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U Graduate New Nicaragua Envoy



THOMAS WHELAN
New Ambassador

Thomas E. Whelan, 1916, one of North Dakota's most widely known farmers and business men, has been appointed United States ambassador to Nicaragua and will take over his new duties this fall.

Whelan is a lifelong resident of St. Thomas, N. D. He was born there April 15, 1895, and graduated from St. Thomas high school in 1912. He attended the University of North Dakota for four years, receiving a degree in 1916. Later he attended George Washington and Georgetown universities until entering the army in 1918. He was at the officers training school at Ft. Grant, Ill., when discharged.

Whelan was married to Miss Mabel Stewart at Fargo in 1927. He is a member of the American Legion and the Grand Forks Elks lodge.

On entering the diplomatic service, Whelan carries with him a long record of successful political activity and a wide acquaintance with the inside of governmental affairs.

He served in the North Dakota state senate from 1932 to

1940 and that year was a candidate for the Republican nomination for U. S. Senator, opposing the present North Dakota senior senator, William Langer.

From 1938 to 1940 Whelan was a member of the Republican program committee and helped to map the farm plan which was adopted by the party. He was Republican state chairman from 1940 to 1948 and previously had been acting state chairman. Whelan has been prominent for many years in both state and national American Legion circles.

Whelan is associated with his brother, Louis, in the firm of Whelan Bros. of St. Thomas, grain dealers and farm operators.

Challenge Accepted

(Editor's Note: The following letters were written by Dr. Willis Shepard, Development Fund Chairman for Oregon, and Jack Stewart, Arizona chairman.)

Dear Jack:

I notice your name at the top of the list for state chairmen and would like to make a challenge. Oregon is a state of working people. We don't have the rich and retired, so you may secure a greater amount in pledges for the drive but I believe we will have a greater percentage of alumni participating. You name the trophy.

I tried to call you some time ago but you were away. Regards to your wife.

Sincerely,
WILLIS

ARIZONA ACCEPTS OREGON CHALLENGE

Dear Willis:

Our Arizona list of UND

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Plan Winter Reunion at Camelback

UND alumni have been invited to the Camelback Inn reunion at Phoenix, Ariz., Nov. 30 through Dec. 2. Jack Stewart, host for the second time in two years, announces a special low rate for alumni during the period of the reunion.

The week-end rate is set at \$20. Each day before and after will be charged at \$10.

Stewart has notified Alumni Director Lloyd Stone that 12 alumni couples already have requested reservations for the reunion. They include:

Mr. and Mrs. Ed O'Connor, ('33), Los Angeles, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Douglas, ('96), Los Angeles, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. James Douglas, (1900), New York City; Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Goodall, ('05), Long Beach, Calif.; Dr. and Mrs. Frank Milloy, ('17), Phoenix, Ariz.; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Rohde, ('21), Grand Forks, N. Dak.; Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Robertson, ('33), Grand Forks, N. Dak.; Mr. and Mrs. Herb Treichler, ('08), Newgulf, Tex.; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Burke-man, ('24), San Marino, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Nelson, ('32), Colton, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Martin, ('32), Glendale, Calif., and Mr. and Mrs. J. Lloyd Stone, ('30), UND, Grand Forks.

Stewart requests that reservations be made early so that alumni may be assured of a place at Camelback Inn, rather than find themselves placed at an adjoining resort.

DONATES FUND

Dr. Corley B. McFarland, B. S. 1937, now in South Bend, Ind., recently donated a check to the University School of Medicine which has been used to establish, in the Harley E. French Medical Library, a shelf or alcove for more general books of medical interest.



JOHN A. PAGE
1897-1951

John Page, Educator, Dies at 54

John A. Page, first director of the North Dakota state medical center, died at his home in Grand Forks at the age of 54 years.

Mr. Page, ill since December, became director in 1949. He previously headed the University teacher placement bureau and was a professor in the school of education.

He was considered largely responsible for enactment of the one-mill constitutional levy for support of the medical center.

He came to the University in 1935 where he had served as state director of secondary education for eight years. He taught school for a short time after graduating from the University in 1921. He received a master's degree in 1934 from UND. He was born in Hamilton, N. D., and is survived by his wife and a son, John.

Mr. Page was Alumni Association president in 1944-'45.

Mr. Page served in the United States army from June, 1918, to May, 1919, and was overseas from August, 1918, to March, 1919.

He was a member of the Na-

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Invite Graduates To Visit 'New' UND



ARMIN ROHDE
Fund Director

Dear UNDER:

During the past several weeks, many UND alums and former UND students from all parts of the country have returned to visit the University of North Dakota. They have been amazed and thrilled with the beautiful new Memorial Student Union, the enormous new fieldhouse, the new dormitories, the new medical and engineering buildings, and the many other campus "face-changes" that have been made during the past few years.

We former UND students who live in Grand Forks have been telling of all these changes and improvements for so many times that we have been reluctant to continue boasting of this greater UND. Then when another of our UND alums returns to the "old" campus, and becomes as enthusiastic as we are, we have the sincere wish that every UND alum could spend a day or two on the campus.

We know that many of you will be traveling on business trips or vacations this summer and fall. Many will be close to Grand Forks and UND. So, we have arranged with the Student Union to have student guides available to show you this vastly expanded greater University of North Dakota.

To really get in the spirit of your old college days, we want you and your party to have dinner or lunch at this new cafeteria, as guests of President West, J. B. Brid-

ston, Lloyd Stone, or myself. Frankly, we have an ulterior purpose in wanting you to come back and visit your old school. We want you to help make the University of North Dakota the finest college in the upper midwest. This you can do, by helping with a gift—large or small—in the present UND Development Fund Drive. We know that most of those who have returned to the campus, visited the new buildings, visited with President West and Alumni Director Lloyd Stone have eagerly signed a pledge to help keep up the pace of progress at UND.

Be sure and visit UND! It will be one of the highspots of your return to North Dakota, and you can relive and recall some of the pleasant memories of college days at the University of North Dakota.

Very truly yours,
ARMIN ROHDE,
National Chairman
UND Development
Fund Drive

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alums unfortunately doesn't have a millionaire—just a few desert rats escaping those North Dakota snowdrifts.

We will accept your challenge and will put up a box of Arizona grown oranges (not ripe until November) against a box of Oregon's famous pears. The percentage of alumni participating is fine. Unfortunately your letter came too late for me to include this news in our letter to the Arizona alums — it might have been a little extra club on them to "dig down."

Lloyd plans the Arizona meeting this fall, and I say you should come for it. Last time Paul Boyd, Vic Brown, Baldy Burkman, and many others you know were here. I remember when you came to school as a freshman and how you took them apart as a star end on the football team.

I will be back in Arizona in the fall and no doubt we can settle our fruity argument at that time.

Best regards—
JACK

Baker Heads Fund Drive For Virginia

Mr. Armin Rohde
National Director
University of North Dakota
Alumni Drive
Grand Forks, North Dakota
Dear Armin:

Thank you for your letter of July 25, offering me the opportunity of heading up the Virginia delegation of North Dakota alumni in your drive to raise funds for our good old Alma Mater.

I consider this a distinct honor and will be only too happy to do all that I can in promoting this venture, which is a very worthy one, and one I feel that the alumni will support 100 per cent. Even though a lot of us are far away from the good old school I am sure that the majority of us still have a very warm spot for it and happy memories of our days spent there.

When you send me the names and addresses of the University of North Dakota alumni in Virginia would you also please send me the names of the "Colonels" you have appointed for the District of Columbia and Maryland as we may find it advantageous to discuss our plans relative to the drive.

I plan on pledging \$250 at this time and possibly more than that, if needed.

Must close—send on the material for the drive and I will do my best with fellow North Dakota Virginians.

Sincerely,
Joseph P. Baker.

ELLIS, M.U. S-LA DEAN, RECEIVES FULBRIGHT GRANT

Elmer Ellis, 1924, dean of the school of science, literature, and arts at the University of Missouri, has been awarded a Fulbright grant to spend the school term of 1951-'52 in Holland as lecturer in American history at the University of Amsterdam. He expects to leave for Amsterdam in late August or early September.

★ **LOCATES IN HAWAII**

Dr. Thomas T. Harda, 1942, is located in Honolulu, Hawaii. He is married to the former Reida J. Gross of Pennsylvania and they have two daughters.

Fellowship at Chicago Given

Thomas G. Johnson, 1950 Hillsboro, N. D., has been awarded a fellowship at the University of Chicago.

Johnson is one of 191 students from 3 states, the District of Columbia and 14 foreign countries selected for the graduate study awards part of the university's annual three-quarter of a million dollar program of aid for outstanding students.

An air force veteran, Johnson received his bachelor's degree from the University of Illinois in 1946 and his master's degree from the University of North Dakota in 1950. He is working toward a doctor of philosophy degree in psychology at the University of Chicago.

Phyllis Kjerstad, 1951, and James A. Power, 1950, exchanged marriage vows in Grand Forks July 6. Mr. and Mrs. Power will be at home after August 1 in Memphis, Tenn., where the bridegroom is attending the Southern college of optometry. Mrs. Power is a member of Delta Zeta sorority and her husband is affiliated with Sigma Chi fraternity.

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University Alumni News Briefs



A. H. FLATEN

A. H. Flaten, 1928, accountant executive with the CBS-TV network sales department of the Columbia Broadcasting system, has been with the CBS network since May, 1941.

He came to CBS as a member of the network's radio sales division and in 1947 joined the radio network sales department. In 1936, he opened KDAL, CBS affiliate in Duluth, Minn., and later headed its sales department. From 1931 to 1936, he was a member of the sales staff of KFJM in Grand Forks. He was born in Grafton, N. D., in 1904 and was graduated from the University of North Dakota in 1928. He is married and lives in White Plains, N. Y. Flaten is New York chairman for the new \$500,000 Development Fund Drive.

First Lt. John F. Vaughan, 1944, has been assigned the duties of group surgeon for the 545 AC&W group at Great Falls, Mont., air force base. Lt. and Mrs. Vaughan (Mary Ellen Barber, 1945) and their three children moved to Great Falls in July.

Boyd M. Begg, 1921, is now living in Walnut Creek, Calif., where he recently constructed a new home.

Mr. and Mrs. Zane Fleischman, 1948, (Shirley Morrow, 1950) live in Grafton, N. D. Fleischman teaches at Grafton high school.

Mrs. Robert Adams (Ruth Beverly Mullis, 1945) has recently retired from her position as child welfare worker in Cheyenne, Wyo. Her husband, a graduate of Duke university, is a real estate broker in Cheyenne.

Julius M. Amberson, 1917, United States navy, is stationed at Bethesda Naval hospital where he is head of tropical medicine. He has contributed much to tropical medicine, the most outstanding being a cure for Asiatic cholera.

Dr. Evan L. Otto, 1949, recently graduated from Northwestern university medical school and will interne at an Evanston, Ill., hospital. His parents live in Grand Forks and he attended Central high school here.

Harry V. Nelson, 1939, was elected president of the Austin, Texas, Exchange club for a six-month term at a recent semi-annual election meeting.

John W. Harper, ex 1949, has been assigned shore duty with the navy band at Pearl Harbor. His wife and two children will move there. He taught music at Langdon, N. D., before being recalled to service.

Mrs. M. J. Backes, ex 1923, has disposed of her residence in Langdon, N. D., and has moved to Whittier, Calif. Mr. Backes died last fall. Her sister will live with her in Whittier.

Robert Perea, 1950, is employed with the Beloit Iron Works at Beloit, Wis. He holds the position of order clerk for the firm. Perea will be married this month to Miss Janet Fisher of Beloit.

Leland C. Schuster, 1924, and family visited the University late in June. In a recent letter to the Alumni office, he said: "I can personally recommend a visit to the campus to any one of the old grads. It will make each one 10 years younger. You have a fine spirit, a grand student body, a good president and faculty, a high standard and I think a swell bunch of alumni. I see nothing in the future but more progress for UND. . . Let's meet the requirements made by our good friend J. F. T. O'Connor and go over the top on our Development Fund drive."

Margaret Elsie Murphy, 1951, is employed in the promotion department of the Chicago TRIBUNE. She took up her duties with the TRIBUNE following her graduation in June.

Stanley Walsh, 1939, was recently made a member of the firm of Lamson, Jordan & Shea, attorneys at law. The firm has its offices in the Russ building, San Francisco, Calif.

Dr. Robert H. Ray, 1897, has made his home at Long Beach, Calif., since retiring in 1950. Before his retirement, he practiced medicine first at Walnut Grove, Minn., and from 1905 to 1949 at Garrison, N. D.

Charles Van Zant, 1950, is employed as an accountant in Chicago. Another 1950 graduate, Raymond Ekland, is employed with the Barber Colman Co., at Rockford, Ill., as an electrical engineer.

Two 1951 graduates, Delores Marion Stonestrom and Walter J. Forney, were married in June. The bride is a former Maddock, N. D., resident and her husband is from Egeland, N. D.

Miss Anita Moore of Hallock, Minn., was recently married to Sgt. Eugene Minske, ex 1951, at a ceremony at Camp Rucker, Ala., where the bridegroom is stationed. The bride attended Macalester college in St. Paul.

Shirley M. Skonnard of Valley City, N. D., became the bride of Dean J. McInnes, 1951, in Valley City June 27. Mrs. McInnes, a graduate of NDAC, has been a home economics instructor at Page, N. D. Her husband received his degree in commerce and is affiliated with Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

Orrin Lovell, 1950, and Sally Wishek were married June 30. Mrs. Lovell is a graduate of the University of Arizona and has taught school in Riverdale for the past year. Lovell is a practicing attorney at law associated with F. E. McCurdy of Bismarck.

Delores Larson, ex 1948, was recently married to Merrill Allen Heggstuem of Oslo, Minn. The couple will be at home in Fargo, N. D., after a short wedding trip. The bridegroom is employed by the telephone company.



DR. MERRIAM A. JONES

Dr. Merriam A. Jones, 1933, specialist in agricultural chemistry, is on a Point Four technical co-operation assignment to Guatemala for the U. S. department of agriculture.

Dr. Jones joined a group of office of foreign agricultural relations technicians already at work at the jointly-operated agricultural station there.

Dr. Jones joined the department of agriculture in 1939 and served for six years at the agricultural experiment station at Mayaguez, Puerto Rico. Since 1946 he has been a research chemist with the department's bureau of agricultural and industrial chemistry.

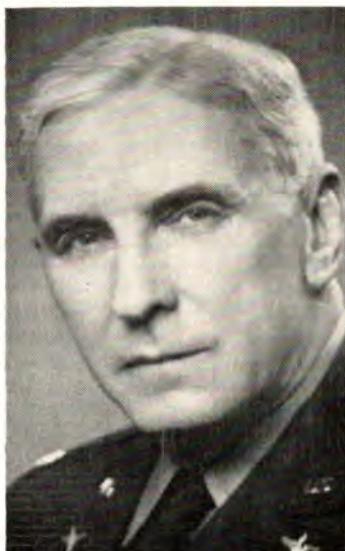
A native of Hankinson, N. D., Dr. Jones received his B. A. degree from the University in 1933, attended the University of Minnesota, 1933-36, and received his doctors degree in chemistry from George Washington university in 1950.

Robert Burns, 1950, resides in Rockford, Ill. He is employed by Sears, Roebuck & Co. there.

Elizabeth M. Meidt, 1948, and Leonard L. Clark exchanged marriage vows recently in Minneapolis. The bridegroom's home is in Brook Park, Minn. The couple will spend several weeks at a Minnesota lake before returning to Minneapolis to make their home.



WARREN HEDLIN
Wyoming



TOM CAMPBELL
New Mexico



DR. PHILIP W. WEST
Louisiana



RAYMOND RICHARD
Oklahoma

These University graduates have been appointed colonels in charge of the new Development Fund Drive in their respective states. The appointments were made by Armin Rohde, national drive director.

News Briefs

Louise M. Birkmaier, 1950, of Hebron was married to Dean J. Barker, 1951, of Grand Forks recently. The couple will make their home here where the bridegroom is now employed. He is a member of Sigma Chi fraternity.

A number of placements for 1951 graduates have been reported by the teacher placement bureau on the campus. They are: Eileen Personius of Bismarck to teach at Steele, N. Dak.; Elaine Lebus of Dav-

enport, home economics at Monticello, Minn.; Jack Cripe of Bismarck, principal and teacher at Nekoma, N. D.; Allen Nelson of Grafton, principal at Pisek; Mac H. Rhodes of Valley City, science and mathematics at New Rockford; and Clifford Herman of Kulm, social studies and driver training at Wolf Point, Mont.

Bill Tillotson, 1950, recently took as his bride Gladys Miller of Great Falls, Mont. Til-

131 Graduate at Summer Session

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tional Education association, the North Dakota Educational association, Phi Delta Kappa, education fraternity, and the First Presbyterian church of Grand Forks.

He was the author of several publications, including contributions to the North Dakota Teachers and the School of Education review.

Law Alumni Plan Bismarck Meeting

Alumni of the University law school will meet Aug. 25 at Bismarck for their annual meeting and dinner, Dean O. H. Thormodsgard of the law school announced. The alumni association session will follow the annual meeting of the North Dakota Bar association August 23, 24, and 25. Heading the state bar association is Philip R. Bangs, president, a UND graduate. Another Grand Forks man and U graduate, Ronald N. Davies, is executive secretary. Dean Thormodsgard is a member of the executive committee.

lotson is employed by General Mills of Great Falls. His fraternity is Kappa Sigma. His wife attended Montana State college at Bozeman and has been teaching at Great Falls.

Yvonne Nordby, ex 1949, and Eugene Bicknese were married in Grand Forks recently. Both Mr. and Mrs. Bicknese graduated from St. Olaf's college in Northfield, Minn., June 4. They will make their home temporarily in Spring Valley, Minn.

Crystal Severson was married recently to Donald Tollefson, 1950. The ceremony took place in Park River, N. D. Tollefson is employed with the bureau of internal revenue in Bismarck. His wife will teach in New Salem, N. D.

Degrees were presented August 9 to 131 graduates of the 1951 University summer session.

For the first time, commencement exercises were held in the newly-opened Memorial Student Union. The graduating class, including many veterans, was the third largest in the history of summer session commencements.

President John C. West conferred the degrees and the commencement address was given by Rev. Homer Armstrong of Minneapolis.

A feature of the exercises was the presentation of an honorary degree of doctor of laws to Dr. G. A. Abbott, longtime head of the University chemistry department, for his many years of outstanding service to the school. The citation was read by Dean R. B. Witmer.

Music for the program was provided by the summer school band under the direction of John E. Howard and by the summer school chorus, directed by Hywel C. Rowland.

Eunice Knudson of Minneapolis recently became the bride of Ingvald Iverson, ex 1940 in Minneapolis. Mrs. Iverson attended Augsburg college in Minneapolis and her husband graduated from the School of Science in Wahpeton.

Teresa Adams, 1949, and Magnus Braun, 1951, were married in June in Grand Forks. The couple will live in Park Village, Grand Forks. Braun is formerly of Linton, N. D.

Molly Knudsen, ex 1950, was recently married to Patrick Murphy, 1951. The wedding took place in Minot. At the University, the bride was affiliated with the Delta Delta Delta sorority. Her husband received a commission in the army air force at commencement time and is stationed at Lackland Field, Tex.