at 7:45 P. M. Saturday with the annual Founders Day basketball game—this year between the Nodaks and South Dakota University, last year's North Central champions who already hold one victory over Letich's cagers this season.

The ceremonies this year will mark the twenty-seventh time that Founders'

Win Praise

THREE men formerly connected with the University of North Dakota—one a graduate, one a teacher, and the other a former student—are personally responsible for the widely praised and highly esteemed musical accomplishments of the city of Flint, Michigan, both of the high school and the community.

W. W. Norton, community music executive and organizer superior of high school and instrumental music, was an instructor of music and director of musical organizations at the University during the years '09 to '18. Jacob A. Evanson director of Central High School music in Flint, was graduated from the University with the class of '23. Walter H. Bloch, orchestra and ensembles, was a student at the University in 1922.

They have charge of the A Cappella Choir, under the direction of Jacob A. Evanson; the Central High School orchestra, with Walter H. Bloch, conductor, state champions four consecutive years and third place winner in the National contest in 1929; and the Central High School band, also under Jacob Evanson, and which were state champions for three years.

Great music critics on hearing the A Cappella Chorus of the high school made such flattering remarks as "astounding musical performance," "fine technic, remarkable tone blending, and mastery of form," and "splendid interpretation" all of which reflect credit for the splendid work done by the three men. "It was truly an inspiration to hear your wonderful singing," said George Oscar Bowen, President of the Music Supervisor's National Conference after hearing the choir sing before the meeting of the conference in Milwaukee in 1929.

Other musical organizations in the city and school were equally successful particularly in statewide competition where the list of first place winners usually runs to three or four consecutive years.

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F. P. Mann, Ex. '17, of Devils Lake was reelected president of the North Dakota Mutual Fire Insurance Company at the annual meeting in Valley City January 28.

Day has been observed at the University. On the first Founders Day in 1904, the late President Merrifield reviewed the history of the University up to that time.

And Where Next ?

University Faces Vital Problem In Housing Indoor Athletics

(By FREDERICK OLSON)

OF the numerous congested conditions that exist on the University campus, the indoor athletic situation presents itself in clear relief as the most troublesome of all. Today the gymnasium is undoubtedly the most widely used and greatly demanded building at the school, and the need for greater space and better accommodations is very pressing.

It is unbelievable that all of the R. O. T. C. drill classes, all of the physical education classes, all of the intra-mural cage squads, the varsity team, the yearling quint, and the Model high cagers; to say nothing of proms, examinations, convocations and rifle team matches are held in a one-story building. But it is so!

Filled to capacity the Armory will hold only 2,000 people for a basketball game and about one-third of these seats are placed to afford the occupants good visibility. The other sixty-six per cent stand or sit crowded into the ends getting a glimpse of the players only when the rafters or backboards do not obstruct their view.

Practicing for the playing of basketball games must be carried on after 4 o'clock every day and this involves attempting to get twenty intramural squads with 160 players, the varsity team with 20 on the squad, the Frosh cagers numbering about 20 and the Model high quint of about 10, on and off the floor before midnight each night. It is a very difficult task according to the coaches.

Physical education classes are restricted to the three hours between one and four on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Three hundred and eighty five are enrolled in these classes making each class exceedingly large and hard to handle. Work must be necessarily limited to instruction leaving no time for correction or individual attention. Boxing with 36 enrolled must be carried on at the ends of the gymnasium while the floor is being used by the basketeers. In order to obtain satisfactory results this sport should be housed in a separate room with a specially constructed ring. Other indoor sports such as volley-

"HOUSE FOR ALL GAMES"



The University Armory into which all indoor athletics, physical education classes, R. O. T. C. units, to say nothing of parties, must be crowded. It's a busy place, this Nodak Armory.

ball, kittenball, and wrestling must be abandoned entirely for the lack of floor space. Only calisthenics and matwork are carried out in the physical education classes.

Registration for classes in R. O. T. C. totals 483 with 413 enrolled in the basic courses and 70 listed as taking advanced drill. Over 100 tried out for the rifle team and though the range is used every afternoon it is entirely inadequate for the number who wish to shoot.

The locker rooms are too small and crowded for the vast number of students taking physical education and as a result it is necessary for intramural participants to carry their gym clothes to and from the Armory for each game and practice. It is not uncommon for three and four students to put their clothes into one locker.

At no time during the week days or nights is the gymnasium not in use

as is seen when we look over the schedule. On Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from eight to four the drill classes have the floor. Tuesdays and Thursdays in the morning are Sophomore drills and in the afternoons are the physical education classes. Every week day from four to late at night the floor is crowded with basketball artists either in games or practices and sandwiched in between these are all the convocations, proms, and informal dances.

Back in 1917 the Armory was built as an emergency building for drilling of the Students Army Training Corps with no intention of using it as a basketball court. The government contributed \$10,000 toward the cost of the building and after the war it was converted into a gymnasium and training building for the University R. O. T. C.

Recollections

of

North Dakota Teachers

II. John Adams Taylor, 1883--1924

A. B. Amherst, 1905; A. M. Amherst, 1909

University of North Dakota, 1910--1924

(By J. Duane Squires)

ON Sunday evening, August 31, 1924, in my hotel at Charlevoix, Michigan, I was idly reading the pages of that morning's Chicago Tribune. My eyes fell upon a headline which galvanized languid attention into shocked concentration. The head was dated at Niagara Falls and ran as follows:

"BODY OF NORTH DAKOTA U PRESIDENT IS SENT HOME"

My horrified surprise was in no wise lessened when a reading of the news story showed that it referred, not to President Thomas F. Kane, but to my esteemed friend and teacher, John Adams Taylor.

I had last seen "John Adams" the previous spring. He spent the academic year 1923-24 doing graduate work at Ann Arbor, Michigan. En route home from Boston, on Saturday, May 17, I passed through Ann Arbor. John Adams was at the station and for sixty fleeting seconds we visited—not about the weather, but about U.N.D. He waved me farewell, and the train pulled out. I little realized that that was perhaps the last time a U.N.D. student ever would see him. He was in Europe all summer and coming West in late August was murdered at Niagara Falls.

John Adams Taylor, or "John Adams" as we all called him, was distinguished in most students' thoughts for two things. They were first, his complete gentlemanliness; second, his utter devotion to his work at the University.

I visited him at his father's home in Westford, Massachusetts in 1912. There he had learned his attitude toward life. Old-fashioned the environment (I still remember the huge horn on the Victor talking machine!) but from it and others like it have come many of those sturdy, dignified, but humor-loving Yankee-Puritans who have helped to build this United States. Of these was John Adams. Many a Christmas Day in North Da-

kota he called at our home with his ruddy face cheerful in smiles. Out from a green sack would come handfuls of New England apples, and he would make merry with the children by the fire-place.

No Mollycoddle, however, was this man! When his back-bone stiffened, and his temper was up, he was a tower of vigor. His "Y" service during the war showed that. His vigorous commencement addresses—he was a graduate of Emerson School of Oratory—indicated that. His powerful religious and patriotic convictions revealed that. Students respected him for it, just as they respect any man or woman who rises above bluff and sham. But he was no tyrant to crush out opposition. Like other high minded men with a sense of humor and perspective, he could afford to tolerate other opinions in order. He was a gentleman always.

His devotion to his work was no less proverbial. Who of the students between 1910 and 1924 does not remember his office in Old Main? Who does not remember the green eyeshade under the short pompadour and over the red neck-tie? Who has forgotten his lamp burning long after hours? Who does not remember the faithful "Old Silence" in Franz and Lillian Rickaby's "The Christmas Spirit?" Who fails to recall how he carried on with Dickens' "Christmas Carols" after Professor Koch had gone? His attitude towards his work is transparently visible between the lines of his article in Volume III of the Quarterly Journal. In April, 1923 John Adams went with me to Evanston, Illinois. He was a sick man, and the doctor had told him not to go. But he dragged himself all the way to Chicago and back to help me do my best for U.N.D., and he was sadder than I when I failed badly to come up to his hopes. No lackadaisical teacher was this fellow; his New England conscience made him work, and a long

series of debaters and orators are grateful to him for the habits his example set before them.

In April, 1925 the Forensic Board named its silver loving cup, the campus debate trophy, after John Adams Taylor. But in the hearts of many of his students he needed not that to remember him. I—and many others say the same thing—have a hundred memories of the man which do not dim.

He was a gentlemanly, devoted Christian professor, one of many such who have honored U.N.D. by their long service to it. It is men like John Adams Taylor who have made our Alma Mater an institution of which we are proud today. Married later in life than many, for over a decade he gave it the best energies of his life. The Alumni of his time do not forget John Adams Taylor.

MUUS ON FACULTY

Jalmer O. Muus, '22, will take up his duties as instructor in law at the University at the opening of the second semester. His position was credited by a shift in the law school curriculum caused by the fact that Dean Roger Cooley will be on leave of absence during the semester.

Mr. Muus graduated from the University in 1922 with a B.A. and his LL.B. in 1925. He gained teaching experience in the high schools at Casselton, N. D., Scobey, Mont., and Grand Forks, N. Dak. He also served as instructor in the Department of Scandinavian Languages at the University of Chicago where he was awarded a Graduate Fellowship in Law.

Dr. and Mrs. P. G. Ackerman (Benedicta Ketter), Ex. '21, are the parents of a daughter born February 6 in their home in Valley City, N. D.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Shorb (Gertrude Healy), '17, of Washington are the parents of a boy born Saturday, February 7.

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Gordon Cox, Ex. '20, of Bismarck was a candidate for speaker of the North Dakota House of Representatives but withdrew in favor of Vernon Freeman of Grand Forks.

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Marie Fagstad, Petersburg, and Francis Casey, Rugby were married in Minot January 27. They will make their home in Rugby.

Carrying Out A Worthy Project

Alumni Contribute Freely To Portrait Funds

DEAN SQUIRES as chairman of the Founders' Day committee at the University had a definite plan in mind whereby enlarged framed photographs of former pioneer faculty members of the Liberal Arts college would be hung in the new Merrifield Hall.

With the Dean's passing the Alumni officials decided to carry out this plan. The portraits of Chancellor Brannon and Dr. Thomas are to be unveiled and presented to the University as a part of the annual Founders' Day program, Saturday, February 21, and pictures of Professors Macnie, Estis and Perrott in 1932.

In order to finance this project, the Alumni officials have made an appeal to the Alumni of the University who were in school during the service of the men to be honored. The response to the appeal has been satisfactory. The comments made in many of the letters enclosing checks to help the cause make us realize the high esteem in which these educators were held by Alumni of their day. Excerpts chosen at random follow:

"I think that this is a fine project for the Alumni. My check is enclosed. Best regards."—William Holmes.

"I am enclosing a check for the portrait fund. We are so glad to add our little bit to the fund for we are great admirers of Dr. Brannon."—Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Brandjord (Helga Swarstad).

"I am sure that Mr. Squires would want to send a dollar in his name, with mine, toward the portrait fund."—Ethel Woods Squires.

"I am happy indeed to be able to do my bit towards this most worthy cause. As one of the "old guard," I have the most vivid recollections of my college days under Prof. Squires, Macnie, Thomas, Brannon and Perrott. Since my retirement from service because of disability, I have taken up teaching and often wonder whether my students are as full of devilry as we were." Yours truly,—J. R. Besse.

"I am looking forward to a visit to the old stamping grounds but fear that I may not find much to remind me of the good old days. The portraits of the old professors will be links with the past."—Margaret Cavath Bell.

"I am enclosing money order for one dollar as a contribution to the portrait fund. I think that this is a splendid thing for the Alumni Association to do."—Anna May Schlosser Watt.

"Inclosed please find one dollar to help the project along. Think it is a splendid idea and that we ought to do at least that much for those who guided us in our youthful energy."—William Lemke.

"I am pleased to enclose herewith my check as my contribution towards the portraits of Deans Brannon and Thomas that are to be hung in the new Liberal Arts building. Both of these men had a tremendous influence for good upon the University of North Dakota and upon every man and woman who was privileged to come in contact with them."—A. Benson.

"Am pleased to inclose check for the worthy proposition mentioned in your favor of the 21st.—Albert Besancon.

"I think the wish expressed by the late Dean Squires is a fine one, and I hope it can be carried out.—Charles D. Hamel.

"Enclosed find my check to help defray the expense of the enlarged portraits of fine outstanding pioneer members of the Liberal Arts faculty."—Thomas M. Chisholm.

"Here you are Frank, keep up the good work. I am always glad to help the good old U. N. D."—J. F. T. O'Connor.

"The purpose stated in your letter of the 21st, which has just reached me, is most commendable. Please apply the enclosed check."—Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Abbott (Evelyn Wardrope).

The following Alumni had contributed to the Alumni fund up to Monday, February 9:

Pauline Voracheck, '07; Fannie Terrett McErlane, '11; Rev. George A. Warmer, '07; Grace B. Putnam, '06; Lida Abrahamson Bridston, '11; Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Gustafson, '15 (Maud Stevens, '19); Marion Green Finch, '00; Robert Thacker, '07; Bertha McKechney Johnston, '12; Philana Capston, '09; Mr. and Mrs. I. Brandjord, '01 (Helge Swarstad '05); Katherine

Babcock Mills, '20; Mary McAndrew Anderson, '02; Lillian Budge, '21; Vernice Aldrich, '23; Joice Scarf Sharrett, '15; John M. Hancock, '03; D. W. Boise, '06; Ella M. Robertson, '04; Wm. Langer, '06; W. C. Husband, '07; Orville D. Patterson, '12; Edgar H. Wells, '09; Wm. H. Greenleaf, '11; E. Leigh Mudge, '14; A. M. Kishpaugh, '10; J. Earl McFadden, '12; George H. Caldwell, '11; Dr. F. M. Bjerken, '13; Cecil Ward Smith, Helen Mamilton, '05; Raymond Richards, '06; M. O. Haugen, '04; O. K. Tollehaug, L. O. Isaacson, '25; L. L. Hyde, '11; F. J. Graham, '06; Fred J. Traynor, '03; Mack Traynor, '14; J. Earl Loudon, '13; R. Percy Abbey, '04; Lillian Ben-deke Parson, '19; W. L. Nuessle, '99; M. Beatrice Olson, '09; H. E. South, '14; Rheinhardt Kamplin, '14; Chas. L. Ego, '03; H. A. Bronson, '95; Ella C. Parizek, '09; W. H. Hutchinson, '05; O. B. Burtness, '06; Mary B. Crans, '90; Agnes McLean, '07; C. L. Robertson, '11; E. T. Tuft, '11; H. T. Kristjensen, '03; Emma C. Crans, '96; J. S. Cameron, '08; Ethel Woods Squires, '01; J. R. Resse, '05; N. C. Abbott, '10; Evelyn Wardrope Abbott, '04; Margaret Cravath Bell, '00; Anna Schlosser Watt, '13; William Lemke, '02; A. Benson, '13; A. Besancon, '01; Chas. D. Hamel, '03; Thomas M. Chisholm, '03; J. F. T. O'Connor, '07; Alice Ueland, '10; J. F. Douglas, '94; Rev. and Mrs. Clifford Holland, '23 (Jessie Simpson, '27); Wm. Holmes, '15; C. F. DuBois, '13; W. L. Boyce, '17; John C. Graham, '13; Theodore Wells, '12; Emilia Hanson Cavanaugh, '11; Harold Wakefield, '15.

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Arnold Neihus, Ex. 29, is employed by the Westinghouse Electric Company at Wilkinsburg, Pa. He lives at 522 Jeanette St.

Mrs. Donnelly Thompson, (Alice Schraps), Ex. '29, was in charge of the Gamma Phi night club given in the Dacotah Hotel shortly before the Christmas vacation.

Ione Haagenson, a member of the faculty at the Lisbon High School, spent the Christmas holidays with her parents in Grand Forks.

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General Secretary—Frank J. Webb, '22.

FOUNDERS' DAY February 22nd is close at hand and with it another anniversary of the founding of our Alma Mater. Dean Squires for a long period of years was chairman of the Founders' Day committee and in that position went to great pains to provide a very fine program in which the history of the institution would be emphasized. These programs were an inspiration to the students, faculty and alumni alike.

With the Dean's passing, Dean William K. Bek was named to succeed him. Following out the policy of his predecessor, the new chairman has arranged a program that will carry out the policy followed by Dean Squires for many years. The speaker for the Founders' Day program is Chancellor Melvin Brannon, Helena, Mont. His service to the University and state is important in that it was along many lines of activity and in each instance he proved himself to be an outstanding educator.

A good resume of Chancellor Brannon's activities is well related by Dean Squires in his History of the University of North Dakota published in the Quarterly Journal.

"Another notable event of this year was the coming of Professor M. A. Brannon. In the fall of 1893, Professor Patten was offered the chair in Biology at Dartmouth College. A search was at once begun for a worthy successor, but it was not until some time in the winter that a man whom the president wished to invite to take up the work was found. This man was M. A. Brannon, who had graduated from Wabash College in 1889, had since taken graduate work at Wabash under Dr. James M. Coulter, America's foremost botanist, and had put in several summers at the famous Marine laboratory at Wood's Hole, Mass. Professor Brannon entered upon his duties at the beginning of the spring term, April 10, 1894, and soon had the good will and respect of all. He was a thorough scientist and a delightful gentleman. He had very definite ideas but by his uniform courtesy and thoughtfulness he won the hearts of both students and townspeople. He was to a greater degree than some of the University men, a "Good mixer," and was thus very useful to the institution in many outside relations. For twenty years he served the University in manifold ways. He resigned in 1914 to become president of the University of Idaho. He is now the accomplished and capable chancellor of the University of Montana with his residence

of office at Helena." (July issue of the Quarterly Journal).

Another side of Chancellor Brannon is found in a later issue of the Journal.

"The football team, captained by C. B. Wright, '98 and coached by Professor Brannon, had a successful season. State College of Fargo was defeated twice and the Carleton team was met.

"The outstanding athletic event of the fall of 1898 was the first trip outside the state ever made by a North Dakota football team. On the morning of Friday, November 4th, the adventurers set out, accompanied by Professor Brannon, their faithful mentor. The team was a remarkable one in that it included so many men who have since become conspicuous in the political life of our state. They lost to Minnesota by a 15-0 score but defeated the Fargo Agricultural College on their way back to Grand Forks."

As chairman of the Founders' Day committee Dean Squires was very anxious that the enlarged portraits of the pioneer faculty members would be presented by the Alumni and hung in the new Liberal Arts building. Following out his wish the Alumni officials have made an appeal to the Alumni and as an important part on the Founders' Day program this year, President Fred J. Traynor of the Alumni Association will unveil and present enlarged portraits of Chancellor Brannon and Dr. George A. Thomas.

Dr. Thomas, a former Dean of the College of Liberal Arts is eulogized in the July issue of the Quarterly Journal by Dean Squires.

"The first important event of 1893 was the coming of Dr. George S. Thomas, as Professor of Latin and Greek. At a special meeting of the Board held November 20, 1892, President Merrifield recommended the election of Dr. Thomas, his work to begin with the winter term.

Dr. Thomas was a Virginian. He earned both his B.A. and M.A. at the University of Virginia. He had taught in the University of Louisiana and later had studied in Germany at the Universities of Berlin and Leipsig, from the later of which he had received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. On returning to this country he had very successfully taught for three years at the University of South Dakota. But owing to various troubles in that new State, the University had been temporarily obliged to close in the spring of 1892. Dr. Thomas joined the University faculty January 3, 1893. He continued with the University until 1911 when he decided to retire from his teaching work. Genial and cultured with the courtesy and urbanity which one associates with the ideal southern gentleman, a ripe scholar, a tireless worker, he brought great gifts to the University and for eighteen years threw himself into the life of the institution. At the organization of the College of Liberal Arts as a separate college, he became its first dean, continuing in that position until his voluntary retirement. He is now living at Woodstock, Ill. His interest in the University is evidenced by the establishment of the Thomas Scholarship awarded each year to some specially worth student or students, and also by the fact that he sent two of his daughters to us for college work."

CAST ASIDE YOUR MODESTY If you knew how welcome a letter, a clipping, or a marked newspaper about yourself is at this office, you would shake off that modesty which is a part of true culture and sit right down and write. You have no idea how many people will be interested in you, your family, your job, your political achievements, and everything that pertains to you. If you get married; if you are appointed to any office from coroner to ambassador; if you get a good job, or lose a good job, no matter what it is you'll find appreciation and sympathy in abundance among our readers. This publication fails in its most important function if it fails to keep our Alumni in touch with one another. Don't leave your affairs to our imagination.

The Championship Trail

A Review of The 1931 Basketball Season at The University

(By JOE MADER, Jr.)

WITH Captain "Bill" Lowe at last finding his basketball eye, the University of North Dakota basketball team wound up its first swing into enemy territory Monday night to emerge victorious over South Dakota State the second time by a score of 31 to 25.



CAPTAIN LOWE This victory, coupled with a 35 to 31 conquest over Morningside the Friday before and a 32 to 18 defeat at the hands of South Dakota University, gave the Sioux the edge on the campaign in the south and left them still very much in the running for the North Central conference championship for 1931.

Coming hard upon their difficult three-game series, Coach Letich's men will hardly have time to unpack their bags when they encounter the Bison of Fargo in a two game series Friday and Saturday, February 13 and 14. Although only the first of these two games will count in the conference standings, this fact will detract nothing from the interest in the second encounter.

Of the three games played away from home, the Morningside setto was by far the most exciting: This team, which gave the Sioux quite a scare in Grand Forks earlier in the season, keep Lowe and his squad in constant anxiety. They seemed to have an indomitable spirit, which refused to let the Nodaks maintain a lead for more than fifty or sixty seconds. The count in this game was tied no less than eight times, and the game ended in a tie 27 to 27. Two extra periods were required to decide the winner.

Playing the most languid game of the season the following night, the Sioux were completely outclassed in the second half of their encounter with Coach Rube Hoy's Coyotes, and although they led by a single point at the half, were held to three points in the second half while their opponents built rapidly and well on their score to walk away from the Sioux in the final ten minutes of the play.

The second game with the Jack-

rabbits of South Dakota State was almost a duplication of the tilt with the Methodists of Sioux City. The Jackrabbits bewildered the Sioux with a startling offense in the first ten minutes and held an 8 to 2 advantage just a few minutes after the gun. They maintained the lead until after the beginning of the second half when Lowe began to bombard the basket. In all the squad captain accounted for 10 of his team's points.

This final road game demonstrated two things to me. First, that when one of the real weaknesses of the North Dakota team is bottled up—namely the weak offensive power of the North Dakota guards, the team

FLASHY DU CHENE



will match up with the best the conference can offer. It has seemed to me that no team, even one with as good forwards as Letich can boast, can expect to get far without having at least one scoring threat in the guard position. The fact that Lowe came through as he did warrants the conjecture that the Sioux will defeat the Coyotes when they come here for their final game.

Another point which seemed to be aptly displayed as that North Dakota's

so-called tall, slow-breaking combination, with Webster and Gillson at forwards, Felber at center, and Lowe and Wexler at guards is the best quint that can be placed in the field against strong oppositions. DuChene, Jarrett and Schave, with all their scoring punch, have not been able to break loose for consistent tallies as had been the close in other years.

In the event that memory has left a hazy imprint of the basketball season thus far, it might not be amiss to recall that Letich opened the season December 6 against Valley City. With a squad that was made up of several who had been practicing for a month, but mostly of football men who had not yet turned in their moleskins, the Sioux did not show to great advantage in taking the Vikings into camp to the tune of 23 to 13.

Also before the holidays the Cobbers of Moorhead headed north to challenge the Sioux cagers, and they too were turned back, 32 to 24. It was no setup game, as later achievements of the Concordia quint proved when they upset the Agricultural College of Fargo, defeating them for the first time in history.

Following this victory the squad again went into hibernation while most of the players again laid aside sweat-shirts and trunks to don the hardier khaki of the gridiron again, as the Sioux champions journeyed to Los Angeles during the Christmas holidays. After they had successfully taught the Firemen on the Pacific Coast that they should confine themselves to smoke-eating and let them play football as can play it right, the boys again showed their wares just before the vacation ended.

This time, however, they were pitted against real opposition. The Carls went far out in front during the epic game on January 5. At the first half they were holding a lead that seemed mountainous. However something happened during the half that pleased Sioux fans. Letich switched his lineup a bit and the Sioux offense began to click. However Carleton refused to be caught sleeping and they tossed in just enough baskets to stay ahead, and won the game 31 to 27.

St. Olaf tried to repeat four days later, and an overtime period was necessary to declare the Sioux winners, with the score tied at 35 all at the end of the game. Gillson broke the tie by the winning margin of one basket when he sneaked in for one of his one-handed tosses a minute after the extra session opened.

Giving North Dakota fans the first means of comparing the strength of the Sioux and Bison, the South Dakota State quint in charge of Rube Hoy came to Grand Forks on January 16 after losing to the Bison at Fargo the night before.

With Felber, DuChene and Gillson clicking in one, two, three order the Sioux were able to take the long end of a 46 to 37 score, just a few points superior to the victory of the Bison the night before.

The same thing happened when Morningside came up January 31 after being defeated by the A. C. Letich's quint had difficulty the first half, but uncorked a machinelike offense in the second half that left the Iowans gaping with astonishment as the Sioux piled up 34 points to their 22. In this game the Nodak offense really began to click, and the team gave warning that it would be hard to beat.

With Felber working in the center of a square, the two forwards, usually Webster and Schave or Gillson on the two corners nearest the basket and Lowe and Wexler on the far corners, Letich displayed a baffling offense that could not be broken up. This style of play opens up so many possibilities for scoring that it will be difficult for opponents to solve it. For instance it allows a triple threat of either forward taking a fairly close shot for the basket, but better than that it gives Felber a chance for his deadly short shots when two forwards are being covered. The fact that this entire scheme of offense is carried on in fairly close proximity to the basket presents the double threat of an occasional long shot by the two guards. However, to

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GILLSON

SIoux WHOOPS

To Sport Nuts

By J. H. Mader, Jr.



Big ones, little ones, tall ones, short ones, fat ones, thin ones, slow ones, fast ones, a variety of basketeers such as never before represented the University of North Dakota is on the 1931 squad doing very nicely, thank you, under the able guidance of "Silent Clem" Letich. More versatility could hardly be asked for than is present in the dozen men in green and white.

Taking the tall ones first—he has "Nip" Felber, who fresh from his gridiron conquests, looks to be in for just as successful a season on the court. Then there is Webster, another six footer, who does shocking things with that ball, looping it in from almost any angle. Last, but surely not least, is another tall fella', Ray Gillson, whose left-hand passing and deadly one-handed tosses under the basket have struck terror into the hearts of many opponents.

All of these three men perform equally capably at center or forward. Of late, Letich has been using Felber more at center than either of the other two. Felber seems to take the jumping more seriously and when he goes up into the air, he really goes after the ball with a vengeance. Then also, he moves nicely into the formation of offensive where he seems to fit in splendidly as key man.

Throw the spot on the small forwards and the picture is just as heartening. DuChene, Secord, Schave, Jarrett—what a quartet. All of them are naturally handicapped by lack of size, but they make up for this lack in speed. DuChene is, I believe, the most sensational player on the squad. He can disrupt the morale of any team, even though it may be leading, because one or two of the blonde's sensational dashes down the court will break the heart of any team placed suddenly on the defense. Secord, with his bullet speed and tricky shifting is one of the most difficult men on the squad to guard. And he is remarkably accurate in his shots.

Too much cannot be said for at least three of the guards—Captain "Bill" Lowe, Manuel Wexler and Dick Dablow. Lowe is gritty, has indomitable fighting spirit, and the will to win. Wexler is the most cool-headed, machine-like player the squad boasts, both on offense and defense. Dablow has just made his bow in conference basketball, but his appearance in the Morningside game was enough to stamp him as a real factor in making the Nodak defense almost impenetrable.

Regardless of how much action we shall see in the Sioux-Bison series or in the game between the Coyotes of South Dakota U and the Sioux, we doubt that we shall get as much excited about any game this year as we did during the Nodak-Carleton fray. I believe that this game brought together two of the finest teams in the Northwest, and although North Dakota was defeated, it was still a thrilling episode for the spectator. My belief is that Carleton was at least ten points better than the Sioux, but by sheer pluck and fight, Lowe and his squad managed to make the score almost a toss-up.

This doesn't mean that the game with the Ole's from Northfield was not exciting. Any game that has to go into an overtime period to determine the score is no medicine for one with heart trouble.

Sioux fans have been accused of being unkind to one Dick Holzer, referee for most of the games. With all due regard for Dick's ability and generalship on the floor, I can't help but point out the difference in feeling between spectators and official that existed when our good friend, W. R. Smith, took over the Morningside game. Whenever Smith was forced to render a decision which was likely not to be understood or sanctioned by the audience, he explained the ruling under which he made the decision. There were no booh's, no cat-calls. Can you imagine Holzer doing the same thing? He'd rather wait until the Bronx cheering became intolerable and then call a foul on the home team.

I can't help but long for the good old days (only three or four years ago) when fans really were enthusiastic about their basketball. There seems to be something lost in spirit. No basketball game was a success unless one was thoroughly hoarse, and a little bit insane after a game. Now, if it were not for the earnest attempt of John Howard and his band to instill pep into the audience, the basketball games would be as quiet as a basket-social.

The Bison of Fargo, although defeated once by Morningside and once by South Dakota U., were able to keep their heads high, but when Concordia, just across the sluggish Red River from Fargo, defeated Saalwechter's quint, they must have started looking for loose sand to bury their scalps.

By the way, if any of you suffered in the stock market crash some time ago, try a little investment next fall that will not be a speculation. Buy a season ticket for the 1931 football games. Returns will be guaranteed. It's going to be a wow of a home schedule.

THE CHAMPIONSHIP TRAIL

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date, the North Dakota guards have not shown uncanny shooting ability. Of the three Dablow seems to display the greatest potential scoring power. Felber continues to lead North Da-

"SILENT" CLEM



kota players in scoring, with Gillson second. Fairhead of the Bison has demonstrated his scoring punch by leading the conference almost from the start.

Nodak Daughters

Jean and Ann Lillibridge, daughters of Dr. and Mrs. Harold Lillibridge (Mary Gowan). Jean is five years old Ann three. Both father and mother graduated from the University with the class of 1922. Dr. Lillibridge completed his medical training at Rush Medical School and for several years practiced at Ranier, and Yelm, and is now located at Olympia, Wash. These young ladies are the only grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Gowran, Grand Forks, N. D.



Married

Catherine Trepanier, '25, of Grand Forks and William Henry Freeman, '24, of St. Paul were married in the St. Mary's Church of Grand Forks on Saturday, February 7. Fifty guests attended the wedding breakfast before the couple left for an eastern trip. On their return they will make their home at 515 Warwick St. in St. Paul where the groom has been practicing law for the past seven years as a member of the firm of Orr, Stark, Kidder and Freeman.

She's a C. P. A.



HELEN BROOKS

Helen Brooks of Hazen, N. D., was the first woman to be successful in passing the examination for certified public accountant that was held recently in Bismarck. She is also one of the few women C. P. A's in the United States, and is now employed on the staff of Cull, Bakken, Brady and Janz, certified public accountants who maintain offices in Fargo.

1931 Grid Menu

- September 18—Gustavus Adolphus here.
- September 25—St. Olaf here.
- October 2—De Paul (Chicago) here.
- October 9—South Dakota U. here.
- October 16—South Dakota State at Brookings.
- October 23—Open.
- October 31—Bison here (Homecoming).
- November 6—St. Thomas at St. Paul.
- November 15—Morningside at Sioux City.
- November 21—Duquesne at Pittsburgh.
- November 26 or 28—George Washington at Washington, D. C.

Helen Delisle Evans, Ex. '26, appeared in a recital program December 12, where in the three groups of numbers which she sang, her brilliant soprano voice showed the result of two years training in Chicago.

RESIGNS



R. B. MURPHY

R. B. Murphy, '16, chairman of the state board of administration for eight years, has resigned his office the resignation being effective July 1. Mr. Murphy plans to live in Bismarck after his resignation. A successor will be appointed later by Governor Shafer.

'26

Pauline Sorkness, who is teaching in the high school at Lewistown, Mont., spent her vacation in Fargo.

Marguerite Black was married to Lloyd Sherritt at Grandin June 8. They spent their honeymoon in the south.

Paul F. De Bruyn Kops, Ex. '26, tells of his new position as assistant trade commissioner in the United States Department of Commerce in an interesting letter to Professor John D. Leith, '20. He received his LLB in New York District Office of the merce. He mentions Edgar O'Harrow, '25, who has a position in Shanghai. Mr. Kops may be addressed at Box 605, 3 Canton Road, Shanghai, China.

'27

Myrtle Alice Stone was married to Fred H. Kibler of Minneapolis November 29. They will make their home at Cudahy, Wis.

Veeny DeMars of Chicago was married to Evan Reese Jenkins in St Thomas December 30, at the home of her parents.

Jessie McLauchlin, Ex. '27, staff member of the Williston Herald spent the Christmas holidays in Fargo.

Ross Tisdale received a graduate fellowship in the University of Chicago Law School. The fellowship is valued at \$1000.

'28

Harlan Nelson is working toward his doctor's degree at the University of Illinois.

Bright Futures
for North Dakota

"North Dakota is potentially one of the great states of the Union. Once its advantages are known to the business and industrial world, it is certain to experience an unparalleled growth. The greatest need of North Dakota is advertising." Such were the opening remarks of Prof. James A. Cox, head of the University English department in a recent address over WDAY.

"The state has been getting some splendid advertising this fall. On their recent trips east, Coach Finnegan's Bisons and Coach West's Sioux carried the name and fame of North Dakota to the seaboard. On their forthcoming trip Coach West's squad will put North Dakota on the front page of newspapers on the western coast. This kind of advertising is invaluable. When before has the state of North Dakota thus dramatically impressed itself upon the consciousness of the nation, from coast to coast?

Brief excerpts from his address follows:

"North Dakota wants the world to know that she stands first among the states of the Union in the production of spring wheat.

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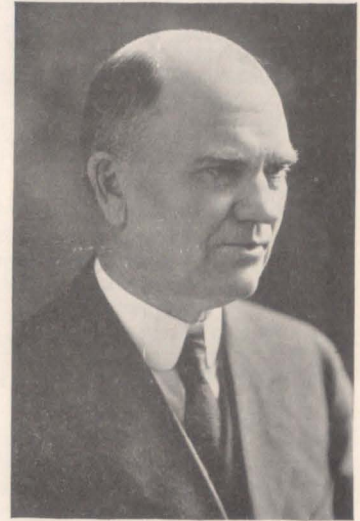
"Ours is a vast empire. North Dakota is larger than two-thirds of the states; it is larger than all New England.

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"Another product of North Dakota's prolific soil is clay of which there is a great variety in inexhaustible supply. An analysis of clay taken from the beds shows in its raw state practically the same composition as that artificially mixed for the eastern pottery factories.

"With increase of population, improvement of transportation facilities, the development of the lignite and clay industries, the extension of industries for the processing of all our farm products, and the natural increase of business resulting from this expansion, North Dakota faces a period of unparalleled development and prosperity."

PRESIDENT



DR. E. P. ROBERTSON

Dr. E. P. Robertson, president of Wesley College, affiliated with the University, has been elected president of the Methodist Education Association of the United States for the coming year according to announcements received January 23. The election was held at the conclusion of the annual meeting of the association held in Indianapolis. Over 100 Methodist educational institutions belong to the association.

LOYAL ALUMNUS

Dr. J. Hennessy, '89, now of Reynolds, in sending in his Alumni dues writes as follows: "Enclosed find my check for my Alumni dues. This is one of the years in which we simply mark time and don't spend more than we have to but I class my Alumni dues with my church dues, lodge dues and life insurance."

With The Grads ♦ Here and There

MARRIED



MRS. JOSEPH GLATZEL

Margaret Lora Randall, '24, was married to Joseph J. Glatzel of Peterson, N. J., in New York City. January 17. They will make their home at Abbott Court, Radburn, Fairlawn, N. J.

'00

J. E. McCarthy, Minnewaukan attorney, died at his home February 1. He was 53 years old. After graduating from the University he established a bank at York, N. D., with his brother and later moved to Minnewaukan. Surviving are his widow, three sons, one—Donald—a student of the University, and one daughter.

'01

Mrs. Skuli G. Skulason, a former resident of Grand Forks and now of Missoula, Mont., was awarded first prize in the Nelson County Pioneer story contest sponsored by the Nemo Study Club of Lakota. She wrote the story of the beginning of Petersburg and of her father.

'04

Judge G. Grimson of Rugby talked before the members of the Masonic Service and Study Club on "Masonry in Iceland" at their first meeting on January 23. He described the lodge of his native land as he saw it on his visit to Iceland last summer.

Attorney Dudley Nash who has been practicing law in Minot died in a Bis-

Milwaukeans Organize Club

Formation of a University of North Dakota Alumni Club in Milwaukee, Wisconsin was completed when 20 Alumni met on Saturday, January 3 at the Milwaukee City Club and drew up tentative plans. Prof. C. G. Blough of the school of commerce of the University presided at the meeting.

George Papermaster was elected president of the new organization with James Taylor, secretary and Dr. J. A. Jenner, chairman of the executive committee. Professor Blough enroute from attending a convention in the East gave the principal address of the evening.

Others who attended the gathering were: Mrs. Pearl Hansen and Miss Betty Chapple, members of the executive committee; S. J. Nogosek, Robert Jones, Mrs. Bessie Papermaster, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Belcher, Vernon Hansen, Miss Elinor Chappel and Miss Phronie Burtness.

marck Hospital, November 13. Mr. Nash was born in East Grand Forks and studied law at the University of North Dakota graduating in '04.

'06

Grace Brown Putnam of New Rockford recently had ten poems published in a volume entitled "Fifteen South Dakota Poets." Mrs. Putnam's poems were included in the book because of the time she has spent in South Dakota and her contribution to the poetry of that state.

A. W. Webb is joint owner of the Webb and Sanquist Garage on Temple Ave., Long Beach, Calif.

'07

Ray Emery Wickam, died December 28 of a heart attack at his home in Salt Lake City. After completing his work at the University where he received his B.S. degree he went to Columbia University where he obtained his masters degree. He is survived by his wife.

W. C. Husband represents Wheatland County in the Montana senate. He is practicing law at Harlowton, Montana.

Winifred Working, Ex. '07, edits and publishes the Southern Minnesota at Berkely. The magazine is dedicated to preservation of the interesting history of southern Minnesota.

WITH LAW FIRM



THEODORE KELLOGG

Theodore Kellogg, '30, became associated with the Grand Forks law firm of McIntyre and Burtness December 29. He had been working in an attorney's office in Dickinson.

'10

E. H. Gustafson is general commercial manager of the Ohio Bell Telephone Company at Cleveland.

N. C. Abbot is professor of social sciences in the Eastern Montana Normal School at Billings, Montan. Mrs. Abbott will be remembered as Evelyn Wardrope, '04. They live at 3021 Second Avenue N.

'11

Prof. William Budge, ceramic engineer of the University, in an address over WDAY on January 21 made a plea for the support of the brick industry of the state of North Dakota. The address was one of a series sponsored by the Northern Packing Company of Grand Forks to further the industrial program of the Greater North Dakota Association.

'12

Theodore Wells and Charles Ellis, former supervising architect at the University, formed a partnership January 26 and will occupy the office of Mr. Wells in the Red River National Bank building in Grand Forks.

'14

E. Leigh Mudge has recently accepted a position in the editorial staff of the Pilgrim Press published in Boston, Mass. He also serves as lecturer in Psychology in the Boston University School of Religious Education.

'16

Oscar Baarson is assistant city engineer at Helena, Mont. He lives at 1404 Harrison Ave.

Magnus Hjalmeron is a successful engineer in Los Angeles, Calif. His home address is 8462 Garden View, Southgate, Los Angeles.

Harris L. Mickelson and Ida M. Tew, Rushford, Minn., were married June 3. Harris has a position with the Western Electric Company at Chicago.

'18

Dorothy Perrott, Ex. '18, was married to Henry Holdstock of Burlington, Vermont on September 29 in Brooklyn, N. Y. Miss Perrott attended school here while her father Prof. George Perrott taught in the University. They will make their home at 326 College Street, Burlington.

'19

Mrs. Troy B. Hinton (Martha Brennan), Ex. '19, died recently at Glendale, Calif., where she has made her home for the past year.

A. C. Richardson is with the United States Bureau of Mines at Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

'23

Mr. and Mrs. Ebenhahn (June Batie) are the parents of a baby girl born in Alliance, Nebraska, September 28.

Reverend and Mrs. Clifford B. Holland, '32 (Jessie Simpson, '27) Entertained at dinner on Thanksgiving Day for several Nodaks who are attending Columbia University. They were Oliver Peterson, '26, Gladys Bredahl and Mr. and Mrs. Obed Williamson, '25. Mrs. Holland had as her guest in October, her mother, Mrs. H. E. Simpson who was on her way to attend the Women's Foreign Missionary Conference at Springfield, Mass.

Albert W. Cook, Bismarck, was selected as one of seven official weather forecasters in the United States January 22 by the Washington federal weather bureau.

George Maroney will manage the new Grant-Dadey branch which opened in Bismarck January 15. Mr. Maroney, a native of Fargo, will move to Bismarck where he will take up his permanent residence.

'24

Arthur Johnson who has been in the city engineer's office in Seattle, Wash., has accepted a position with the U. S. Geological Survey.

'25

J. Frederick Weltzin, assistant professor of education, published a book entitled "The Legal Authority of

American Public Schools" after a two year survey of the subject.

Catherine Mary Cranna, Ex. '25, was married to J. B. McDonald of Grangeville, Idaho, where they will make their home.

William Kloubec is the father of a son born in Fargo on February 2. Eugene Daily is selling for the Sul-

livan Machine Co., Chicago, Ill. He lives at 1423 East 55th St.

Richard Black is working on the design and inspection of mine safety devices at San Francisco. Mrs. Black (Ruth Schlberg '26) and child spent several weeks this winter visiting at the home of her parents in Grand Forks.

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Book-lore

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poetry of the Icelanders during the last century.

This is the second book that Dr. Beck has published since he came to the University. The other was a volume of original poems in the Icelandic, published in Winnipeg, Man., October, 1929. This has won praise from many reviewers. Dr. Beck is also the author of a number of research and literary articles in Icelandic and American journals.

"Pioneers of Freedom"

An Account of the Icelanders and the Icelandic Free State 874-1262. By Sveinbjorn Johnson. Boston, The Stratford Company, 1930. Pp. VII and 361.

This book is a welcome and a timely addition to the literature in English dealing with the civilization of Iceland during the period of the Commonwealth (874-1262). Bryce in his "Studies in History and Jurisprudence" (e.g. Primitive Iceland, Vol. I, pp. 312-358), Gjerset in his "History of Iceland," and Williams in her "Social Scandinavia in the Viking Age" have described life in early Iceland to some extent. Professor Johnson's volume is, however, as yet the fullest treatment of the subject in the English language.

"My sole object has been to interest the ordinary reader; I had no intention to delve into technical and complicated or controversial matters," says the author in his introduction. Hence his work is to be judged as a popular book only. It is, nevertheless, based on reliable sources and contains much valuable information. In the words of Professor Johnson himself: "A series of lectures, delivered about twenty-five years ago in the Icelandic language by a historian of note, Jon Jonsson, who had conducted extensive research under a subsidy from the Government of Iceland, is the basis of several, but not all chapters of this book. I shall not quarrel with any critic who may be disposed to point out that any merit my book has should be credited to this scholar rather than to me. There are chapters, and parts of chapters, dealing with subjects he does not mention, for which I accept full responsibility." Jonsson's work referred to is the popular "Gullold Islendinga," indeed a book of great

value, carefully documented. A comparison reveals that parts of "Pioneers of Freedom" are a very close reproduction in English of the "Gullold Islendinga," but it also brings out that Professor Johnson has both adjusted his material to the needs of English speaking readers and added much of his own. Among the significant additions is the chapter of "Property Rights of Women—A Comparison." The contrasting of the status of women in ancient Iceland with their condition in England and elsewhere is highly illuminating. The chapters on the government of Iceland and on law and justice are also of particular interest. The writer is here in his special field and can speak with authority, out of ripe experience in legal work.

The volume deals with the various aspects of life in Iceland during the days of the Commonwealth; it may be said to constitute at least a fairly complete picture of the time. A mere glance at the table of contents convinces one of this. And it is a vivid

and colorful picture, for there is much to fascinate, the dramatic aplenty, in the early history of Iceland. The social, industrial, political, intellectual and spiritual life of the period is here effectively portrayed.

I shall not attempt to evaluate individual chapters beyond what has been done above. I merely refer briefly to the chapter on "Poetry and Saga." Here I notice with regret the absence of a discussion—limited space would naturally make it brief—of the "Havamal." But even a brief consideration of this noble and important poem—mirroring as it does our ancestors' view of life—would be very pertinent in a volume depicting early Icelandic civilization and thereby also the civilization of ancient Scandinavia.

Professor Johnson writes of the early Icelanders with understanding and sympathy. He finds much to admire in their character and their philosophy of life, although he does not by any means hide their shortcomings. As a student of law and government

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he is of course deeply interested in their love of independence and in the fact that they established and maintained for three centuries "a government strikingly free and responsive to the popular will, while the rest of Europe was largely in the grip of absolute power and centralized monarchies." Not as brave warriors and dauntless sea-farers but as "pioneers of freedom" will the settlers of Iceland longest be remembered.

The value of the book is increased by many excellent portraits as well as by the drawings of Thorarinn Thorlaksson. Printing and paper are of high quality. A good index is provided.

In writing this volume Professor Johnson has shown his interest in the land of his birth by rendering it a fine service. In so doing he has earned the gratitude of his countrymen everywhere.

"Pioneers of Freedom" is a book distinctly worth reading. The Millennial Celebration has turned the eyes of the world upon Iceland. Here is a book depicting the civilization out of which the Icelandic Althing grew and in which it was such an important factor.—RICHARD BECK.

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Edward F. Tiedeman of Huron, S. D., was married to Estelle Hickman at Warren, Minnesota on December 26. They will make their home at Huron, S. D., where the groom is connected with the Northwestern Service Company.

Dr. M. W. Garrison of Lincoln, Nebraska is receiving the plaudits of veteran physicians of Lincoln for having saved the life of an emergency patient

by his presence of mind.

Frederick Evans, now attending Yale University, and Charles Evans, '25, of Chicago attended a family reunion at the home of their parents during the Christmas holidays.

Alice Gilbertson, carrying on the work her father has been engaged in for many years, is now editor of the Steele County Farmers Press.

Harold Olson as accepted a position with the General Electric Co., Schnecktady, N. Y.

Arnot Lee is now with the State Highway Department at Grand Forks, N. D.

Three graduates of this class were selected by the Northwestern Bell Telephone Co., Helge Zethren is in the Fargo office still in his training course. Art Miller has been transferred from Fargo to Valley City. Gordon Sundby is in the Minneapolis office of this concern.

Charles Hobbs is with the General Electric Co. at Schnecktady, New York He lives at 335 Summit Ave.

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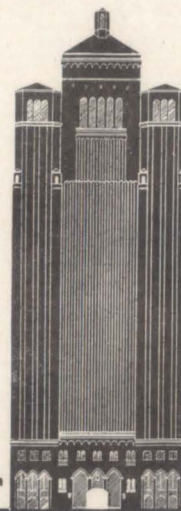
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