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Alumni Clubs Hold Annual Meetings

NEW YORK

James Robertson, 1949, was elected president of the University of North Dakota alumni Club of New York area at the annual meeting held February 19. Other officers named were A. W. Kishpaugh, 1912, vice president; Robert S. Smith, 1943, secretary, and Miss Laura Christianson, 1932, treasurer.

Larry Aasen, 1947, presided at the meeting. Speakers were John Hancock, 1903; Chester Fritz, 1912; Miss Edna Twamley, 1902; J. B. Johnson, 1913; Mr. Kishpaugh; W. S. Holmes, 1915; C. C. Connor, 1915; A. H. Flaten, 1928, and R. H. Heising, 1912. Providing music for the program were Mrs. W. E. Johnson (Frances Towne, 1946) and Mrs. Robert G. Walker (Alice Ann LeTournau, 1946).

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Mark These Meeting Dates

CHICAGO

The University of North Dakota alumni annual meeting in Chicago is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Sunday, March 23, at the Lasalle hotel. Franklin Lundling will be master of ceremonies, and speakers will be John Hancock of New York and President John C. West of the University. Jean Morrow Dye, president of the club, has arranged for a smorgasbord supper. Assisting Mrs. Dye with arrangements are Genevieve Parsons, Richard Westley, Marlin Loehrke, Don Robbie, Robert Youngblood, Bill Purvis, Martha Tavis and Joan Bray.

LOS ANGELES

The Southern California meeting of UND alumni will (Continued on Page 4)

UND Commerce School's Founding Dean Dies

Retired Dean Ezra Thayer Towne, founding dean of the University school of commerce, died Feb. 27, 1952, in Grand Forks. He was 78 years old.

Dean Towne, who came to UND as professor of economics in 1917 and became the first dean of the school of commerce in 1924, collapsed on a Grand Forks street shortly after noon and died in a local hospital that evening. He had retired in 1949, continuing to make his home in Grand Forks. Last fall he and Mrs. Towne had gone to California to spend the winter, returning only the day before his death.

Under Dean Towne's guidance, the UND school of commerce became a member of the American Association of Collegiate Schools of Business and was accredited by that group. Four honorary commerce organizations granted charters to North Dakota chapters during his tenure as dean. They are Beta Alpha Psi, accounting fraternity; Delta Sigma Pi, business fraternity; Phi Chi Theta, women's commerce fraternity, and Alpha Pi Zeta, so-



DEAN E. T. TOWNE

cial science fraternity. Dean Towne was national president of Alpha Pi Zeta in 1931.

He was a member of the American Economics Association, American Association of University Professors, Phi Beta Kappa, Beta Gamma Sigma, Beta Alpha Psi, Delta Sigma Pi, and Theta Chi social fra-

ternity. He was the fifth president of the Grand Forks Lions club, serving in 1927-28, and a member of Kem Temple of the Shrine.

Born at Waupun, Wis., April 1, 1873, he attended Wisconsin public schools and received his bachelor's degree at the University of Wisconsin in 1897. After graduate study at Wisconsin and at the New York School of Philanthropy, he went to Europe for study and travel from 1901 to 1903. He was awarded a doctor of philosophy degree from the University of Halle. Prior to coming to UND he served at Carleton College, Northfield, Minn., from 1903 to 1917 as professor of economics and political science.

Dean Towne was a member of the North Dakota board of accountancy for a number of years, and an executive committeeman of the American Association of Collegiate Schools of Business.

He is survived by his wife; a son, Myron, of Riverdale, Ill.; and two daughters, Mrs. A. V. Karpen (Louise) of Sunnyvale, Calif., and Mrs. Walter Johnson (Frances) of Roslyn Heights, Long Island, N. Y.

The following is a paragraph from a tribute to Dean Towne read by Dean Emeritus Harley E. French of the UND medical school to the Lions Club of Grand Forks March 5:

"We have admired Dean Towne for his ability and his scholarship. We have loved him for his kindly judicial temperament, modest but at the same time emphatic; we have loved him for his sincerity and his idealism, though some may not have agreed with him in every detail. We have been charmed by his sly but kindly sense of humor . . . We extend to (his family) our kindest sympathy and our best wishes."

Class of 1902 Plans Golden Jubilee Reunion

University commencement June 10 will mark the 50th reunion of the Class of 1902. Katherine Belanger Tiffany, now of Wheaton, Ill., permanent secretary of the class of 1902, has contacted the other four living members of the class and hopes to see almost one-hundred per cent attendance at the "jubilee" reunion.

Tiffany

Mrs. Tiffany attended last year's commencement exercises, when her nephew, Chester

Fritz, was commencement speaker and was awarded an honorary doctor's degree.

While a student, Mrs. Tiffany was a charter member of A. D. T. literary society, and was an inter-society debater, along with Charles Hammel, Mary Brennan Clapp, William Lemke, Fred Traynor and Olger Burtness. During her four years at UND, she "never missed a chapel period nor a football game." After her graduation from the Univer-

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LETICH'S BOYS—Gathered in honor of the late Clem Letich, long time UND basketball coach, are some of the many fine Sioux basketballers he developed. This year the second UND-NDAC game at the new University fieldhouse was designated Clem Letich Night. Appropriate half-time ceremonies were held. This picture was taken at the dinner which preceded the game. Seated, left to right, are Larry Kinn, ex 1929; Wahpeton; J. B. Bridston, 1920, UND Alumni president who was master of ceremonies; Mrs. Clem Letich, Grand Forks; Al Letich, 1931, Fergus Falls, Minn.; K. J. Mullins, 1935, Grand Forks; Glenn Jarrett, 1931, Grand Forks, and Bernie White, ex-1942, Grand Forks. Standing, left to right, Gordon Caldis, 1942, Grand Forks; Arnold Alger, ex-1940, Grand Forks, Curtis Schave, 1932, Noyes, Minn.; Ted Meinhover, 1934, Perham, Minn.; Lewy Lee, 1930, Mayville; Harold Eberly, 1929, Luverne; Harold Tait, 1937, Fargo; Al Adams, 1948, Wahpeton, and Earl Hoffman, 1934, Grand Forks.

Home-Stretch Losses Dash Sioux Title Hopes

UND hockey and basketball teams battled right down to the wire with a chance for conference honors in both sports, but the stretch drive proved too tough.

With top spot in the Midwest Collegiate Hockey conference and a place in the national tournament at stake, the hockey Sioux plunged into a giant-killing six games in nine days to wind up their schedule. The Purpurmen split two-game series with Minnesota and Denver universities, and then took two beatings from Colorado College, the conference champs. The Sioux finished fourth in the conference, and had a total season record of 13 wins, 11 losses and 1 tie.

The basketball Sioux, after a shaky start, came along rapidly late in the season. Championship of the North Central conference hinged on the outcome of the four-game series with NDAC. UND's green team

got an attack of the series jitters and lost the first game at Fargo, but came back to win the second.

Moving to its new fieldhouse in Grand Forks the following week, the Sioux team needed two wins, and the AC one, to wrap up the championship. In both games, after battling their hearts out, Louie Bogan's boys ran out of gas in the final moments to take two losses and drop to third in the conference standings. Their record was six wins and six losses in conference play.

The second issue of the special Medical Center Review, telling news of the North Dakota State Medical Center, has been mailed to UND alumni and friends in North Dakota. If out-of-state alumni wish to receive the Medical Center Review, please write to the Alumni Office, University of North Dakota, Grand Forks.

Class of 1902 Plans Reunion

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sity, Mrs. Tiffany served in the field of education as a high school principal, normal school instructor, educational editor and college professor. She is now retired.

Devaney

Maudie Sanford Devaney, now of San Diego, Calif., is not well enough to travel, but her husband, Thomas Devaney, has indicated that he will attend this year's commencement. Mrs. Devaney entered the University in 1895 and helped finance her education by teaching during the summers. After receiving her degree in 1902, she taught for a year at Minto. The Devaneys lived in Langdon following their marriage in 1903. Their son attended the University in 1928.

Jackson

Leroy F. Jackson writes from his home in Pomona, Calif.: "I am thrilled with the possibility of our getting together again. It would be wonderful if all the 'survivors' of 1902 could be on hand for our

commencement 'jubilee.' I have bound volumes of THE STUDENT for 1898-1902, and recently I got them out and reread them over. What a fifty years! My own activities have been mostly in educational and social work, with a little writing on the side. My two books of children's verse have had a rather wide acceptance, and I have had a lot of interesting living."

Olsberg

H. A. Olsberg of Valley City is on a western trip but hopes to be back by June. He writes as follows:

"In the fall of 1899 I entered the Law School at the University of North Dakota for one year. Illness and the need of money caused me to leave during the next year. Then I re-entered the Law School in the fall of 1901 and graduated in 1902. William Nuessle, retired Justice of the Supreme Court, who graduated in 1901, was one of our instructors during my second year.

"I started the practice of law in the spring of 1904, at Valley City. In 1931 I was appointed county judge at Valley City and am still holding the office."
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Library Collects Historical Papers

Aimed at preserving the minutiae which are the key to history, a new division of manuscripts has been started at the University library under the direction of two University history professors.

The collection of letters, manuscripts, business papers and similar material concerning North Dakota will provide a priceless treasure of source material for studies of the vivid chapters of the state's history.

History Professors Elwyn B. Robinson and Louis Geiger are calling on University alumni to assist in collecting historical material on North Dakota by sending information on the location of such items as:

1. Personal letters, memoranda, diaries, clippings, scrapbooks, etc. Such items from the well-known are important, but so are the papers of ordinary citizens.
2. Business records—letters, books, accounts of cooperatives, farm companies, manufacturing and mining companies, retailing firms, professional people.
3. Records, files, anniversary booklets, etc. of organizations active in religious, educational, political affairs and the like.

It is hoped that more alumni will follow the fine example of Mrs. Chester A. Paterson (Verna Stumpf, 1929) of Reno, Nev. She has offered to turn over to the collection 25 diaries of her father who came from Connecticut in 1879 to homestead in North Dakota. In addition, Mrs. Paterson has volunteered to canvass other North Dakotans around Reno for papers and documents for the collection.

U Pushes Writing, Research on N. D.

The University of North Dakota since the war has resumed its position as a primary center for research and writing about North Dakota—its history, economics, people, institutions, resources. The maintenance of a North Dakota manuscripts division at UND will help make the school even more important as a research as well as a teaching institution.

Since 1948 faculty members and graduate students of the departments of economics, history, political science, and sociology have completed or have in preparation more than 40 research projects on North Dakota.

These studies cover a wide range of subjects. Among them are: analyses of banking trends in the state, of North Dakota public opinion on World War I, of trends in the population and labor force, and of North Dakota income (the last two are joint projects of the department of economics sponsored by the bureau of reclamation); histories of old Fort Berthold, of the early Catholic Church in Grand Forks, of the Nonpartisan League since 1922 and studies of the political careers of Alexander, McKenzie, Governor John Burke, Governor John Moses, Congressman William Lemke, and Senator Asle Gronna.

Lemke Files Given to U

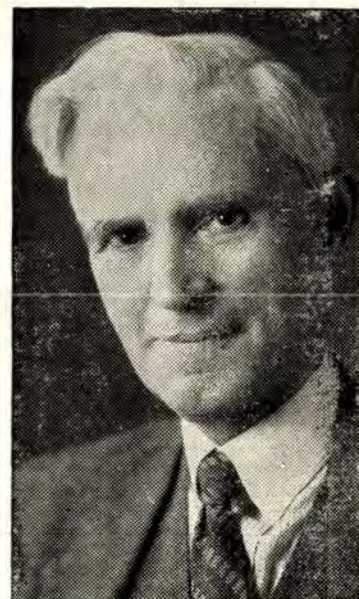
University officials have recently been informed by Mrs. William Lemke of Fargo that the correspondence and papers of her husband, the late Congressman William Lemke, 1902, will soon be deposited with the Orin G. Libby Historical Manuscripts Collection of the University library.

Other recent acquisitions have been correspondence of John Burke, governor of North Dakota (1907-1913); papers of Louis Kosuth Church, governor of Dakota Territory (1887-1889); papers of Samuel Torgeson, Grand Forks banker; letters, documents and books from J. M. Gillette, professor of sociology at the University, 1907-1950. The library also holds the papers of Webster Merrifield, president of the University (1891-1909).

A valuable contribution

came in February from the Reverend Manley Gjerde of Portland, N. D. He sent a history of each of two churches he serves, the Aurdal Lutheran church of Portland, and the Aal church of Hillsboro.

Collection Named For Dr. O. G. Libby



Dr. Orin G. Libby (above) has been honored in the naming of the recently established division of manuscripts at the University library. The division is called the Orin G. Libby Historical Manuscripts Collection.

Dr. Libby, who continues to reside in Grand Forks, came to the University in 1902 from the University of Wisconsin. In 1905 he sponsored the organization of the North Dakota State Historical society, and for the next forty years he served as its secretary, editor, and principal contributor to its publications.

He also contributed to many national historical publications, and was president of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association in 1909.

Project of University Professor Is New History of North Dakota

Dr. Elwyn B. Robinson of the UND history department is gathering material for a history of North Dakota which will trace the state's progress from the forming of the geological strata under the prai-

ries to the present day tapping of North Dakota oil fields.

His projected volume will meet a real need. The most recent long history of the state, by Lewis F. Crawford, was published in 1931. It is both out of date and out of print.

Dr. Robinson has been working on his history since 1946. As preliminaries to its writing, he has given a series of radio talks on 40 colorful North Dakota personalities of the early days. These talks were broadcast over several stations in the state during the period 1947-49. The scripts were published as a two-volume series of "Heroes of Dakota." Since 1950, Robinson has been teaching a University course on North Dakota history.



DR. ELWYN B. ROBINSON

Anyone wishing to present historical material to the UND Library, should write to Drs. E. B. Robinson or Louis Geiger, UND History Department, or to Miss Della Mathys, Librarian, UND.

Alumni Clubs Hold Meetings

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Others who attended were Miss Eunice Iwen, 1932; Dr. Howard Plank, 1917; Mrs. James Roberston; O. G. Hanson, 1930; Mrs. A. W. Kishpaugh; Aaron Sternfield, 1946; Miss Tiina Parlin, 1950; A. M. Stephens, 1941; Will N. Spear, 1941; Miss Anne L. Olson, 1930; Miss Lois C. Porter; Miss Alice G. Loe, 1933;

Miss Eleanor Brunn, 1933; H. A. Holmes, 1927; Stan Marek, 1951; Roger Hupper, 1947; D. C. McGuire, 1913; Neil Bennett, 1948; Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Good (Jean Stockman, 1948); Gordon C. Hunger, 1928; Miss Jean Fraser, 1910; Miss Oliva Hamre, 1932; J. T. Hartman, 1943, and Mr. and Mrs. Glen G. Geiger, 1948.

DULUTH

University alumni in the Duluth area met at the Duluth Athletic Club February 26 and elected Odin Ramsland, 1934, as president of the group for the coming year. Dr. Wilson Laird, head of the geology department, and Lloyd Stone, alumni secretary, attended from the University.

Others attending included Mr. and Mrs. Dalton LeMasurier, ex 1947; Mr. and Mrs. Odin Ramsland, 1934 (Vivian Helgerson, 1937); Mr. and Mrs.

Vernon Quaintance, 1935; Berniece Budge, 1917; Beatrice E. Bolton, ; Mr. and Mrs. Albert C. Kane, 1940; Mrs. Allen J. Olson (Marion Lond, ex 1922);

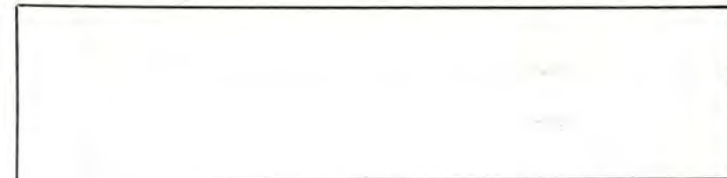
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Child, 1948; R. F. Goughnour, 1938; Reginald J. Gibbs, 1937; William Boyle, 1943; Mrs. Hester McKinnon (Hester Sandison, 1933); Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Gustafson, 1933; Carl T. Wise, 1934, and Mrs. Mathew Archdeacon (Estelle Garvey, 1933).

DENVER

Dean R. B. Witmer, college of SLA, and Lloyd Stone, alumni secretary, represented the University at the Denver area UND Alumni Club meeting held February 19 at the Albany hotel. Herbert Berwick was re-elected president for the coming year.

Those attending were: Mr. and Mrs. Ronald J. Darling, (Helen Erickson, 1938); Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Traynor, 1940; James D. Wright, 1951; Patrick J. Murphy, 1951; Dr. Edward J. Donovan, 1940; Robert D. Florance, 1932; Howard E. Simpson, 1940; Harold Haugen, 1949; Susan Fontaine, ex 1951; Mr. and Mrs. Dean C. Wellman (Louise Loomis, ex 1939); Clifford Johnson, 1921; C. R. Dow, 1924;

Mrs. Mabel Castella (Mabel Pederson, 1919); Mr. and Mrs. John A. Anderson, 1942; George E. Tollefson, 1940; Lester E. Otto, 1948; Mr. and Mrs. George Thal (Mary Ann Keck



1948); Mrs. Philip Dahl (Vivian Stenerodden, 1949); Beverly Jane Hagen, 1947; Shirley Norenberg, 1948; Helen Huesgen, 1919; Ann Landie;

Shirley Sweeden, 1951; Carol Appleyquist, 1952; Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Berwick, 1919; Jane Donovan, 1950; Joan Bessel, 1951; John D. Moe, 1950; Mrs. Robert Byerly (Frances Scheving, 1949); Mrs. A. J. Mosbek (Helen Austin, 1934), and Albert Craychee, 1942.

Class of 1902

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that office. This is my twenty-second year in this court house.

Jewell

It is hoped that Thomas Jewell of Los Angeles, the other surviving graduate of 1902, will be able to attend the 50th reunion. After completing graduate work at Stanford, Jewell set up private engineering practice in California, where he has remained except for service during World Wars I and II. While at the University of North Dakota he was an assistant, and later an instructor, in the department of physics. During his senior

year he built a wireless sending instrument, using a combination of arclights and magnets, which was patented five years later. He played football at UND, and later was assistant coach at Stanford, where he originated the block "S" which evolved into the present day "Flip Card" stunts.

Plans are also being formulated for the 25th reunion of the Class of 1927, and for meetings of all the 10-year classes

Mark These Meetings

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be held Saturday, May 10, at Carl's Cafe in Los Angeles. Alumni in that area are asked to write for reservations to Gordon Martin, 1310 Idlewood Glendale, Calif.

WILLISTON

University alumni in the Williston area will hold their annual meeting Monday, April 7. For reservations, please write Harold Pollman, P. O. Box 148, Williston, N. Dak.

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NEW YORK OFFICERS—Here are the old and new officers of the UND Club in New York City. Left to right, they are James Robertson, new president; Larry Aasen, retiring president; A. W. Kishpaugh, new vice president; Neil Bennett, retiring treasurer, and Laura Christianson, new treasurer. Not pictured are Bob Smith, new secretary, and Mrs. Richard Westberg, retiring secretary.