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Business Manager Of University Dies

James W. Wilkerson, business manager of the University for 42 years, died June 3 in a Grand Forks hospital after an illness of 17 days. He was 66 years old.

Mr. Wilkerson entered the hospital May 17 to receive treatment for an ailment attributed to heart, blood pressure and kidney disorders. His condition became progressively worse.

Active in University and civic affairs for many years, Mr. Wilkerson first came to the University in 1903 as a student instructor. He was made assistant to the secretary-registrar in 1904 and two years later was appointed business manager.

In 1919, he obtained a certificate as a certified public accountant by examination before the state board of accountancy and in 1925 he was made a member of the board, a post he held for many years.

In Grand Forks, Mr. Wilkerson was a past worshipful master of Acacia lodge No. 4, A. F. & A. M.; a member of the Elks lodge; former president of the Kiwanis club, the Grand Forks Chamber of Commerce, the Community Chest and secretary of the Grand Forks Country club.

At the University, in addition to his duties as business manager, he was a member of the building and grounds committee, the radio, summer session, athletic, housing and student loan committees, and also served as treasurer of the Student Union board, the alumni board, the Memorial Corporation and other campus groups.

Won Tennis Honors

Previously active for three decades in athletics, Mr. Wilkerson specialized in tennis, golf and horseshoe pitching. In 1921, he was North Dakota tennis singles champion. He paired with Wilmer Elton of Grand Forks to win the state doubles title in 1920, 1922 and 1923; with Paul Loughin for the doubles title in 1925 and with Dickerson the following year to win the title again.



JAMES W. WILKERSON

Born on a farm near Dearborn, Mo., May 27, 1882, Mr. Wilkerson received his public

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Class of '03 Plans Reunion

Members of the Class of 1903 who will return for commencement include:

Thomas D. Campbell, Hardin, Mont.

Charles D. Hamel, Washington, D. C.

John M. Hancock, New York.

Agnes Skundberg, (Mrs. G. L. Elken), Mayville, N. D.

Fred J. Traynor, Devils Lake.

Marguerite Brown (Mrs. Arthur Vickery), East Grand Forks, Minn.

Anne Larsen (Mrs. R. E. Warner), Seattle.

John A. McIntosh, Grand Forks.

Charles S. Ego, Lisbon.

Cleve M. Parsons, Bison.

W. J. Moran, Knee Hill Valley, Alberta, Canada.

Mrs. Anne McGlinck, Howard.

Mary Brennan Clapp, Mis-

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FRANKLIN J. LUNDING

Lunding Graduation Speaker

Franklin J. Lunding, president of the Jewel Tea Co., and a former University of North Dakota student, will deliver the commencement address at graduation exercises June 11.

Lunding, whose former home was at Hope, N. D., attended the University from 1923 to 1926. He received his LL.B. degree from George Washington university in 1929. Before joining the Jewel Tea Co. in 1931, he was with the research department of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce and an attorney with the federal trade commission. He is married and has three children.

While a student at the University, Lunding had a job during his freshman year as waiters' waiter and "chief engineer" in charge of dish-washing machine at the commons. During the summers between his freshman and sophomore and junior and senior years, he sold books to farmers, riding a bicycle from farm to farm.

He also worked up a project to sell groceries on a commission basis for a local wholesale concern. While his law school work was at night, he carried

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Spring Commencement Calendar

THURSDAY, JUNE 10, 1948

- 2:00- 6:00 p. m. Alumni Registration Room 107, Merrifield Hall.
- 4:00 p. m. Meeting of Grey Gowns, Armory.
- *6:00- 7:40 p. m. Alumni Banquet, University Commons.
- 7:40- 8:30 p. m. Meeting, UND Alumni Board of Directors.
- 8:30-10:30 p. m. University Reception. President and Mrs. John C. West at home to members of the faculty, alumni, and parents of graduates. University Band and Madrigal Club Concert on lawn during hours of reception.

FRIDAY, JUNE 11, 1948

- *8:00- 9:40 a. m. Old Timers Breakfast, Ryan Hotel. All visiting alumni and old timers in Grand Forks area are invited.
- 10:00 a. m. Meeting Student Union Corporation Room 10, Merrifield Hall.
- *12:00 noon Alumni Reunion Luncheon, Ryan Hotel.
- *5:00- 7:00 p. m. Smorgasbord for Alumni, candidates for degrees and their parents, University Commons.
- 7:45 p. m. Academic Procession, UND Campus.
- 8:00 p. m. Commencement Exercises, University Armory. Speaker, Franklin J. Lunding of Chicago. Music by University Band and Madrigal Club.

* Please make advance reservations by mail or telephone at Alumni Office.

Give Annual Message and Report

Dear Alumni:

Time marches on! Already the sixty-fifth year of the University is drawing to a close and plans are being made for our annual Commencement exercises. We hope that many of you will return to the campus June 10 and 11 to revisit the scenes of your undergraduate days and to renew acquaintances. You will find an account of the traditional activities in other columns of this REVIEW.

I want to extend an invitation to all returning alumni to attend the reception given by Mrs. West and me in the President's residence.

The activities of the past year have been so many and so varied that it is impossible for me to recount them here. As the University entered its new era following the war its enrollment has increased to more than 2,800 and many promising new faculty members have been added to the staff.

I regret to announce the resignation of Dean E. T. Towne who has served the University so faithfully since 1917. Many of you will remember Dean Towne, and I know that all of his former students will join us in expressing heartfelt appreciation for his magnificent record of achievement. I also regret to announce the resignation of Dean A. H. Lawton who has served one year as the head of the Medical school. Dean Lawton has accepted a position with the Veterans Administration in Washington, D. C.

The University is outgrowing the campus which most of you once knew as new buildings are added to keep pace with its expanding enrollment. Construction has been started on the new Medical Science building located north of the Chemistry building. It is contemplated that this building will be part of one wing of the new unit of which the present Chemistry building will also be a part.

Plans for the Student Union building about which many of you have read and to which many of you have made generous contributions will soon be completed with bids for construction to be let late this summer. The Student Union building will fill a long felt need for a social and recreational center on the campus where students can learn through experience



DR. JOHN C. WEST, (right) University president, and DR. R. E. LEIGH, Alumni Association President.

the fine art of gracious living. Before long we hope the Student Union will be a center for alumni activities during homecoming and commencement seasons. The Student Union will be located east of the Law building facing University ave.

Also projected for further development on the east side of the campus is the \$600,000 gymnasium-field house which will provide athletic facilities for University teams which for so many years have been confined to the antiquated and inadequate Armory. To the north of these buildings, east of Babcock Hall, will be located the new \$300,000 engineering building.

One of the very real problems after the war was finding of living quarters for the vast number of incoming students. With the old dormitories filled beyond capacity, dormitory barracks are being utilized. Part of these problems will be solved with the erection of a new \$300,000 women's dormitory. Construction is contemplated within the next two years.

It has always been my philosophy that a great university must be the custodian and storehouse of all the knowledge of the centuries. It must also be a community of scholars who interpret the wisdom of the

world and pass it on to coming generations. A university must also be a great research laboratory. These three phases or areas of usefulness are always present, but at times emphasis is placed on one or another of these problems in endeavoring to respond to the needs of the state.

In a commonwealth still less than three-fourths of a century old, the need for people skilled in the organization of government is great. Hence the University at an early date set itself to the preparation of governors, states attorneys, congressmen, senators, teachers, judges and other officers of government.

As the state developed there came a need for bankers, farmers, accountants, ministers, doctors, and men of other attainments needed in a rapidly growing state. Here again the University came into service.

The population increased and passed the half-million mark. This population called for something more than the simple life of planting, harvesting and marketing wheat. Telegraph lines, telephone lines, railroads, and highways were built and crossed and recrossed the state in all directions. Hundreds of

By DR. RALPH E. LEIGH
President, Alumni Association

The University of North Dakota exists for the purpose of supplying advanced education to our young people. Alumni groups are organized to promote the best interests of the University among the alumni and friends of the institution. The fundamental purpose of an alumni association is goodwill building. When the University expresses a desire, exposes a need or confesses to an ambition, alumni must come to the aid of their alma mater, willingly and eagerly, and in sufficient number to produce the desired result.

On occasions, some of our alumni lose their perspective. They feel that the alumni association is an end rather than a means. President Hutchins was once quoted as saying, "Alumni are dangerous; they are interested in all the things that do not matter."

The U.N.D. alumni have ever been willing to lend a helping hand wherever needed. Constructive criticism has been given to the administration and Board of Higher Education only with the thought in mind of building a greater University. Because of our interest as alumni we shall always be ready with suggestions, vigilant to promote and aid our University.

University Development Fund

In June 1946, the constitution of our Association was amended to include the University Development fund. "The University Development Fund is designated as the official agency for the solicitation of contributions for the maintenance of the Association and for the benefit of the University." In September, 1947, the Board of Directors of the Alumni Association for this year's project designated the student union. Since that time 1260 alumni and friends of the University have contributed approximately \$70,000 to this fund.

The University Development Fund was started more than two years ago. At that time your Alumni Association explained that the University Development fund is the community chest plan in which our contribution serves a variety of good causes. At that time we outlined a program and made

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Commerce School Dean Resigns

"Father of the University school of commerce" is E. T. Towne who has been dean since its organization in 1924.

With his resignation at the close of this school year, Dean Towne will have been a member of the University faculty 31 years and dean of the college of commerce 24 years.

Coming to the school in 1917 as professor of economics and political science and director of a course in commerce, Dean Towne helped organize the school of commerce which became a member of the American Association of Collegiate Schools of Business, an accredited association in 1924.

Show Growth

When Dean Towne began his work at the University, two men served on the faculty of the department and classes were conducted on the third floor of Old Main. At the present time the school of commerce occupies the ground and first floor of the law building, has a staff of 16 faculty members and has an enrollment of 250 juniors and seniors.

Under Towne's direction, four honorary commerce groups granted chapters to the University campus. They were Beta Alpha Psi accounting fraternity, Delta Sigma Pi business fraternity, Phi Chi Theta women's commerce honorary and Alpha Pi Zeta social science fraternity.

Headed Fraternity

Dean Towne has served in many places during his term at the University with his service on the administrative committee of the school at the top of the list. He has been national president of Alpha Pi Zeta honorary fraternity and has served on the national committee for the teaching of social science.

He served as a member of the North Dakota board of accountancy for several years and on the executive committee of the American Association of Collegiate Schools of Business. In World War I he served on the University war committee.

Dean Towne was listed in the 1946-47 edition of Who's Who in America.

Born in Wisconsin

A native of Waupun, Wis., Dean Towne received degrees from the University of Wisconsin and studied at the New York School of Philanthropy. He received his doctor's degree from the University of Halle in 1903.



DEAN E. T. TOWNE

the Blue Ridge Mountains loom close and the Potomac's winding pattern is clear on sunny days.

George E. Damon, 1929, is assistant professor of business education at Colorado State College of Education at Greeley.

Mr. and Mrs. Rolfe Kraabel (Myrtle Mott), of the classes of 1920 and 1923 respectively, recently contributed to the Memorial Student Union fund. They live in Decatur, Ill., where Mr. Kraabel is with the J. C. Penney Co. As much as they would like to return for Commencement, they will be unable to do so because their daughter, Virginia, is graduating from high school at that time. They also have another daughter, Florence, who is a sophomore in high school.

Robert Rovelstad, B. A. 1940, LL.B. 1942, has become associated with the law firm of Bangert and Bangert in Fargo, N. D. He served with the army from 1942-46 and was discharged as a captain. Since his discharge, he has been with the veterans administration at Fargo.

Charles Maloney, who played on the University football team in 1898, died April 11, 1948, at the age of 71, at his home in Wheelock, N. D. He ran the Victoria Elevator at Wheelock for a number of years and also farmed. His wife and four children survive. His wife is the postmistress at Wheelock.

Dr. and Mrs. A. M. MarCia (Helen Magelie) of the classes of 1944 and 1946, are the parents of a son born November 2, 1947, in New York City. Dr. MarCia is serving a residency in physical medicine at St. Luke's hospital in New York City.

Mrs. W. A. Plath (Agnes Peck '34) lives in Davenport, N. D. The Plaths have a daughter born February 26, 1948, and also a daughter 5 and a son 4 years of age.

Mrs. M. T. Otterberg (Charlotte Pathmann '40) lives in Mobridge, S. D., where her husband is a pharmacist. They have a son, Michael, who is three years old. She taught high school English for four years after graduation from U.N.D.

T. S. (Tod) Carley 1932, is the wholesale sales manager for the Honeywell Company, Minneapolis, and lives at 236 West Franklin.

Alumni News Briefs

Miriam Rodgers, 1948, Grand Forks and Ernest H. Paul, 1947, Bismarck, were married April 22. They are living in Grand Forks while the bride is taking graduate work and the bridegroom is completing his law course.

Howard H. Russell, 1928, and former head of the University English department, is chief of the administrative division of the American War Crimes prosecution staff in Nuernberg, Germany. In March, he and Mrs. Russell were taken into custody

by the Russians in the soviet zone in Germany while visiting the Leipzig fair; however, after 27 hours they were released. The Russells and their two children went to Germany two years ago.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Shorb, near Washington, D. C., was featured recently in the SUNDAY STAR in Washington, D. C. Mr. Shorb, of the class of 1917, is a nationally known tax authority. Mrs. Shorb is the former Gertrude Healy, 1917. Their home, which was built 12 years ago, was located to capture distant Virginia and Maryland views. It sits upon the sites of a machine gun emplacement of World War I and a unit of Civil War defenses for the capital. The colonial type house of Maryland field stone is situated upon one of the region's highest ridges. From second and third floor windows, Sugar Loaf and

Before coming to the University, he was superintendent of schools in Wisconsin and taught economics and political science at Carleton college, Northfield, Minn.

Dean Towne has been a member of a number of clubs in Grand Forks including the Mason lodge, Fortnightly, Franklin and Lions.

News Briefs of University Alumni

Paul Boyd, 1929, represented U. N. D. at the inauguration of the new president of the Case Institute of Technology May 20-21. Mr. Boyd is with the Cook Coffee company in Cleveland.

Mrs. Earl Rugg, (Gena L. Sprague, 1913) of Greeley, Colo. will attend the June commencement exercises of the University of California at Los Angeles as her son is a member of the graduating class.

Marshal D. Smith, 1937, visited the campus May 25. He lives in Minneapolis and is a representative of the Carter's Ink Co. His wife is the former Dorothy Clayton, 1936.

James E. Leo, LL.B. 1940, has resumed his law practice in Grand Forks. Leo practiced in Grand Forks until he entered the service in July, 1941. He returned from service in 1946 and for the past two years has been with the veterans administration in Fargo. He is married and has one child.

Marion Minder Hollenbek, 1921, has been judge of probate and juvenile court for Swift county at Benson, Minn., since 1933. She has three children—George, who graduated from Macalaster college in 1947; Guy, who enters the University of Minnesota this fall for the dental course; and Betty who is a sophomore in high school. Mrs. Hollenbek served as department child welfare chairman for the Minnesota American Legion auxiliary this year. In January she visited Mr. and Mrs. Frank Koucky (Ella Harshman), of the classes of 1921 and 1922 and Mrs. R. F. Olmstead (Millicent Read, 1922) of Chicago.

A. B. Comfort, 1906, of Tacoma, Wash., addressed the Pacific coast conference of Community Chests in Spokane May 3. The meeting was attended by Chest executives from California, Arizona, New Mexico, Nevada, Oregon, Montana and Washington. As president of the Tacoma Kiwanis club, he will attend the annual convention of Kiwanis International at Los Angeles in June.

Mary Ella Skavlan, 1947, and Erwin Abramson of Lakeview, Oregon, were married recently in Salem, Ore. Mary Ella has been teaching in Lakeview high school and the couple are making their home at the bridegroom's ranch.

Dr. Robert Fawcett, 1938, who has been with the Mayo clinic in Rochester for seven years, has joined the medical staff of the Lake Region clinic in Devils Lake, N. D.

John H. Disher, 1943, and Lillian Rusnak of Cleveland were married April 9. They are living in Cleveland where John is a research engineer with the national advisory committee of aeronautics. The bride is a graduate of the University of Ohio.

Arthur O. Storlie, B. S. 1931, M. S. 1943, died recently at Vermillion, S. D., where he was professor of psychology at the University of South Dakota. He had taught at Minot, Dickey, Rutland and Willow City, N. D., and Ortonville, Minn. Later he was professor of psychology at Wartburg college and Stout Institute. Survivors include a brother and a sister.

Allen Hunt, 1924, visited the campus for a few days in May. He is with the Cook Coffee Co. in Cleveland and formerly was with the Jewel Tea Co. He is married and has two sons. While at U.N.D. he was a member of S.A.E. fraternity and was business manager for the STUDENT.

Donald A. Loepf, 1948, is employed at the Tama State Bank, Tama, Iowa, and is learning the banking business. In addition to his work at the bank, he serves as sports writer for the local newspaper. Don was captain of the 1947 football team at the University and was a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity.

Ralph Keeley, 1938, is with the Fuel Economy Engineering Co. of St. Paul, Minn., as field supervisor and chief clerk of the accounting division. At present the company is building a power plant at Crookston, Minn.

Miss Bertha J. Ferguson, 1899, Minneapolis, Minn., received her Ph.B. in 1905 at Hamline university and later took a year of graduate study at the University of Minnesota and a year at the New York School of Social Work. In 1937 she made a study of consumers cooperation in Europe. She taught English in the Grand Forks high school at one time, taught news writing in the South High School in Minneapolis, and from 1923-45 taught social work at the Minneapolis public school.

Ray Anderson, 1937, is with the accounting department of the Federal government, Washington, D. C. His job requires considerable travelling and he gives his address as Post Office Building, Box 3285, St. Paul 1, Minn.

L. K. Crawford '37, James P. Murphy '37, Ray V. Tilly '24, all engineering graduates of U.N. D., make up the firm of Crawford, Murphy & Tilly, Consulting Engineers, Springfield, Ill. Murphy, as traffic engineer, was recently awarded the contract to make a survey of the traffic problems of Springfield with a view to improving them. The survey was authorized by the Chamber of Commerce and funds are being subscribed by local merchants. Murphy served as student engineer in the traffic engineering department of the Chicago Surface Lines from 1937-1940; as senior assistant traffic engineer for the city of Detroit, Mich., from 1944-45, and as an associate traffic engineer with the army corps of engineers from 1940-44. In 1944 he also served as a traffic engineer in formulating the flow of military traffic in France and Germany for the army.

Harry Hildebrecht, 1942, will finish work on his master's degree this summer at U.S.C. He is Instrumental Director of Music in the East Bakersfield high school, Bakersfield, Calif.

Mrs. Dee Swayze (Maude Wyant, 1908) lives in Portland, Ore., where her husband has been employed by the American Can Co. for 25 years. They have a married son and daughter, an 18-year-old daughter still at home, and three grandchildren. Dee Swayze, Jr., is a radar technician for the Marines at Cherry Point, N. C.

Edward L. Simmons, 1940, will graduate from the school of medicine, University of Southern California, on June 12. Following this he will interne at Los Angeles County General Hospital. He is married to the former Ann Livingstone of Fargo and they have a son aged two.

Mr. and Mrs. Ardell C. Tiedeman (Jean Gustafson) of the classes of 1942 and 1941, live in Thief River Falls, Minn., where he is cashier of the bank and head of the National Guard unit there. They have two daughters—one five years and one is six months of age.

James H. Douglas, 1900, will be unable to return for his class reunion in June. After graduation from U.N.D., he was in Minneapolis for a short time and then practiced law until 1917. He entered the war department in 1917 and later received a major's commission. Since World War I he has been practicing law in New York, with offices at 70 Pine street.

LeRoy A. Foot, 1906, lives in Sacramento, Calif. Since 1933 he has been an attorney for the war department, corps of engineers. Following his graduation from U.N.D., he practiced law at Kalispell, Mont., and later he and his brother, Stanley Foot of the class of 1913, practiced together at Choteau. He served as Grand Master of Masons in Montana in 1931-32. Foot was commissioned as a captain in the national guard in 1910. He served on the Mexican border in 1916 and in World War I with the AEF in France, as a captain and major of machine guns, completing his service as an assistant chief of staff of the 41st division. After the war he became interested in the reorganization of the national guard and was retired in 1943 with the rank of brigadier general. He is married and has two daughters and one granddaughter. One daughter received her B.A. at the University of Iowa and her M.A. from Cornell and the other took her B.A. at the University of Montana.

Robert T. Plunkett, 1940, and Janis Marie McMahon of Billings, Mont., were married March 28. They will make their home in Helena, where Mr. Plunkett is employed by the U. S. geological survey.

Lynn U. Stambaugh, 1913, recently returned from Bogota, Columbia, where he served as an adviser to Secretary of State Marshall at the inter-American conference there. He is also one of the directors of the Export Import bank. Stambaugh formerly practiced law at Fargo N. D., and was national commander of the American Legion.

Mrs. Allan Finstad (Mabe Robertson, 1932) lives at Alexandria, Va. Her husband was a Lt. Commander in the navy and now heads Training Aid division in the Bureau of Personnel at Navy Annex, Washington, D. C. They have two children, Liane and Billy.

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new problems presented themselves and called for remedies and adjustments. Many of these have been solved or are in the process of being solved. Others present a challenge to the people of the state and to the University of North Dakota. Particular emphasis is being placed on two of them right now and neither one can be put off or delayed.

Problem one involves not only the state of North Dakota but the whole United States. It is the problem of national need of more gasoline, fuel oil, lubricating oil, fertilizer, and basic gases such as hydrogen. This is a national problem. The second problem has to do with the health and physical welfare of the population of the state. In solving these two big problems, along with others, the University will play an important role.

Well known were the great lignite fields of the western part of the state, and the University assisted in the utilization of this fuel. For centuries the Indian might conceivably have stubbed his toe on a piece of lignite coal while his family was freezing.

Research at the University applied itself to the spreading of knowledge that lignite fuel was really comfort and prosperity and health. Only by this knowledge was it possible to settle up the western part of the state with people on small farms and homesteads.

But now there are more than half a million people in the state, and over the nation the great pools of petroleum are being exhausted. Without petroleum the civilization, as we know it in North Dakota, would draw a close just as surely as the state would become a desert should the grain economy fail.

However, the University of North Dakota over the past half century has educated and trained scientists who now stand ready to develop these great natural resources. Unknown to most of you is the fact that University scientists and scientists from the Federal Government have been working on the gasification of lignite coal for the past two years. The largest retort of its kind in the world is located on this campus. Investigations and tests of

many processes are going on in the School of Mines, which is a department of the College of Engineering. Old processes are being tested and new processes developed. The success of the investigations in this plant has prompted the Federal authorities, working under the Bureau of Mines in Washington, to authorize an extension of the research work.

The University has been chosen as the location of a \$750,000 research laboratory to be built by the Bureau of Mines. It will be built on the east side of the campus on 11 acres of land donated by the University where experiments are planned to convert lignite into liquid fuels. Other experiments may include research which might open the way for the use of lignite in place of high grade coking coals and the use of high-hydrogen gas from lignite.

Let's consider our second problem.

In the Minneapolis Tribune of a few Sundays ago a great map of North and South Dakota showed the number of doctors by county and per thousand inhabitants in the two states. North Dakota and South Dakota were compared to Minnesota, and the comparison was not favorable, even though Minnesota is far behind the needs of her people.

North Dakota will not be able to hold up its head in pride or to recover its lost population until this great blot is removed.

All over the state there must be hospitals properly staffed with doctors and nurses and properly equipped to give a man and his family the health services without which he will move out of the state, as thousands of others have already done.

The University of North Dakota has long been aware of this situation and is addressing itself to the problem in the same energetic manner that it has attacked other problems.

Voters in North Dakota will be given the opportunity in November to vote on a one-mill levy which will produce sufficient revenue to operate a state Medical Center which will cooperate with other existing state agencies in developing a sound health program for the state. Contemplated as a part of this medical center is the ex-

tension of our two-year medical school into a complete school of medicine which will train the young doctors our state so vitally needs.

I have been emphasizing the expansion of the campus and have concerned myself here with only two immediate projects of the University. But while some scholars have been focusing their attention on problems of health and lignite resources, others are continuing their varied pursuits in all branches of learning. Indeed, a university is really a meeting place where learned men are brought together in a quiet, clear atmosphere of thought.

We at the University sincerely appreciate the interest shown by the alumni in the welfare of the University and the contributions made through the Alumni Association for the continued advancement of your Alma Mater.

Cordially,
John C. West

O. R. Fisher, 1902, lives in Fayetteville, Ark., and will not be able to return for the reunion at commencement. He lived in McHenry county, North Dakota, from 1899 to 1938, and then moved to Fayetteville. He was treasurer of McHenry county from 1933-37, and owned and published the BANTRY ADVOCATE for seven years.

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To 1949—John M. Hancock, O. B. Burtness, Theodore B. Wells, Gene Revelle, and Robert Vaaler.

To 1950—Roy Holand, Elder Liam, Wallace S. Butler, Thomas D. Campbell and J. B. Bridston.

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promise: the Alumni Association will not ask alumni to contribute to a fund for the Student Union, a field house, and other projects, because from now on alumni will be asked to make but one lump contribution annually, that to the University Development Fund, and nothing more. The projects are selected each year by the Board of Directors of the Alumni Association with the assistance of the President of the University. A portion of the operating expenses of the Alumni Association are budgeted under the University Development Fund.

This plan has been successful beyond all expectations and the alumni who understand it, who desire to aid their alma mater in a material way, are enthusiastic over its operation.

Student Union:

For two years the University Development Fund has been used for the Student Union Project. Approximately \$180,000 has been contributed by students, alumni, and friends up to this time. The Board of Higher Education authorized a bond sale of \$350,000 for building the Union. The interest rate on this bond sale was 3.22 per cent. Plans are now being completed for the Union by the architectural firm of Grosz and Anderson and a contract for the building will be let before fall if the plans are completed.

Alumni representatives on the Student Union Board are Kenneth Dale - 1950, Lloyd Stone-1949, and Vernice Aldrich-1948. The annual meeting of the corporation will be held on Friday morning, June 11, at 10:00 A. M. in Room 10, Merrifield, according to an announcement by Alvin Austin, president of the corporation. All contributors to the Student Union Fund are members of the corporation.

Alumni Review:

The REVIEW is published ten times a year and 11,000 copies are mailed without charge to all former students on the mailing list, faculty, legislators, and other state officials. Complete cost of printing, editing, and mailing the REVIEW this year has been \$3,058.82.

Alumni Reunions:

All of our alumni are encour-

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Mr. and Mrs. Francis Maxwell (Kathleen Kane) of the class of 1939, are the parents of a son, James Charles, born April 24. Mr. Maxwell is with the Raymond Concrete Pile Co. of New York.

Almer Skretting, 1920, has been advanced to the position of superintendent of industrial sales of the Wisconsin Electric Power Co. in Milwaukee, Wis. A native of Valley City, N. D., he went as a student engineer, after graduating from U.N.D., to the General Electric Co. at Schenectady, N. Y., and at Pittsfield, Mass. In 1922 he joined the staff of the Wells Power Co. in Milwaukee, which later became the Wisconsin Electric Power Co. He is president of the Great Lakes Power Club, comprised of power men of Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, and Michigan. He also is a member of the Engineers Society of Milwaukee and of the industrial power and heating section of the Edison Electric Institute. His wife is the former Leila Tracy of the class of 1919.

Four merchandising majors who graduated in February, 1948, are employed as follows: Wilbert A. Simpson is with the Pratt and Lambert Paint Co. in Chicago. Lyle Turner has a sporting goods store in Billings, Mont. Calvin Paulsen is located at Des Moines, Iowa, and Donald Hill is at Moorhead, Minn., both under the training program of Montgomery Ward and Co.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Kemper Nomland (Elgie S. Barrington, 1912) is featured in an article in the LOS ANGELES TIMES, April 11, 1948. Mr. Nomland is an architect in Los Angeles. In planning this house for his family, Nomland believed that the landscape, a beautiful wooded grove, was so naturally lovely that no great amount of man-made landscaping would be necessary. The house follows the natural contours of the land downward to the wooded back, resulting in different room levels. Great walls of glass set off by combed plywood form the construction of the exterior. The house and its furnishings are of modern design.

Dr. George Pullen Jackson, U.N.D. faculty member from 1913 to 1918, is featured in an article in the Nashville Tennessean Magazine of February 29.

He is chairman of the United Sacred Harp Musical association and has done much to preserve the "white spirituals" of the south.

Murray C. Chase, 1916 law graduate, died in April. He was an attorney at Dinuba, Calif., and a member of the Tulare County Bar association. A son, Maurice, is attending St. Paul's College, Washington, D. C.

T. J. White, 1927, has received a 20-year service award from Gamble-Skogmo, Inc., nationally - known merchandising concern. He is with the retail operations department and lives in Minneapolis.

Mrs. O. E. Tiffany (Katherine Belanger, 1902) of Wheaton, Ill., will be unable to return for her class reunion this year. Her husband is the head of the history and social science department at Wheaton college.

Mr. and Mrs. Harald V. Johnson of Seattle are the parents of a son, Jon Lee Johnson, born April 8.

Dr. O. V. Opheim, 1912, died in April from a heart attack. He was 62 years of age and had been practicing in Sioux Falls, S. D., for the last 20 years. He was born in Norway and came to this country in 1902. Following his graduation from U. N.D., he was graduated in 1914 from Rush Medical college, Chicago, and served internship at Ancker hospital, St. Paul. During Dr. Opheim's 14 years of medical practice at Starbuck, Minn., before going to Sioux Falls, he took postgraduate work at Pennsylvania Medical college and at the University of Oslo, Norway. Surviving are his widow; one son, Dr. Warren Opheim, an associate at the Opheim Clinic; and a daughter of Watsonville, Calif.

Adolph Thurning, 1930, is assistant chief engineer at Glacier national park. He is in charge of the park highways and roads. Mrs. Thurning is the former Grace Syvertson, 1928.

HOMECOMING DATE SET

October 16 will be the University of North Dakota Homecoming date, the administrative committee decided. The football game will break with tradition in that the University's foe will be the University of South Dakota instead of the usual NDAC team when it is scheduled to play the University.

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aged to come back at Homecoming in the fall and for Commencement. Special reunions were urged for the commencement this year for the following classes:

1898—Albert Stenno, chairman.

1899—Judge W. L. Nuessle, chairman.

1900 — Gunnar Olgeirson, chairman.

1901—Dr. Archibald L. McDonald, chairman.

1902 — Judge I. C. Davies, chairman.

1903—Mrs. Agnes Elken, John M. Hancock, Fred J. Traynor.

1904 — Judge G. Grimson, chairman.

1923—Mrs. Leon Alger, chairman.

When the Student Union is completed, it is hoped that more of our alumni will return for class reunions during the Commencement season.

Homecoming:

The Homecoming dates have been set for this fall on October 14, 15, and 16. Plans are already underway for one of the biggest Homecomings the University has known and all alumni are urged to mark the above dates on their calendars so as to be able to attend Homecoming.

Public Relations Directors:

In the fall of 1946, the Board of Directors of the Alumni Association appointed public relations directors in each North Dakota legislative district. These public relations directors were asked to contact legislators and other public officials for the purpose of outlining the needs of the University. It is the plan of the Association to reactivate these public relations directors and hold a meeting with them one day prior to Homecoming next fall so as to outline the proposed University legislative program which will be considered by the next legislature. Mr. J. B. Bridston has been appointed legislative chairman and definite plans concerning the program of the public relations directors will be made by him next fall.

Board of Directors:

To 1950—Roy Holand, '33; Elder Lium, '21; J. B. Bridston, '20; Wallace S. Butler, '27; Tom Campbell, '03.

To 1949—John M. Hancock, '03; O. B. Burtness, '06; Theodore Wells, '12; Gene Revelle, '33; Robert Vaaler, '46.

To 1948—John A. Page, '21; Kenneth Dale, '36; Dr. L. J.

Alger, '21; Dr. R. E. Leigh, '22; Ernest Hilborn, '05.

Four Mill Levy:

The last legislature voted overwhelmingly in favor of a four mill building fund levy to be used by institutions of higher learning, charitable and penal institutions. The practice of building up a reserve fund for buildings for state institutions is practiced in many states. The Alumni Association has been active in sending our literature to other institutions of higher learning and has organized a statewide campaign to gain support for the building fund levy. All alumni are urged to support this bill in the primary election and to enlist the support of friends for this building fund levy.

Medical Center:

The Medical Center project was activated by the 1945 legislature. The 1947 session, by an almost unanimous vote, supported a one mill levy to be used for supporting the Medical Center Project. This one mill levy will be voted on by the people in the November primaries and an intensive campaign will be launched by the Alumni Association in behalf of this measure this summer.

Athletic Board of Control:

The alumni representative on the Athletic Board of Control is Mr. Ed Boe of Grand Forks. According to Mr. Boe, the athletic program at the University has a wider coverage than ever before in the history of the University. Last winter U.N.D. went big-time in hockey and made a sensational record, and there is every reason to believe that next year we shall have one of the best teams in the country. A story on the athletic program and staff members will be carried in a subsequent issue of the ALUMNI REVIEW.

Directories:

The Alumni Association desires to publish a directory sometime within the next couple of years. Because of the housing shortage, and educational processes of the G.I., etc., it is desirable to defer this project for a time.

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a full time job during the day "A Picture for Your Future" will be the subject of Lunding's commencement address.

Lunding is a member of Sigma Nu social fraternity and Phi Delta Phi, professional law fraternity.

Establish Lignite Research Lab at 'U'

By ALEX C. BURR

Supervising Engineer, Bureau of Mines Pilot Plant.

The establishment of the United States bureau of mines lignite research laboratory on the campus of the University of North Dakota will crown 50 years of investigation of the state's largest mineral resource by the University and the school of mines.

Early in the history of the institution, research on lignite was started largely through the initiative and enthusiasm of Dean E. J. Babcock. From 1926 to 1931 the work was under the supervision of Dr. A. W. Gauger and since then under that of Dean L. C. Harrington.

The United States bureau of mines has frequently co-operated with the school of mines in these experiments. The latest phase of this co-operation began in 1943. At that time the steel shortage investigating committee of the United States house of representatives appropriated a sum of money to the United States bureau of mines to investigate the possibility of utilizing the low grade Minnesota iron ores after treatment with hydrogen gas made from North Dakota lignite.

A two-state committee, known as the Minnesota-North Dakota resources development commission, served as an advisory body to the bureau of mines on the project.

Rapid Progress Made

Because of previous work done by the Universities of Minnesota and North Dakota, the bureau of mines was able to make rapid progress. In 1945 the present pilot plant went into operation. Its design, construction and supervision was under the direction of V. F. Parry, supervising engineer of the bureau's lignite and sub-bituminous coal station at Golden, Colo.

In 1947 the work at Grand Forks was separated from that at Golden. At the same time a bill was introduced into the house of representatives by Congressman Robertson providing for the establishment of a national Lignite Research Laboratory to be operated by the bureau of mines.

Hearings were held and in due time, the bill was passed and became public law 454 of the 80th congress. This law authorizes the expenditure of \$750,000 to construct the laboratory and \$250,000 as an annual operating budget.



THREE KEY FIGURES IN THE LIGNITE RESEARCH project discuss their work. Left to right: Alex C. Burr, Dean L. C. Harrington of the College of Engineering and Arthur Koth, bureau of mines and head of the chemical engineering department.

The department of the interior, working through the bureau of mines, studied possible sites and decided on Grand Forks. The University offered a tract of some 11 acres just east of the stadium. This gift was accepted and will be the location of the laboratory.

May Start in 1949

It is hoped that the laboratory may be in operation as early as 1949. It will absorb the present operations of the pilot plant and initiate a much more extensive research program touching all phases of the lignite problem. The over-all program will involve a continuation of the studies on drying and gasification and the addition of studies of the mining and preparation of lignite, its utilization as a chemical raw material and the design of equipment for its more efficient combustion.

The lignite reserves of the nation are estimated at over 900 billion tons, of which 600 billion are assigned to North Dakota. These reserves constitute not

only a huge fuel resource but also an enormous supply of a most reactive chemical raw material.

Influence May Be Vast

When one remembers that solid, liquid and gaseous fuels, plastics, medicinals, foods, lubricants, chemicals, etc., can be made from lignite, one can imagine the influence which the development of these deposits can have on the economy of the state and nation.

The establishment of the new research laboratory marks the beginning of the next phase in the development of lignite. Its location here is a recognition of the basic soundness of the work previously done, the value of the facilities of staff and equipment provided by the University and the spirit of co-operation manifest by President West and Dean Harrington.

ALUMNI NEWS BRIEFS

Ralph B. Maxwell, 1947, and Elizabeth Fergusson were married February 14. Mrs. Max-

well is a graduate of Kahler school of nursing, Rochester, Minn. They will live in Minot, N. D.

Ralph B. Maxwell, 1947, Charles Gustafson, Robert Lukason, Douglas Pike and William Hyvonen, all of 1948, are partners in the MBM advertising agency of Minot, N. D.

Miss Klonda Lynn, 1920, who is on the faculty of the Speech Department at the University of Arizona, represented the University of North Dakota at the inauguration of James Byron McCormick as president of the University of Arizona on May 5.

Monte McCutchan, 1922, was killed April 19 in a copper mine explosion at Catapalca, Peru. Forty-one miners perished in the explosion. McCutchan was with the Cerro De Pasco Copper Corp., and was second superintendent at the mine. He was buried at the Anglo-American cemetery at Callao. McCutchan came from Dickinson, N. D. and was a member of Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

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Bozoula, Mont., wrote that she hopes to come for commencement. She has a daughter graduating from high school June 2 and graduation at the University of Montana is June 7. However, she hopes to be here June 10 and leave for Missoula to teach summer school starting June 14.

CLASS OF 1900

Gunnar Olgeirson, who is chairman of the reunion for the class of 1900, has received letters from several of his classmates: Clara Wallace Thexton, Minneapolis, Minn., wrote that it would be impossible for her to return. James H. Douglas, who is practicing law in New York City, said that it was doubtful that he could return this year. Kate Wilkinson, South Gate, California, was sorry that she would be unable to attend. Elsie D. Burr says that she wants to be at the University for Commencement this year but it all depends on so many things. Marion G. Finch will also be unable to attend because of illness in the family.

CLASS OF 1923

Major Kenneth B. Burns has been on active duty with the army since 1941 and in Japan since the summer of 1945. For the past year he has been in command of the military government team at Tsu, Japan, about 50 miles south of Nagaya. He writes, "The work is very interesting. The Japanese are eager to learn and try hard to co-operate with us. I believe we are making substantial progress." His address is Mie Mil. Govt. Team, APO 710, c-o P. M., San Francisco, Calif.

C. W. Leifur, principal of the Bismarck, N. D., high school, expects to return for commencement.

E. S. Thompson, comptroller of San Jose State college, San Jose, Calif., visited the campus April 30 and will be unable to return for commencement. It is 20 years since Thompson came to San Jose State college. He writes, "Every now and then we have the pleasure of running across U.N.D. folks, and it always seems like a visit from home."

Mrs. Perry E. Duncan (Edna Earl) will return for the reunion at commencement. Her home address is 2121 Illini Road, Springfield, Ill.

R. P. Smeby is going to return for commencement. He lives in Chicago and his address is Rm. 818, 72 West Adams, Chicago, 90, Ill.

He writes, "Your letter announcing a 25-year anniversary reunion of the Class of '23 came to me as quite a shock, since it is difficult to realize that such a long time has passed since graduating. However, the shock was tempered some by foreknowledge of the fact that in July this year I will have completed 25 years with Westinghouse, having gone with Westinghouse in July, 1923, on the graduate student course, and have been with the company continuously since. I sincerely hope the reunion will be a great success . . ."

L. A. Myrand, branch manager for Westinghouse Electric Supply company at Green Bay, Wis., regrets that previous commitments make it impossible for him to attend the reunion.

C. R. Knowles, with the research department of Pickands Mather and Co., mining department, Hibbing, Minn., will return for the reunion. His wife and son, Dick, will accompany him. He has another son, John, and a daughter who is a student of Taylor university in Indiana. He has been in Hibbing and vicinity since graduation when he first went there to work for Butler Brothers Mining Co. After being there a year he went to Oregon for a year and then returned to work for the Great Northern iron Ore properties for three and one-half years. Since then he has been with Pickands Mather and Co., at different mines. He spent seven years as pit engineer in the big Mahoning mine, which is the best known iron mine in the world. In 1940 he was transferred to the research department and is working on taconite low grade ores..

Rose B. Pathmann has been teaching in Glendive, Mont., for the last seven years. She writes, "I have been teaching all these many years and can truthfully say I have never regretted having chosen teaching as my life's work. Frequently I recall the years at U. N. D. I remember all my fine instructors and my heart fills with gratitude for all they did for me." She will be unable to return for the reunion because she is having a new home built and expects to move into it in June. She planned the house herself and is getting very much of a thrill watching it being constructed. She extends a cordial invitation to her classmates to visit her if they ever are in Glendive.

W. C. Folley, dean of the school of business administra-



JOHN M. HANCOCK, RIGHT, NATIONALLY known University graduate, is shown here receiving the Medal of Merit from Secretary of the Army Royall in the Pentagon in Washington. The medal was awarded Hancock for his services to the nation during World War II.

troit, regrets that he will be unable to return for the reunion. He is to give a commencement address in Iowa at that time and will be the recipient of an honorary doctor's degree there. He is interested in organizing a U.N.D. alumni club in Detroit.

B. H. Scroggs is going to return for commencement. His address is P. O. Box 772, Mason City, Iowa. He writes, "At the age of 45 I came to realize that I would soon be too old to teach school, so I took advantage of the demands of World War II to get a new start in the kind of work I did before I came to the University. I am an employee of the Milwaukee railroad and have been with the company for about five years."

Mrs. A. B. Dills (Eva Syre) lives at 722 Fourth avenue east, Kalispel, Mont. She writes, "If wishes could come true, I'd be there for the reunion, but the demands of a happy home say otherwise."

Mrs. Clarence R. Jacobsen (Helen Bowman) of Rolla, N. D., plans to be here for the reunion. Her daughter, Marjory,

is a sophomore at the University.

Mrs. Clay Dennis (Helen Stogena) lives in Matteson, Ill. She regrets she cannot return for the reunion and writes, "It doesn't seem possible that 25 years ago we were the graduating class! I know we must have been when I look at my boys and my grey hair. What fun we had! I do wish time moved more slowly."

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school training there and later studied two years at a normal school in Stanberry, Mo. He came to North Dakota to accept an office managership in a Dickinson brick plant in the spring of 1903. That fall he came to the University.

Surviving him are his wife; two daughters, Mrs. David M. Bransby of Brewster, N. Y., and Mrs. Richmond Quackenbush of Pembina, N. D.; a sister, Mrs. James Stafford of St. Joseph, Mo.; and five grandchildren.

Funeral services were June 5.