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## Veteran Jurist Retires

Chief Justice William L. Nuessle of the North Dakota supreme court has announced that he will retire from public service when his present term ends next January 1.

Judge Nuessle, a University of North Dakota graduate, now 72, gave his advanced age and his health as reasons for retiring from public life. Justice James Morris of Bismarck will succeed Nuessle as chief justice. Nuessle currently is serving as chief justice for the fourth time.

Born in Erie county, New York, in 1878, Nuessle came to Grand Forks county, North Dakota, in 1886 with his parents.

He was graduated from the University of North Dakota with a B. A. degree in 1899 and the NDU law school in 1901. He took up a homestead at Washburn in McLean county that year.

He started practicing law at Washburn in the spring of 1902. He was elected McLean county states attorney in 1904 and served 4 years.

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AMOS MARTIN  
'Union' Director

## Director Appointed For Union

Amos Martin, a law student graduating from the University this month, was named as the first director for the student union, now under construction on the campus.

The appointment was made at a meeting of board of directors at the University, of which Alvin E. Austin of the department of journalism is president.

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## Alumni President Reports Progress

June, 1950

Dear Alumni:

I have served as president of the Alumni association for six years and am happy to report that we are continuing to make worth while progress. At this time each year I submit a report regarding alumni activities, trying to make it brief and to the point.

(1) **Alumni Clubs** — Alumni clubs this past year have held meetings in every part of the country. Some of the active clubs include: New York, Los Angeles, Minneapolis-St. Paul; Eugene, Oregon; Portland, Oregon; Seattle, Washington; Washington, D. C.; Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Honolulu, T. H.; Toledo, Ohio; Denver, Colorado; and Bismarck, Williston, Grafton, Mandan, Minot, Devils Lake and Fargo in North Dakota.

(2) **Alumni Review** — The ALUMNI REVIEW continues to be a worth while publication. We have received many letters indicating that the REVIEW is well accepted by friends of the University. Fourteen thousand copies are being mailed 10 times each year.

(3) **University Development Fund** — The number of con-

tributors to the University Development Fund this year was 660. This shows a fair participation. The contributions this year amounted to \$15,430.30. This includes one contribution of \$4,600. It does not include many contributions that came directly to the University as they were not credited to the Development Fund account.

(4) **University Alumni Advisory Committee** — This committee met with the Alumni Board of Directors and representatives of the University Thursday, October 20, 1949. Senator J. B. Bridston outlined the work of the legislature as it affects the University. Many constructive suggestions were given which will aid the University in the future. It is the plan of the University Alumni Board to call another meeting of the Advisory Committee October 27 and 28 this year. This will be in connection with Dad's Day.

(5) **Student Union** — The Student Union building is under construction. We expect it to be completed by December, 1950. The money is on hand for completing the building and approximately \$50,000 is available in the Alumni Fund, the Hancock Fund and other funds for furnishing the Union. Some of our alumni are considering the possibility of furnishing a room or rooms in the Student Union building. One of our alumni recently wrote that this year he is considering the possibility of "furnishing some room in the Student Union building." He stated that this would be the object of one or two yearly contributions to the University.

(6) **Alumni Board of Directors** — The terms of the following Board members expire May 31, 1950: J. B. Bridston, Wallace S. Butler, Thomas D. Campbell, Roy Holand, Elder Lium. The annual meeting of the association will be held at 7 p. m., May 30, 1950 in the

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## 1950 COMMENCEMENT CALENDAR

TUESDAY, MAY 30, 1950

- 4:00 p. m. Meeting of Grey Gowns — Stadium.
- 6:00 p. m. Alumni Banquet annual meeting—Commons, Dr. J. Lundy, speaker.
- 8:00 p. m. Annual Meeting Alumni Board of Directors.
- 8:30 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.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31, 1950

- 8:30 p. m. Old Timers Breakfast. All visiting alumni and friends of the University are invited.
- 10 to 11:30 a. m. Symposium on "The Role of a State University" — Merrifield Hall.
- 4:00 p. m. Student Union Corporation Meeting — Room 10, Merrifield Hall.
- 5 to 6:30 p. m. Smorgasbord of alumni, faculty, candidates for degrees and their parents — University Commons.
- 6 to 7:00 p. m. Outdoor Band Concert — University Commons Area.
- 7:45 p. m. Academic Procession.
- 8:00 p. m. Commencement Exercises — Memorial Stadium. Dr. Arnold Lowe, Minneapolis, speaker. Music by University Band and Madrigal Club.

# University Alumni News Briefs

Allan J. King, 1936, resides in Des Moines, Iowa, where he is employed as a salesman for the National Cash Register company.

Margaret M. Stangebye, 1944, is residing in Chicago, Ill., where she is a stewardess with United Air Lines.

Beverly J. Carpenter, former student, 1946, has been serving as an elementary teacher at the John S. Park school, Las Vegas, Nev., for the past two years.

Norris L. Mortenson, 1949, has been employed for the past year as an accountant by Janz, Iverson and Martz accounting firm at Minot, N. D.

Clyde Dawson, former student, 1942, is residing at Seattle, Wash., where he is employed as a weight engineer and draftsman.

Durward E. Balch, 1932, and Helen May Sims of Minneapolis were married in that city in March. Balch is a graduate of the UND school of law and is employed by General Mills Corp., Minneapolis.

Stanley G. Langdon, 1950, resides in Philadelphia, where he is in the insurance business.

Mrs. John D. Kailer (Patricia R. Stangebye), 1945, resides at Albuquerque, N. M., where her husband is sports editor for an Albuquerque daily paper. They have one son.

Mrs. John Bensko, Jr. (Helen Mero), 1942, is residing in Columbus, Ohio, where her husband is in the refrigeration business. They have one daughter, 3. Mrs. Bensko is a registered medical technologist.

Gilbert M. Sprague, 1905, formerly of Grand Forks, died recently at Eugene, Ore. He had been an insurance representative for the New York Central Life Insurance company.

Donald F. Olson, former student, 1947, recently married Sara Buckanan of Greenville, Pa., at Long Beach, Calif., where the couple will make their home. Olson formerly lived at Adams, N. D.

Wayne Weber, 1949, has been appointed officer manager of Yegen's dairy in Bismarck, N. D.

Leonard E. Erickson, 1948, of Grand Forks was awarded a master of arts degree in history recently by the University of Wisconsin.

Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Murray and daughters recently visited in Grand Forks. Mrs. Murray is the former Marie Elvick and graduated from UND in 1925. They reside at Burlington, Ia.

Ruth L. Shepard, 1932, associate state 4-H club leader of the NDAC extension service, has been granted special leave by the state board of higher education to serve the U. S. state department in the Wurttemberg-Baden area of Germany. Her duties will be to develop an education program in home economics for youth patterned after the extension service in the U. S.

Dr. Robert J. Byrum, 1944, formerly of Grand Forks, has just completed two years as a pediatrician at Fr. Richardson, Alaska. He will take eight months specialized training in pediatrics at the Raymond Blank Memorial hospital in Des Moines, Iowa. Dr. Byrum received his MD from the University of Illinois in 1946.

James Coghlan, former student, 1947, recently married Eunice Haaf of Clear Lake, Minn., at Minot, N. D. They will live in Kenmare, N. D., where he is employed by the Coghlan Construction Co.

Miss Frances Vejtasa, a native of Fairdale, N. D., recently visited in her native state and states that she found it "in siege of progress". Miss Vejtasa graduated from UND in 1928 and was president of the Bismarck branch of the National League of American Pen Women. She left the state in the early forties to become editor of the *Rosicrucion Magazine* in San Jose, Calif. Her book of poems, "Prairie Phantasy" has won wide acclaim.

Kitty Page, former student, 1949, recently received her wings as a Northwest Airlines stewardess. Miss Page is from Fargo and was named Miss North Dakota of 1949.

H. G. (Bud) Ruemmele, 1939, as commander, heads the slate of new officers of the Grand Forks post of the American Legion elected recently. Elected to the post of adjutant was E. E. (Mick) Simmons, a 1938 graduate of UND.

Mr. and Mrs. John F. Jones, 1947, (Sally Ann Oppgard), 1945, have a new son born March 8 at Madison, Wis. They named him John Michael.

Charles W. Nennig, 1949, formerly of Rugby, N. D., visited on the campus during April. Nennig is now residing at Marshfield, Wis., where he is employed as a salesman for Cary Motors, Inc.

Ruth Elizabeth Paulson, 1947, formerly of Grand Forks, was married to Carl W. Erickson of St. Petersburg, Fla., at Tampa, Fla., in March. They will live at Tampa, where the bridegroom is attending the University of Tampa.

Orville Bjerken, 1927, was recently named officer-in-charge of the rehabilitation office of the veterans administration at Minot State Teachers college. Bjerken, formerly agricultural training officer at the college VA office, will also continue in that capacity.

Eilert Nesdaal, 1911, writes that he is working in the Philadelphia office of the Carrier Corp., air conditioning engineers and manufacturers of refrigeration and air conditioning equipment. He has been with the company since graduation from the UND engineering school.

Roy A. Wehe, 1918, of San Mateo, Calif., writes that he sees "Chick" Hollman, 1917, and Bill Soule, 1918, as both live in San Mateo. Wehe is in active consulting engineering work after spending 25 years with the state of California. He is also serving on the city council.

Mrs. L. J. Call (Dorothy Upham), 1926, is residing in Niagara Falls, N. Y. She writes that she hopes to visit UND this summer.

Byron R. Abernethy, MA 1938, is professor of political science, at Texas Technological college, Lubbock, Texas. He is married and has three children.

Mrs. Eugene D. Sommerfield (Dorothy Nelson), 1938, writes that she enjoys reading the ALUMNI REVIEW. Her husband is a CPA in Milwaukee, Wis., and they have two children.

E. L. Dahlund, 1934, of Beloit, Wis., is chief engineer, diesel engine division, Fairbanks, Morse & Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Forest, 1949, (Ardis Johnson, 1949) are living at Wharton, Texas, where Forest is employed as an analyst with the Texas Gulf Sulphur company.

Joe B. Voeller, M. A., 1940, owns and operates the Washington auto court near Vancouver, Wash.

Robert S. Smith, 1943, who now resides at Linden, N. J., recently completed an assignment in connection with the start-up of the world's largest catalytic cracking plant for Esso Standard Oil Co.

John W. Olgerson, graduate of the civil engineering department in 1948, recently made a contribution to the University development fund from Osaka, Japan. He is employed with the Standard Vacuum Oil Co.

Mrs. Stella H. Petersen (Stella Hoskins), 1916, sent in a contribution to the UND development fund recently. She is residing at Canby, Minn., and has two children.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley J. Kounts, 1949, (Esther M. Swensen), 1949, are residing at Rock Springs, Wyo., where he is employed as a civil engineer with the bureau of reclamation. They are moving to the Big Sandy dam this summer.

Edgar E. Foster, 1922, a hydrological engineer of the bureau of reclamation, was transferred recently to the Ryukyu islands in the western Pacific, where he will advise army officials on land development in the islands.

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**To 1952**—O. B. Burtness, Mrs. Stella Mann, John M. Hancock, Dr. Richard Nierling and Dr. Willis Shepard.

# University Alumni News Briefs

Richard W. Blaine, 1931, was recently elected president of the National bank of Jamestown. Blaine formerly was president of the Merchants and Farmers bank at Cavalier, N. D.

Ada C. McKenzie, 1925, is teaching in a high school in Everett, Wash.

George (Bob) Johnson, 1949, and his wife, the former Marjorie Dorsher of Grand Forks, left March 22 for Chicago, where Johnson will train as a "Y" executive secretary at George Williams college. Johnson had been with the YMCA in Fargo since his graduation at the University last August. Previous to that he had been engaged in Y work at the Grand Forks YMCA since 1942.

Myrtle Haugom, 1922, of Portland, N. D., writes that she has been associated in the hardware business the past 10 years with her brother and sister, Mrs. Barton Muir (Inez Haugom), 1926.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford E. Bjerke (Doris Nelson, 1938) are living near Edinburg, N. D. They have two children, Jolanda, 8, and Barbara, 4.

Dr. R. Stanley Kneeshaw, 1913, is president of the California Medical association.

Mrs. Cecil S. Eason (Doris Marie Zook) 1947, is residing at Boise, Idaho, where her husband is employed at the Noraling Auto Parts Agency.

James F. O'Brien, 1939, president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce of Keokuk, Iowa, represented the University of North Dakota at the inauguration of John R. Chadwick as president of Iowa Wesleyan college, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.

Mrs. E. K. Read (Marguerite Hoffman, 1917) recently had her third painting accepted for the current annual show of the Associated Artists of Pittsburgh now hung in Carnegie museum. Mrs. Read has been studying painting in the department of fine arts at Carnegie Institute of Technology for the last several years. Mr. Read, 1913, is with the Westinghouse corporation in Pittsburgh.

Elizabeth A. Bakke, 1946, formerly of Lisbon, N. D., was recently sent to Germany as an employee of the U. S. department of state. Prior to her employment by the state department she had been employed as a secretary by the Osborn-McMillan company in Minneapolis.

Dr. C. F. Fiset of the class of 1893 is now living in Berkeley, Calif. He is a retired dentist and had practiced at Seattle, Wash.

Robert J. Deering, 1937, is a doctor of medicine specializing in general surgery at Grosse Ile, Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rowland, 1947 (Jean Joos) 1948, are the parents of a baby girl born April 1.

Ernest W. Gustafson, 1927, writes that the ALUMNI REVIEW has brought back to him a long lost contact with UND and classmates. He now resides at Scottsbluff, Neb.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Sander-son, 1908 (Amy Evans) 1908, of Wellington Villa, Alexandria, Va., renewed acquaintances with several North Dakota people while on a business trip to Winter Haven, Fla., this spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon W. Gulmon, 1937 (Beverly Bushaw) recently sent in a contribution to the Student Union Fund and reported that they were happy the Union was going to be a reality. Gulmon is an independent consulting petroleum geologist in the firm of Gulmon and Johns at Natchez, Miss.

Anna H. Vedevig, 1933, is teaching at the Fort Wayne Bible school in Fort Wayne, Ind.

Elizabeth Ann Hunt and Vernon Everett Gardner, 1938, were married March 25 in Washington, D. C.

Lt. Raymond Sando, 1948, of Grand Forks, visited here recently. He has been transferred from Okinawa to Camp Campbell, Ky. He is attached to the 11th airborne division.

Harrison R. Cooke, 1928, is the owner and president of the Honolulu Sporting Goods company in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Joseph L. Bourne, 1932, is in the real estate and insurance business in Salem, Ore. He is president of the Salem board of realtors.

## INTERVIEWS STUDENTS

Edward X. Hallenberg, 1936, administrative assistant to Dr. John A. Hutcheson, vice president of Westinghouse Electric corporation, Pittsburgh, Pa., returned to the campus in April to interview engineering students for prospective work with Westinghouse. Mrs. Hallenberg, the former Ellen Brager, 1935, accompanied her husband.



Pictured here are members of the Seattle Alumni association at their annual Founders Day dinner and meeting in Seattle this year.

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Commons. The Board of Directors will hold a meeting following the banquet on the same day.

(7) **Commencement** — The dates for commencement this year are May 30 and 31. A complete commencement program is included in this issue of the ALUMNI REVIEW.

(8) **Homecoming and Dads' Day** — Homecoming next fall will be held October 13 and 14. Dads' Day will be held October 27 and 28. Complete details for both of these events will be included in an issue of the ALUMNI REVIEW in the near future.

(9) **Athletics**—Ed Boe, class of 1927, is alumni representative on the Athletic Board of Control. Intramural athletics is at an all time high. The hockey team was one of the best in the nation. In basketball, UND won second in the conference and in football we lost only to Iowa Teachers in our conference. Boe plans to write a detailed report concerning the athletic program, changes in personnel, etc., for an issue of the ALUMNI REVIEW next fall.

(10) **Proposed Legislative Program**—Woodworth hall was destroyed by fire more than a year ago. This building was partially covered by insurance and it is expected that the legislature will provide funds to rebuild this structure. The building will combine an auditorium with classroom space. The Administration Building continues to disintegrate brick by brick. It is the hope of all those who are associated with the University that the legislature will provide funds for building a new administration building.

(11) **Medical Center** — Progress in the right direction has been made! The administration has been working with the medical center advisory committee and Board of Higher Education on plans for an expanded program. It is the plan of the alumni office to devote a complete issue of the ALUMNI REVIEW to the medical center.

Your Alumni Board, the president of the University and all who continue to work for the betterment of the Univer-

sity of North Dakota appreciate deeply the fine interest you have shown and the splendid co-operation given to aid the cause of UND.

Sincerely,  
Ralph E. Leigh, President  
Alumni Association.

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He was elected district judge in 1912 and served in that post in Bismarck until elected to the supreme court in 1922, taking office on Jan. 1, 1923.

He was re-elected to the supreme court three times. He served as chief justice for about 8 months in 1927-28, for about 8 months in 1933-34, from 1939-41, and from 1949 until the present.

The Nuesseles have three sons and a daughter. They are Dr. Robert of Bismarck; William, an attorney in New York; Francis, a commander in the navy, and Mary Louise, a registered nurse in San Francisco.

## Director

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The new director will assume his duties June 1, at which time he will work with the contractors and architects and direct furnishing and equipping of the building. Construction for use is expected to be completed by December.

Martin, who also has a commerce degree from UND, has been employed by the Alumni office the past four years while attending the university. He served as a naval aviator during the last war.

## ADMITTED TO BAR

Admitted to the North Dakota State Bar association at ceremonies held March 31 after successful completion of the required examinations were the following February graduates of the UND law school: Robert Hoghaug of Devils Lake, Wesley Sando of Grand Forks, Norman Jensen of Bismarck, Orrin Lovell of Beach, John Rilling of Fargo and Wayne Sproule of Manvel, N. D.



**Mrs. Grace Hudson of Fargo, University of North Dakota graduate in 1920, was president and general chairman for the North Dakota state convention of the American Association of University Women in Fargo this spring. Mrs. Hudson is owner of the Hudson Advertising Agency in Fargo.**

## Lyons Has New Coal Position

Orville R. Lyons has been appointed coal preparation engineer for Heyl and Peterson, Inc., of Pittsburgh.

For the last four months he has served as research engineer in charge of coal preparation at Battelle Memorial institute. He is chairman of the program committee on coal preparation and co-chairman of the subcommittee on thermal drying of the AIME. Since receiving his B. S. from the University of North Dakota and his M. S. from the University of Alabama, Lyons has been actively engaged in the coal preparation field.

Juel P. Schroeder, 1941, is employed as research chemist at the bakelite division of Union Carbide and Carbon corporation, Bloomfield, N. J. After leaving the University, Schroeder received his Ph. D. in organic chemistry at the University of Wisconsin.

## Alumni News Notes

Mrs. T. W. O. Schmidt, of Grand Forks, has announced the engagement and approaching marriage of her daughter, Thea Wilma to Arthur G. Tweet, also of Grand Forks. Miss Schmidt received her A. B. from the University in 1946 and was an instructor in the English department for two and one half years. She then attended the University of Wisconsin where she received her A. M. in August, 1949. During the past school year, she has been teaching at the Morton-Sterling High School and Junior College in Chicago. Mr. Tweet, a graduate of Harvard, is now working toward his Ph. D. in physics at the University of Wisconsin.

Ernest E. Paul, 1949, has been appointed Third Assistant Attorney General of the State of North Dakota by Attorney General Wallace E. Warner. Paul was originally appointed Special Assistant Attorney General in July, 1949, upon the recommendation of the University of North Dakota Law School faculty under the one year rotating non-political legal internship. Mrs. Paul is the former Miriam Rodgers, 1948.

The Hawaii Alumni Club has on its roll fourteen doctors who attended the University of North Dakota Medical school, twelve of whom are permanently located there and two with the Army. They are: Dr. Edwin Chung-Hoon, 1929; Dr. David Katsuki, 1926; Dr. Robert Katsuki, 1933; Dr. Sanford Katsuki, 1927, Dr. Min Hin Li, 1920; Dr. Masato Ohtani, 1933; Dr. Thomas Mar, 1938; Dr. Seiichi Miyasaki, 1929; Dr. Thomas Mossman, 1926; Dr. Ichiro Nadamoto, 1947; and Dr. Stanley Saiki, 1942.

## TO AID EDUCATORS

Commissioner of Education A. F. Arnason, 1929, has been given a leave of absence to work with German education personnel in school administration, supervision and citizenship training under a grant awarded by the U. S. state department. Arnason will be in Germany about three months.