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NO. 1

CLASS OF 1898 PLANS REUNION

Members of the Class of 1898 will celebrate their fiftieth anniversary at commencement exercises in June and data has been collected on many of the members.

Albert Stenmo of Hatton, N. D., chairman of the class of '98, continued his work after graduation at Leland Stanford university, California. He married Anna Johnson, 1897, who died in 1947. A farmer, Stenmo has served several terms in the North Dakota legislature. He has one daughter who is married and lives at Casselton, N. D.

Is Probate Judge

Jacob Sonderaal of Hettinger, N. D., was appointed a probate judge in 1905 and continues in that office. His 43 years of continuous service constitute a record for the state. He is unmarried.

Dr. N. Johanna Kildahl attended winter quarters at the University in 1891-92 and spring quarters in 1893-94. She graduated from the Teachers college in 1896 and received her A. B. degree in 1898 and her M. A. in 1900. She became an assistant and later an instructor in the biology department at the University from 1898 to 1905. That year she became assistant in the botany department at the University of Chicago, where she received a scholarship. In 1909 she received her Ph. D. from Chicago.

Plans to Attend

From 1924 to 1927 Dr. Kildahl was assistant in the botany department at the University of Minnesota and a research worker for Carnegie Institute. Dr. Kildahl writes that she is anticipating happily the fiftieth anniversary meeting of her class this spring. She lives at Maza, N. D., and Chicago.

Catherine M. Wright lives at Berkeley, Calif. She is retired and spends much of her time traveling. She graduated from Johns Hopkins university and served in World War I as a nurse in European areas.

Mrs. Amelia Hanson Cavanaugh is retired. She has done considerable child welfare work throughout California. She travels extensively but is partial to San Francisco, which, she writes, has a great variety of people and interests.

Lives in Idaho

Dr. Luella Hovland is practicing in Minneapolis. Her office is at 608 Nicollet avenue.

Mrs. Lotta Cooper Farnsworth has lived in Rothdrum, Idaho, for many years. Mr. Farnsworth is in business there. They have one son, who lives in Los Angeles.

John G. Walstad is a successful lawyer and is interested in insurance and real estate. He lives in San Diego, Calif.

Dr. G. F. Midford has a successful practice in Estacada,

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Appeals for Building Fund



NORTH DAKOTA STATE SENATOR J. B. Bridston of Grand Forks is shown above addressing a mass meeting of University students in the armory, pleading for adoption of a proposed four-mill levy to create a permanent building fund for state institutions.

Explains Need for 4-Mill Building Levy

To University Alumni:

When you look at your ballot in June, you will find a proposed constitutional amendment for a four mill levy. Reduced to its simplest terms this levy would be made on the assessed valuation of all taxable property in the state, for the purpose of creating a fund of \$5,000,000.00, subject to appropriation by the legislative assembly, "for the construction of, for improvements and additions to, buildings of state, penal, charitable and educational institutions."

New Sources of Revenue Are Necessary

This constitutional amendment passed the senate without a dissenting vote and the house by better than a two-thirds majority, indicating that our North Dakota law makers fully understand and appreciate the

acute situation that confronts our institutions.

This four mill levy will bring in approximately \$2,000,000 a year to keep the fund at \$5,000,000. The resolution can become law if we secure the united support of our alumni faculty members and students at all our institutions.

If the voters of North Dakota know the true facts, a large number of them will vote in favor of this much-needed, long range building program.

Old Main, the building that houses the president and business manager and all the valuable financial and academic records at the University, was built before North Dakota was a state, only a few years after

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NOTICE OF STUDENT UNION CORPORATION MEETING

The Student Union Corporation will hold its annual meeting in Room 10, Merrifield Hall, Friday, June 11 at 10 a. m., according to Alvin E. Austin, president. New members to the board of directors will be elected at that time. All contributors to the Student Union Fund are members of the corporation.

Dr. Abbott Has Distinguished Record

Respected and loved by the faculty, alumni and students alike is genial Dr. George A. Abbott, professor of chemistry at the University.

Dr. Abbott is the retired head of the chemistry department, in which capacity he has served the University from 1910 to 1947. He has relinquished that position at his own request, but is continuing as a full professor in his department.

Under the loyal and competent direction of Dr. Abbott, the standard of work in his department has been maintained on a high level. He has made a record of distinguished scientific achievement and constructive work in the educational field.

Is Nationally Known

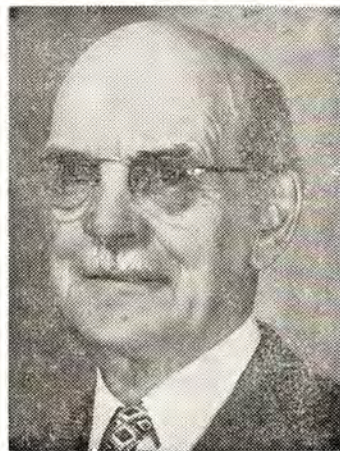
Although he is nationally known among chemists and men of science, Dr. Abbott is most loved and respected here as a teacher. His intense interest in chemistry is a source of encouragement for his more brilliant students, while his simple teaching methods and his friendly attitude makes chemistry easier for all his students.

He is especially proud of what he likes to call his "hand-picked" major students because he says, they have "never let him down." They have made outstanding records in the best graduate institutions of the country, and, to his knowledge not one of them has ever been rejected from an advanced degree. During the depression check-up of 35 of these graduates in industrial positions revealed that not one of them had lost his position. Many of these graduates have attained international recognition.

Is Illinois Native

George Alonzo Abbott was born at Alma, Ill., the son of John B. and Harriet (Stuart) Abbott. His father was a fruit farmer and educator, having served several terms as county superintendent of public schools and several years as teacher in the public schools of Marion County, Ill.

For the purpose of giving his children advanced education privileges, John Abbott removed with his family to Greencastle, Ind., where George graduated from the preparatory department of De Pauw University in 1892. He continued his studies at De Pauw until 1895, when he was graduated with the degree of



DR. G. A. ABBOTT

bachelor of science with a major in chemistry. During this time he became affiliated with the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity and the Phi Beta Kappa honorary scholastic fraternity. He remained at De Pauw for post graduate work in chemistry and in 1896 received, pro merito, the degree of Master of Arts.

Taught High School

From 1896 to 1899 Dr. Abbott taught high school chemistry and physics at Evansville, Ind., and in the summer of 1899 he was a member of a research group in the fossil fields of Wyoming. From 1899 to 1900 he was teacher in central high school, Duluth, Minn. Following this he became head of the chemistry department of the manual training high school of Indianapolis.

Upon being granted a two-year leave of absence, he entered the Massachusetts Institute of Technology as a graduate student in 1904, where he received the Austin fellowship and served also as research assistant in physical chemistry. From this institution he received in 1908, the degree of doctor of philosophy in chemistry.

Went to A. C. in '09

In 1909 Dr. Abbott became assistant professor of industrial and organic chemistry at the North Dakota Agricultural college at Fargo, besides being assistant chemist of the government experimental station maintained there and having charge of practical tests conducted by the American Paint Manufacturer's association. In 1910 Dr. Abbott began his long tenure as head of the chemis-

try department of the University of North Dakota.

In Grand Forks, he is a charter member of the local Kiwanis club, besides being trustee and former lieutenant governor of Kiwanis district organization of Minnesota and the Dakotas. In 1930 he was unanimously elected district governor of Minnesota-Dakotas district.

In Science Academy

Under appointment of Governor John Burke, in 1912, Dr. Abbott represented North Dakota as a delegate to the eighth international congress of applied chemistry. He was one of the founders and continues an influential member of the North Dakota Academy of Science, of which he has served as secretary 38 years.

He is a member of Sigma Xi, honorary research fraternity, and served as a contributing editor to the Journal of Chemical Education, published by the American Chemical Society, of which he is a member, having also served as a member of its senate on chemical education.

Headed Honoraries

For five years Dr. Abbott was chairman of the graduate department of the University of North Dakota, 1922-27. He has served as president of the University of North Dakota chapter of Sigma Xi and three times as president of the local Phi Beta Kappa fraternity.

Believing that the influence of a university should extend beyond the campus, Dr. Abbott has given wide service as a lecturer to professional, business, educational and service groups and organizations throughout the northwest. In his efforts to promote the interest and understanding of science by the general public, he has given weekly broadcasts on "Science from the Sidelines" for the past 11 years. His scripts have been requested by radio stations in other parts of the country.

In 1912 he was exchange lecturer to the University of Manitoba. In the summer session of 1940 he was guest professor at the College of the City of New York. In 1946 he served as lecturer for the South Dakota Academy of Science.

Aided in War

During World War I Dr. Abbott gave valuable service in teaching the students army training corps at the Univer-

sity and in demonstrating war gasses to local troops of enlisted men. During World War II he was again active in the University A. S. T. P. program.

Dr. Abbott is recognized as an expert toxicologist and court witness. He has testified in important murder trials, coroner's cases and cases of stock poisoning throughout North Dakota and Minnesota and has actively cooperated with law enforcement officers.

As a consulting chemist he has been called upon to solve many knotty problems involving chemistry, for state officials, railroads, manufacturers and private citizens.

Conducted Survey

In 1935-37 he conducted a state chemical survey of the municipal water supplies, in cooperation with the state geological survey under provisions of F. E. R. A. and W. P. A. federal projects. This included the first state fluoride survey in its relation to the occurrence and distribution of the dental malady known as "Mottled Enamel of Teeth." The latter has received wide commendation.

In 1937, he was appointed special water consultant to the national resources board, to prepare a comprehensive report on the chemical quality of the ground waters of the entire

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News Briefs of University Alumni

Lt. Col. Donn Robertson, 1938 has been transferred from Oceanside, Calif., to Washington, D. C., where he is in charge of the enlisted detail section of the U. S. Marine corps. Mrs. Robertson is the former Elaine Swiggum, 1938, and they have two children, Jack and Tommie. The Robertsons called at the alumni office while visiting in Grand Forks in March.

Dr. and Mrs. Spencer McCrae of Rolla, N. D., are the parents of a son born March 12. Dr. McCrae is of the class of 1941.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Ness, Bismarck, N. D., are the parents of a daughter, Charlotte Marie born March 22. Mrs. Ness is the former Evelyn Sorlie, 1945, and Dale is a former student.

David Vogel, 1938, and Katherine Leo, Portland, Me., were married recently in Baltimore, Md. The couple met in Germany while both were with the American military government at Hesse. They will make their home in Minot, N. D.

John Cullen, 1947, is living in St. Paul, Minn., where he is employed by Montgomery Ward company as assistant budgetary control manager.

Walter M. Westberg, 1944, is a chemical engineer in the International Milling Co., Minneapolis.

Mrs. Eugene Farley (Frances Ball, 1944) is employed by Donaldson's in Minneapolis as manager and buyer for the glove and knit lingerie departments. She received her M. S. in retailing from New York university in June, 1945.

Oscar J. Buttedahl, 1930, is owner and publisher of the Meridian Times, Meridian, Idaho. He took over the paper in December.

Emil N. Levin, 1923, is an attorney with the firm of Friedlund, Levin and Friedlund in Chicago.

Dr. Kenneth A. Danford, 1941, has been practicing medicine at Mahnomen, Minn. for the last year and one-half. He completed his medical course at Temple University, interned at Asbury hospital, Minneapolis, and served three years in the Navy.

Major and Mrs. Mylo L. Heen announce the birth of a son, Richard Roy, February 2, 1948, in Tokyo, Japan. Major Heen is a 1938 graduate and is stationed with the regular army in Tokyo.

Catherine B. Flinspach, 1945, is teaching English in the high school at Basin, Wyo.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim V. Miller, Minot, are the parents of a daughter born March 17. Mr. Miller is of the class of 1938.

Lloyd Nelson, 1932, and Francis J. Walsh, 1932, own the Cal-Dak Co., manufacturers of the Sav-Ur-Bak clothes basket, in Colton, Calif. Mrs. Walsh is the former Alma Stanley, class of '35, and Mrs. Nelson is the former Sylvia Steele, 1931. Mr. Nelson is the recently elected president of the Southern California Alumni club.

Four U. N. D. alumni constitute the accounting firm of Janz, Iverson and Martz in Minot, N. D. They are Roy Janz and Iver H. Iverson of the class of 1924, and recently added were Baldwin Martz, 1945, and his wife, the former Shirley Hubbard, 1945.

Col. George O. W. Lodoen, 1926, has been transferred from Guam to the United States, where he is assigned to the second division at Fort Lewis, Wash.

Mrs. P. M. Bowen (Martha Taubert, 1915) and her husband have lived in New Mexico since 1919. They have one daughter, who received a degree in civil engineering from the University of Colorado, and is now married and working for an engineering and architectural firm in Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Allie George Mason, Atlanta, Ga., are the parents of a son, Allie George, Jr., born Dec. 22, 1947. They also have a daughter, Nancy Christine. Mrs. Mason is the former Mae C. Hjellum, 1937.

Miss Ellen M. Yerrington head of the piano department at Wesley college from 1919-29, died in February at her home in Cambridge, Mass. Her last visit to Grand Forks was in the spring of 1947.

Mrs. A. M. Powell of Devils Lake, N. D., has been nominated as North Dakota Mother of '48. Formerly Elsie Moores, Mrs. Powell attended the University in the late '80s and during this time taught preparatory classes. In 1943 she was given national recognition during the convention of the National Federation of Women's clubs at the Atlantic City convention when she was honored as "Outstanding Pioneer Daughter" in the United States.

Two former UND students, Bill Emard, 1941, and Robert Paxton, 1943, are with the vocal group of Horace Heidt's orchestra. Previously, Paxton was a private photographer in Los Angeles and associated with MGM still pictures, and Emard was a contact officer for the veterans administration.

Barbara Ann Parson, 1948, is attending Northwestern School of Medical Technology in Minneapolis. Her parents, Drs. Lester and Lillian Parson, are of the class of 1919 and practice at Elbow Lake, Minn.

Dr. and Mrs. A. K. Lewis recently moved to Fargo, N. D., where Dr. Lewis is associated with the Dakota Clinic. Dr. Lewis is of the class of 1943 and Mrs. Lewis is the former Mada Eppler, 1942.

Dean Melvin A. Brannon represented the University of North Dakota at the inauguration of Dr. J. H. Miller as president of the University of Florida, Gainesville, Fla., on March 5.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Parson (Ruby Pederson, 1926) of New York city are serving with the military government in Germany. In newspaper work in New York for many years, Parson has been made information specialist with the American military government in Berlin and Mrs. Parson will serve as assistant radio control chief in the American sector.

Charles L. Comings, 1904, of Minneapolis, died March 24 at Porterville, Calif., where he had been visiting. After graduating from the University law school, he began law practice with the Bangs, Hamilton and Bangs firm in Grand Forks and then became affiliated with Nash Bros., wholesale grocers now known as Nash-Finch Co. He had been with the firm 47 years. His widow is his only survivor.

Lawrence Elsbernd, 1942, and his wife, the former Lucille Altermatt, 1941, write that they are enjoying Cuba. Mr. Elsbernd is a third secretary and vice-consul in the American embassy at Havana and at present is working in the agricultural section. He has just completed a motor trip of 400 miles down the island visiting tomato and pineapple canneries, sugar plantations and mills, cattle ranches, etc.

Dr. John B. Larson, 1929, is practicing in Morris, Ill.

E. Vernon Sandstrom, 1946, and Hilda Williams, both of Grand Forks, were married March 14. They will make their home in Grand Forks.

B. Townsley French, 1941, is living in Corvallis, Ore., where he has a position in the library of Oregon State college.

Kenneth Kjos, 1934, is with Burr, Patterson & Auld Co., manufacturing fraternity jewelers, in Pittsburgh. He has a daughter eight and a son two years old.

Robert A. Kennedy, 1940, is district credit manager for Spiegels Inc., a mail order house in Chicago. He is married and has two daughters, Kathleen, 3, and Maureen, 1. Bob writes that a group of ATO alumni in Chicago have lunch each Monday at the College Inn of the Sherman Hotel and he looks forward to seeing some former U.N.D. acquaintances at these meetings.

Kenneth B. Berg, 1939, is an instructor in accountancy at the University of Illinois, Champaign, and doing graduate work on his Ph.D. Mrs. Berg is the former Helen L. Anderson, also of the class of 1939.

Melvin Ruder, 1937, Columbia Falls, Mont., recently moved his newspaper, the Hungry Horse News, into its new home, a log building with unique door handles of deer and elk antlers. The paper, which was founded something more than a year ago, has a circulation of 1,700 copies weekly, according to a feature story in the Publishers' Auxiliary.

The wife of Dr. John Bonzer, class of 1940, formerly of Lidgerwood, N. D., is featured in the Saturday Evening Post's April 3 edition in the article "Women at Work: Registered Nurse." Mrs. Sallylou Cummings Bonzer met her husband overseas while she was a member of the army nurse corps in Europe. The story tells of her nursing experiences from the time she first entered training in Wisconsin until her work took her to the Jersey City medical center, where her husband is taking his residency. Dr. Bonzer completed his medical study at Temple university and his internship at Atlantic City, N. J. He expects to complete his work in Jersey City in June, 1949.

Proposed Campus Building Plans



This is an artist's conception of how the University of North Dakota campus will look when the school's \$4,000,000 construction program is completed in 1951.

Superimposed upon an aerial view of the campus taken a week ago, the artist has sketched in rough outlines of the proposed new buildings on the sites they are scheduled to occupy. **No. 1** is the proposed new \$750,000 lignite research laboratory. **No. 2** is the field-house gymnasium. **No. 3** is the new \$400,000 women's dormitory. **No. 4** is the \$500,000 Student Union. **No. 5** is the new Medical Science building, which will be the first of the new structures to get under way. **No. 6** is the proposed \$300,000 Engineering building. **No. 7** is the proposed Administration building. **No. 8** is a proposed \$350,000 women's dormitory. **No. 9** is a proposed men's dormitory-dining hall.

Several of the new temporary structures are shown immediately behind and to the left of the Chemistry building (located alongside the new Medical Science structure.) The new 30-bed hospital, located to the left of the site of the proposed new men's dormitory, just missed getting into the picture. (Photo by Ward Arneson, Art Work by Shirley Nelson.)

'U' Expansion Program Mapped

A \$4,085,000 expansion program, involving construction of nine new buildings, is in the cards for the University of North Dakota between now and the close of the year 1951.

Most of the units already have been authorized, but UND administrative officials point out that several of the projects will come up for approval by the state budget board this fall and the state legislature early in 1949.

Auditorium Needed

Not yet on the list, but badly needed on the University campus, is an auditorium, they point out. Steps to provide this addition, long-needed for countless UND activities, probably will be launched in the near future, they added.

Major buildings included in the present program are:

A proposed \$750,000 lignite research laboratory.

A \$600,000 gymnasium-field house.

A \$500,000 Student Union building.

A \$420,000 Medical Science building.

A \$300,000 engineering building.

A \$365,000 administration building.

Two men's and one women's dormitories, costing a total of \$1,150,000.

Legislation authorizing the construction of the lignite research laboratory in North Dakota, has been passed by both houses of the U. S. Congress and now is awaiting signature by President Truman. Action by the Bureau of Mines to assign the laboratory to UND, where it will be combined with existing research facilities, is expected after congressional approval of the necessary appropriation.

Have Fieldhouse Fund

The 1947 legislature appropriated \$600,000 for the field house and construction is expected to get under way early in 1949.

Student Union planning now is in its final stages, preparatory to asking for bids. Work is expected to start this summer. Financing the project are a \$350,000 bond issue floated last month and \$180,000 in student and alumni contributions.

Contracts have been awarded for the Medical Science building and work will start in the spring. Funds for this building, which will house the School

of Medicine, were appropriated by the 1947 legislature.

Buildings Too Small

The budget board will be asked this year to consider a \$300,000 appropriation for a new Engineering building, which would house the mechanical, civil and electrical engineering departments. Present engineering facilities are badly overcrowded, UND officials declare, and no new buildings have been constructed for many years.

The proposed new Administration building would replace Old Main building, which has been in use as the school's headquarters since 1884. Old Main has long been condemned by the state fire marshal. The 1949 legislature will have under consideration an appropriation of \$350,000 for the new building, plus \$15,000 for equipment.

All Dormitories Old

No new permanent dormitories have been constructed on the campus since Budge hall was completed in 1899, and it is to remedy this situation that

the dormitory building program is contemplated.

The 1947 state legislature authorized a bond issue of \$400,000 for a women's dormitory to be located on Second avenue N., near the proposed site of the new field house. Construction on this unit is scheduled to begin in 1949.

To Start in '49

Also authorized was a \$350,000 bond issue for a men's dormitory, to be located on University avenue west of the President's house. Work on this dormitory is slated to begin in 1949 or 1950.

Earmarked for 1950 or 1951 is a combined \$400,000 women's dormitory and dining room, to be constructed on University avenue between Oxford and Princeton streets. Funds for this structure have not been authorized yet.

Temporary buildings are taking care of the oversized UND enrollment until the building program can be completed.

Barracks, veterans' housing

units and temporary dormitories are serving to house a large proportion of the student body until the permanent dormitories can be constructed.

Buildings Moved

In addition, seven former air corps buildings have been moved to the campus as another stopgap move. One of them houses a 45-bed hospital, just opened last month.

Another constitutes a chemical engineering laboratory, another has been taken over by the industrial arts department.

A fourth temporary structure now is the home of the University Press and also provides offices for federal education agencies headquartered on the campus. Two other buildings serve storage units, one for the ROTC and the other for general University purposes.

A seventh building which will house the geology department and the State Geological survey offices, now is nearing completion.

UNIVERSITY GRAD SEES WORLD

Editor's note: The following excerpts are from a letter written to the alumni office by Dorothy Sarles, 1941 graduate, who has toured a great part of the world since leaving the campus.

After graduation from UND in 1941, Dorothy Sarles Flood interned as a dietitian at Highland-Alameda county hospital in Oakland, Calif. There she met the young doctor whom she married in June, 1942, Dr. William R. Flood.

They immediately set out for Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, where both were employed on the Canol project. Since this project was still in its developmental stages, conditions were of the pioneer type. They lived for eight months at Camp Canol, just 60 miles south of the Arctic circle, where temperatures went down as far as 58-60 below zero. Dorothy was the only woman in the entire camp.

After returning to the States in the spring, Bill sailed for Arabia in August, 1943, and Dorothy returned to North Dakota, where their son, Ricky, was born. Dorothy and Ricky sailed for Arabia in March 1946.

The year in Arabia was very pleasant. Bill was head of the Arabian, Italian, and American hospitals in Rac Tanura, Arabian American Oil Co. refinery camp. On the trip over, there were about 40 women and children on board the "Vulconia." They had a stopover in Naples and Alexandria, and spent 11 days in Cairo, where they stayed at Mena House and had the pyramids just a few yards away.

They flew from Cairo to Saudi Arabia, then drove over desert sands the last 50 miles.

The first few weeks they lived in an apartment while their house was being finished. The house, along with 30 others was situated in an area called "American City," about a mile from the camp proper, and on a beach with the Persian gulf practically in the front yard.

Dorothy writes: "life there was very informal and relaxing: swimming in the tepid gulf waters, sailing and sunning. The camp recreational facilities boasted bowling alleys tennis and softball courts—a recreation hall with library, dance floor, and an outdoor movie.

All-camp dances were held

every Thursday night (Thursday night being equivalent to Saturday night here as Friday is the Moslem Sunday and we observed that in days off)."

In August, 1946, Bill and Dorothy spent a local leave in India. They flew from Bahrein Island to Karachi, India. From there they travelled by train to Rawalpindi, then by car over a scenic route to Sunagar, capital of Kashmir.

For two weeks they were on a houseboat on Nagin lake, waited on by four servants and enjoying the beautiful scenery—the Himalayas surround this valley and the lakes are almost covered with lotus. Almost all travel in and around Sunagar is done by boat and they followed this custom in sightseeing of the town and also the famed Shalimar gardens and other beauty spots. From Kashmir, they traveled back to Delhi; Agra to see the Taj Mahal; back to Karachi, then home.

Two other U.N.D. alums were also in Arabia and Dorothy had a chance to renew friendship with them. They are Tom and Kathleen (Ray) Barger, of the classes of 1931 and 1937.

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Hawaii Alumni at Founders Day



THESE MEMBERS of the Hawaii Alumni club were snapped at Honolulu as they attended the annual Founders Day meeting. Left to right: Joyce Roberts, Mrs. George Pickering, Eddie Ching Wan, owner of the South Seas, Capt. Wayne Kelly, Dr. Min Hin Li, Dr. Magnus Ruud, Miss Margaret Alexander and Dr. Robert Katsuki.

Lignite Test Plant Approved

A \$750,000 lignite research laboratory will be built at the University of North Dakota by the U. S. Bureau of Mines, Secretary of Interior Krug announced.

The plant is planned for experiments in conversion of lignite to industrial uses. Krug said the University donated 13 acres of the eastern part of the campus for the project.

Congress authorized establishment of the laboratory March 25 and an appropriation for construction has been requested. Krug said the plant will require \$250,000 per year for maintenance and operation.

North Dakota is believed to contain 98 per cent of the nation's 939,000,000,000 tons of lignite.

James Boyd, director of the bureau of mines, said the planned studies may create uses for lignite in place of high grade coking coal and also might lead to use of high-hydrogen gas from lignite for reducing low grade Minnesota iron ores.

Editor's note: A complete story on the new lignite plant its long-range possibilities and effect on the future of the state will appear in the June issue of the Alumni Review.

Alumni to Register Thursday, June 10

Alumni who return for the June Commencement will register in the Alumni Office, Room 107, Merrifield hall, on the afternoon of June 10.

The Alumni banquet will be held that evening in the University Commons at 6 p. m. Following the Alumni banquet, all alumni are invited to the reception at President West's home.

Friday morning, June 11, there is to be an Old Timer's Breakfast at the Ryan Hotel. Friday noon, plans are being made for a luncheon for visiting alumni and Friday evening, before the Commencement exercises, arrangements are being made for a smorgasbord. The place will be announced later, according to Dr. Ralph E. Leigh, president of University Alumni association.

Roberts Elected President

Joyce Roberts, 1931, was elected president of the University Alumni club of Hawaii at the annual Founders Day meeting and an honorary presidency for life was conferred on Dr. Min Hin Li, 1920.

Other officers named were Robert Griffith, 1937, vice president; and Betty Henry Katsuki, 1935, secretary-treasurer.

On the board of directors are Margaret Alexander, 1937, chairman; Dr. Sanford Katsuki, 1927; Mrs. Allen Olson (Ethel Severson, 1929); Dr. Edwin Chung-Hoon, 1929; and Mrs. J. E. Whitlow (Viona Hansen, 1922).

The club passed a resolution backing plans for the construction of a Student Union at the University and voted to do everything possible to encourage members and friends to contribute to the Union fund.

Copies of the resolution were

1942 Graduate Working For Chicago Mail Firm

Jeanne E. Morrow, 1942, has been appointed assistant group catalog manager of home furnishing departments with Aldens, a mail order firm, in Chicago.

Miss Morrow developed her interest in advertising while working on the Dakota Student, University newspaper and after graduation took post graduate work in advertising and merchandising on a scholarship at Northwestern University, enrolling in the fall of 1942.

At Northwestern, each of the "service scholars" was placed in an advertising department of some major Chicago organization to receive actual experience that would tie in with the academic courses.

Miss Morrow was placed with Sears Roebuck & Co. and her first job was that of copy-

writer and writing catalog copy for a number of Sears merchandise departments. One job was that of assistant to the advertising manager doing special assignments. Following this she was given a department to handle—copy and layout. While still with Sears she completed her work for the MBA degree at Northwestern.

In February, 1946, Jeanne left Sears and joined Aldens as sales manager of their furniture department. She has been with that company since. Her new work involves making sales plan, initiating promotions, supervision and approval of all layouts, copy and art work devised for their two major catalogs and the 15 or 20 small books and mailing pieces produced by the firm each year.

Mrs. Ray Klein (Helen Norman, 1929) is teaching music in the grades and high school at White Swan, Wash.

sent to all members of the Hawaii club, to the president of the Alumni association and to the Alumni secretary.

Alumni News Briefs

There are three U.N.D. graduates on the teaching staff of Roosevelt high school in Port Angeles, Wash. Cora M. Anderson, 1918, has been librarian for both the junior and senior high school for the past 17 years. George E. Wiltse, 1908, teaches mathematics and is completing his 24th year there. Bernice Burt, 1932, has been teaching mathematics there since 1944.

John E. Davis, 1935, is state commander of the American Legion in North Dakota. He is executive vice president of the First National Bank of McClusky, N. D.

In the St. Lo campaign, Davis was awarded the silver star, purple heart, and unit citation. He later was awarded the bronze medal, citation and two field promotions.

Davis served in World War II for more than four years and was released with the rank of Lt. colonel. He went overseas with the 35th division where his unit, the 134th infantry, became engaged in the Normandy invasion and took a prominent part in the siege and capture of Hill 122, the opening of the German line leading into St. Lo, crossing of the Vire river, in Patton's drive across France to Metz, Nancy, and on to the Saar river, where he was wounded and returned for hospitalization in Paris and England. He returned to his outfit for the campaign leading to the crossing of the Rhine, the capture of the Ruhr, and down to the Elbe.

Promoted In Cancer Research

Dr. Cushman D. Haagensen, class of 1921, associate professor of surgery at Columbia's College of Physicians and Surgeons, has been named co-ordinator of cancer teaching for the college's cancer research program. A graduate of Harvard Medical school, Dr. Haagensen also serves as assistant attending surgeon and assistant surgical pathologist at the Presbyterian hospital, New York. He is a cancer specialist and has published papers dealing with both clinical and laboratory research.

Rev. John F. Como, 1918, is the Rector of St. Andrews Episcopal church in Port Angeles, Wash.

Mr. and Mrs. Myron Ranney (Julia Ann Hutchinson, 1947), are the parents of a daughter, born April 10, at Redfield, S. D., where Mike is editor of the newspaper.

George R. Price, 1931, is doing literary research on a fellowship at the Folger Shakespeare library in Washington, D. C. His regular position is that of assistant professor in English at Michigan State college, East Lansing. After graduating from U. N. D. and receiving his M. A. at Creighton university, Omaha, he taught English at U. N. D. until 1938. In 1940 he received his Ph. D. from the University of Wisconsin.

History Teacher to Travel

Robert L. Kirkpatrick, instructor in history at the University, will lecture in several Central American countries this fall as a part of the U. S. state department's goodwill program.

His trip will take him to Yucatan, Guatemala, Honduras, Salvador and Mexico. English language study groups in those centers will hear him lecture on life in the United States.

Kirkpatrick will interview important figures while on his 4 week lecture tour, including Genaro Lira, famed Nicaraguan sculptor, to collect material for articles in "The Neighbor," a publication of the St. Louis Regional Inter-American center.

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Prior to their return to the States a year ago, they spent a day in Athens; saw the Acropolis and other points of interest; also had two days in Naples and took the famed Amalfi-Larrento drive. They docked in New York May 19, 1947, and went to California, where Bill is taking a surgical residency in Santa Barbara. February 21, 1948, they became the parents of a daughter, Frances Jane.

Geology Department Head to Get Award

Dr. Wilson Laird of the University will receive the president's award for the best article printed this year in the publication of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists.

The paper submitted by Laird was written in conjunction with Dr. L. L. Sloss of Northwestern

university on petroleum data they compiled in Montana during 1944 and 1945.

Laird, head of the department of geology at the University and state geologist, was elected vice president of the American Association of State Geologists during their convention at Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Former Faculty Member Gets Horticulture Award

Dr. Norma E. Pfeiffer, former University of North Dakota faculty member, has been awarded a silver medal by the Massachusetts Horticultural society in recognition of her work with lilies.

It was given especially for her development of a pink hybrid lily from a gold-rayed lily and a pink lily from Asia. The new lily, as yet unnamed, varies from blush to a deep pink.

Dr. Pfeiffer also serves as secretary to a newly formed North American Lily society.

Dr. Pfeiffer taught botany at the University from 1912 until 1923. She left her post as associate professor of botany at UND in 1923 to take a flyer in practical farming.

With Miss Zella Colvin, who taught mathematics at the University high school, they operated for the year of 1923-1924 a farm in Indiana. The farm bug bite was fatal and Dr. Pfeiffer and Miss Colvin now own a farm at Hillsdale, N. Y., which they have named "Rough Acres."

Their vacation at the farm and spend some weekends there but most of the time sees them busy at their professions. Miss Colvin teaches mathematics at the Fieldston upper schools of the Ethical Culture society and Dr. Pfeiffer is morphologist at the Boyce Thompson Institute for Plant Research at Yonkers, N. Y. She has been at the Institute since 1924.

FORMER U. N. D. STUDENT AIDE TO STASSEN

Victor Johnston, native of Inkster, N. D., and University student from 1920 to 1923, has been placed in charge of the Washington presidential campaign of Harold E. Stassen. Johnston is the son of Mrs. Bertha Johnston of the University faculty. A World War I veteran, Johnston once edited a county newspaper in Grand Forks. He was manager of the Stassen campaign in Wisconsin.

Marvin Jacobson, 1937, and Lillian Anderson, both of Grand Forks, were married Easter Sunday. They will make their home in Grand Forks, where Marvin is manager of the Valley Motor company.

ANNOUNCE RESIGNATION OF DEAN LAWTON

The resignation of Dean Alfred H. Lawton of the University school of medicine was announced by President John C. West. The resignation will become effective July 1.

Dean Lawton accepted a position as chief in the department of education and research of the bureau of medicine and surgery of the veterans administration with headquarters at Washington, D. C.

Lawton came to the school from the University of Arkansas in July, 1947. He succeeded Dean H. E. French. Since coming here he has been working on plans for the medical science building as well as the regular work of the department.