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## Dr. Libby, 87, Noted N. D. Historian, Dies

Dr. Orin G. Libby, retired head of the department of history of the University, and for half a century a leading figure in Grand Forks educational, cultural, fraternal, and religious circles, died March 29 at his Grand Forks home. He was 87 years old. Funeral services were held April 1.

Coming to Grand Forks in 1902 from the University of Wisconsin at Madison, Dr. Libby reorganized the department of history the following year, and until his retirement in 1945, he headed the department.

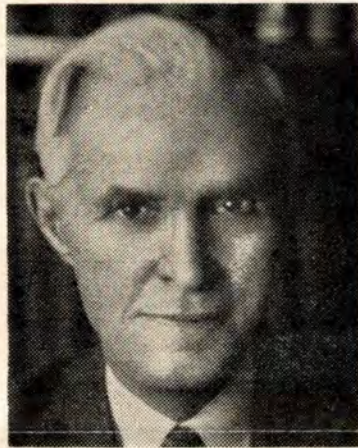
In addition to his educational activities, Dr. Libby was the author of a great many historical books, monographs, and magazine articles, which were nationally recognized. The recently established division of manuscripts at the University was named in his honor, the Orin G. Libby Historical Manuscript Collection.

### Headed State Society

In addition to Mrs. Libby he is survived by two children, Mrs. Paul E. Barr of Grand Forks, and Charles Cory Libby of Roslyn Heights, N. Y., and four grandchildren, Martha Ann and Robert Barr, and Donna and Ross Libby.

He received his doctor of philosophy degree from the University of Wisconsin in 1895. Dr. Libby was president or secretary of the North Dakota Historical Society after its reorganization until his retirement in 1945. He also served as president of the state library commission in 1909, and was president of the North Dakota Audubon Society from 1903 to 1909. He also was president of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association for a year.

One of his most quoted historical writings is "Geographical Distribution of the vote of



DR. O. G. LIBBY  
1864-1952

the Thirteen States on the Constitution in 1887-88."

### Was Wisconsin Native

Dr. Libby was born in Hammond, Wis., June 9, 1864 and was graduated from the Wisconsin State Normal School in River Falls in 1886. He received his bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin in 1892, and was a fellow in history there from 1893 to 1895. He then received his doctor's degree, having been granted a master's degree two years earlier, and was instructor of history at Wisconsin until he came to Grand Forks.

One of the few remaining links between the University of today and the institution in its formative years, Dr. Libby had been a strong influence on the campus even after his retirement. He was often called "the father of history in North Dakota."

He gave unstintingly of his time and abilities to the various historical and other societies to which he belonged, which included Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity.

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## More Alumni Clubs Meet, Pick Officers

## Boe Sends Reunion Reminder

Cmdr. A. C. Thorson, 1924, was elected president of the District of Columbia UND alumni group at its annual meeting in the Broadmoor hotel in Washington.

Gladys L. Stoddard, 1925, was named first vice president; John E. Wiley, 1925, second vice president; and Arthur L. Monroe, 1951, secretary-treasurer.

Those attending included:

Rep. and Mrs. Fred G. Aandahl, 1921; Margaret Aandahl, ex 1950; Joseph P. Baker, 1927; Mrs. R. L. Boughman (Mary Cassell) 1922; Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Barry, 1948; Col. and Mrs. Gilbert Check, ex 1934; Claude L. Dawson, 1914; Luther Dawson, ex 1937; Charles E. Gainor, 1939; Mr. and Mrs. Vernon E. Gardner, 1938; Mr. and Mrs. G. Johnson (Carol Leifur) 1948; Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Jones, 1927; E. Bruce Murphy, 1929; Mr. and Mrs. Albert H. Redmann, 1922; Maud M. Dickinson, 1926; Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence B. Slater, 1922; Gladys L. Stoddard, 1925; Cmdr. and Mrs. A. C. Thorson, 1924; M. Genevieve Taylor, 1932; Mary B. Wilcox, 1928; Mr. and Mrs. John E. Wiley, 1925, and guests; Erwin Troski, 1948; W. J. Brown, 1939; Goodwin J. Oppgaard, 1917; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur J. Monroe, 1951 (Thyra Jensen, ex 1951); Dr. Evan Stone, 1935; Jack C. Thompson, 1950; Pearl Young, 1919; Dr. Wilhelmina Scott, 1921.

Aandahl was the main speaker and talks were also given by Colonel Check, who recently returned from Korea, and Dr. Leonard Elstad, a former North Dakota resident and president of the world's only College for the Deaf, Columbia college.

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*Editor's note: Commencement this spring will feature reunions of the classes of 1902, its fiftieth, and 1927, its twenty-fifth. Ed Boe of Grand Forks, chairman of the 1927 reunion, here writes to members of the class.*

Dear Classmate:

Twenty-five years have passed since we received our degrees from our Alma Mater. I'm sure it doesn't seem possible to you either.

Commencement this year at the University is on June 10. We are making plans for the reunion of our class on June 9 and 10. Activities will start with registration on Monday afternoon, June 9. That evening we shall attend the alumni banquet and the president's reception. On June 10, there will be an Old Timers' breakfast from 8:00-9:30 a.m.

Commencement exercises will be held at 9:45 a.m. The plans, of course, will be determined by what you want to do.

Won't you write me at once telling me that you are going to come back for commencement on June 9 and 10. If you can not make it, write me anyway as we would like to hear from you and have news notes concerning all of our classmates in the June issue of the ALUMNI REVIEW.

Sincerely,  
Ed Boe,  
1927 Class Reunion  
Chairman  
920 Reeves Drive  
Grand Forks, N. D.

**James A. Nostdal, ex 1940,** is a captatin in the air force. He is now stationed in Fairfield, Calif., but expects to be transferred to Japan or Korea soon.

# News Briefs of University Alumni

**Mrs. Marion H. Thurber** (Marion Helgeson ex 1905, now lives with her sister, Mrs. Carlton Holmes, in Syracuse, N. Y. She sold her secretarial school and retired in 1948.

**Lorraine Marie Kummeth, 1943**, was married last summer to Philip P. Theobald of Sherburn, Minn., and they now make their home on a farm near Sherburn. Prior to her marriage, Mrs. Theobald taught in the high school at Tracy, Minn.

**Major Wayne Twito, ex 1938**, is on leave of absence from Northwest Airlines and is serving with the marine air corps. His family is living in Hawaii.

**William J. Howitz, 1950**, is residing in Lignite, N. D., where he is principal of the Lignite public school.

**T. A. Torgeson, 1910**, has been elected president of the Canadian Association of Nurserymen. This is an organization comprising the Canadian nurseries from coast to coast and also a number of American nurseries.

**Lt. and Mrs. George Watkins, ex 1946** (Geraldine Skarison, ex 1948) live in Pleasant Hill, Ohio. Lt. Watkins is navigational proficiency officer at Wright-Patterson air force base. He returned in September from a tour of duty in Korea and Japan.

**John Paul Johnson, 1950**, is employed as an auditor for the Standard Oil Co. He lives in Rugby, N. D.

**Ralph Espeseth, ex 1943**, is an instructor in voice at Bethany college and conductor of the Bethany college oratorio society, Lindsborg, Kan.

**Marion G. Driscoll, ex 1951**, and Pfc. Curtis Olson were married recently in East Grand Forks. After a short wedding trip, Mrs. Olson will make her home with her parents while Olson reports for overseas duty.

Vows were exchanged by Vicki Joy Johnson of Carrington and **John W. Achttien** of Bismarck recently in Carrington, N. D. They are at home in Bismarck, where Achttien is employed by the Federal Insurance Deposit Corp. Mrs. Achttien was employed in Jamestown before her marriage.

Patricia Lyons of Silverlake, Wash., recently became the bride of **John M. Carroll, 1950**. The wedding took place in Longview, Wash. Mrs. Carroll is a graduate of Oregon State college. Her husband is a member of Theta Chi fraternity.

Margaret Folk of East Grand Forks and **Owen Haen, 1949**, exchanged marriage vows recently in East Grand Forks. Haen is an auditor and works with the firm of Atwell, Vogel and Sterling, Inc. in Minneapolis. His wife was employed by the Northwestern Bell Telephone company in Grand Forks.

**Robert T. O'Brien** of Bismarck, who received his M. S. degree from the University at the end of the first semester, has joined the bacteriology department as an instructor. O'Brien is the first graduate student to join the medical school faculty under the new medical center program.

**Mr. and Mrs. Creighton Gilbertson, 1950** (Gloria Christianson, 1951) are living in Alexandria, Minn. Gilbertson is employed by the State Farm Automobile Insurance company as an adjuster.

**M. James Robertson, 1949**, who was elected president of the UND alumni club in New York at the February meeting, is employed by the Interstate Department stores, New York office, in the capacity of merchandise controller of hard lines.

**Donald M. Stonestrom, 1948**, of Tamaqua, Pa., is employed by the Atlas Powder company in the experiment laboratory Tamaqua. He was formerly employed by the General Electric company in Schenectady, N. Y.

**Henry I. Weitzel, 1919**, has been research co-ordinator for the Pasadena, Calif., city schools since July 1, 1951. For five years previous to that date, he was dean of student personnel at John Muir college.

**John Engesather, 1951**, is employed at the Citizens State bank at Petersburg, N. D. He was married in August to the former Audreinne Gufsheim of Northwood. She is a graduate of the Grand Forks Deaconess hospital nursing school.

**Mr. and Mrs. Neil Bennett** are the parents of a six-pound boy, born March 4. Bennett, 1948, is with the New York office of Buttrey's.

**Henry G. Tweten, 1951**, has opened a law office in East Grand Forks. Tweten was born and educated in East Grand Forks and served as an infantry officer in World War II. He has been special municipal judge in East Grand Forks.

**Phil Mark, 1928**, has taken over the editorship of the Valley City Times-Record on the retirement of J. C. Bjerke. Mark, who formerly lived in the McVillie, N. D., vicinity, has served as city editor of the Times-Record since 1930.

**Lt. Col. George F. Vaughan, 1940**, has been presented a distinguished flying cross for extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight against the enemy in Korea October 11, 1951. The presentation was made by Maj. Gen. Alfred H. Noble in San Francisco.

**Dorothea M. Thorgrimsen and Viola Tompt, both 1952** graduates, have gone to Chicago where they are employed. Miss Thorgrimsen majored in dietetics and Miss Tompt graduated in social work. They are both from Grand Forks.

## Dr. Libby

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**Campus Feels Loss**

His loss was felt very keenly on the campus of the University to which he devoted so many years of his life. The feeling of the faculty was expressed by President John C. West, who said Dr. Libby had left a deep imprint on the scholarship of the University which will endure.

"During his long tenure at the University he diligently and unselfishly worked in the interests not only of his department but of the University at large," Dr. West continued.

"During his long tenure he raised the standard of his department to the highest level. His work was recognized at home and abroad. He has been an inspiration to thousands of students. The University and its president mourn his loss."

**Thayne B. Jongeward, 1938**, resides in Seattle, where he is an advertising executive for Simpson Logging company.

**Dr. Robert H. Ray, 1897**, has lived in Long Beach, Calif., since retiring from his medical practice in Garrison, N. D., in 1949.

**Faith S. Saiki, 1948**, is residing in Honolulu, where she is bacteriologist at Queens hospital.

**Lt. Theodore H. Peterson, 1940**, lives in Phoenix, Ariz. He is an R. O. T. C. instructor in Phoenix schools.

**Clarence T. Sateren, 1941**, is with the credit department of the International Harvester company in Rice Lake, Wis.

**Lloyd W. Dussell, 1949**, was transferred last July from technical department engineer to field department supervisor of the Smiths Bluff refinery of the Pure Oil company.

**Col. Gilbert Check, ex 1934**, is now in the legislative and liaison division of the department of the army and is a part of the office chief of staff. His work consists mostly in liaison with congress.

**Lt. Jerome Mack, 1951**, is in the air force, assigned to the office of special investigations at Omaha.

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# News Briefs of University Alumni

Marjorie Sollom, ex 1951, wrote to the Alumni Office recently telling of reunion held in Los Angeles. Present were Dick Bechtel, ex 1952, Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Johnson, 1951 (Elise Murphy, 1951), Mrs. Don Sten-erodden (Jean Backes, 1951) and Miss Sollom.

James J. Willging, 1951, has enrolled at the American Institute for Foreign Trade at Thunderbird Field, Phoenix, Ariz. Specializing in Brazil, Willging is taking the school's intensive course in preparation for a career in American business or government abroad.

Mr. and Mrs. George M. Thal, 1949 (Mary Ann Keck, 1949) are the parents of a baby boy born November 29, 1951. He has been named James Malcolm. The Thals are presently residing in Denver, Col.

A. E. Henry, 1933, died unexpectedly while vacationing in Mexico. At the time of his death he was administrator of St. Luke's hospital in Fargo. Mr. Henry studied at the University of Minnesota, the University of Chicago and Northwestern university. He was assistant administrator at a St. Paul hospital before going to Fargo.

Harold H. Wylie, 1919, is the author of a series of three articles published in the Minneapolis Sunday Tribune on investments and savings. Wylie is an investment banker in Minneapolis.

## Heads Mechanical Engineering Setup

Appointment of Edward C. Larson Jr. to head the University mechanical engineering department was announced by Acting Dean of Engineering E. L. Lium following approval by the board of higher education. The appointment became effective April 1. Lawson is a power consultant for the DuPont Co. in Newark and is at present on leave as associate professor at the University of Delaware. He will succeed Prof. Arthur Koth, who has been acting head of the department since resignation last spring of Prof. P. J. Potter.

Margaret Aandahl, ex 1949, has been chosen North Dakota's Cherry Blossom princess by the North Dakota State society of Washington, D. C. She will represent North Dakota at the Cherry Blossom Festival which is celebrated annually in Washington at cherry blossom time. Miss Aandahl is the daughter of Congressman and Mrs. Fred G. Aandahl. She resides in Washington with her parents and is employed in the office of Congressman William Jennings Bryan Dorn of South Carolina.

Services were held in Grand Forks for Pfc. John A. Berg, ex 1950, who was killed while serving with the U. S. Marine corps January 4, 1952, in Korea. Berg was born in Minneapolis in 1930 and moved to Grand Forks in 1940. His parents survive.

Beverlee Juneau, ex 1950, and Elmer Eid, 1952, were married recently in Minneapolis. Mrs. Eid has been a medical technician in Minneapolis. Her husband graduated from the University at mid-term.

Paul J. McCann, 1943, recently opened an accounting and tax practice in Bismarck. McCann served for six years as senior internal revenue agent.

Elaine J. Pazandak, 1949, was married in July, 1951, to Elvin W. Rumelhart of Westington Springs, S. D. The ceremony was held at the bride's home in Fullerton, N.D. The couple now live in Merengo, Ill., where Rumelhart is employed.

## Summer Session Plans Announced

More than 200 courses will be offered graduate and undergraduate students at the 1952 University summer session. The session students will open June 23 and close August 15. Thirty-one University colleges and departments will be in operation during the session. Summer session students will register June 23. Classes will convene the following day. Commencement will be held August 14.



**ATTEND MEETING**—These four UND alumni were photographed at the recent meeting of the Alumni Club in New York City. Left to right, they are A. W. Kishpaugh of Bell Telephone company; A. H. Flaten, CBS television executive and New York state UND chairman; John Hancock, well known financier, and Chester Fritz, international banker who spent 35 years in China.

## Awarded Bid for Hockey Players' Medical Addition Scholarship Good

A bid of \$461,315 won the contract for construction of a huge addition to the medical science building at the University for Lenci, Lenci and Englund, Inc., of Grafton.

The board of higher education made the award at a meeting in Bismarck.

Peter W. Grady of Grand Forks received the mechanical contract on a bid of \$96,733, while the Kehne Electric Co. of Grand Forks received the electrical contract on a bid of \$66,925.

### WRITES TEXT

A new textbook in journalism, emphasizing the general principals of editing which apply to both large and small newspapers was recently published by Bruce Westley, a 1936 graduate of the University. He is now at the University of Michigan, on leave from the University of Wisconsin faculty.

Dorothy Rulien, 1941, is living in Minneapolis. She is employed by Powers Dry Goods, Inc.

A combined scholastic average of a high C (1.304 out of 3 points for perfect) was made by members of the hockey squad at the University during the first semester, the registrar's office revealed.

One player made eight hours of "A," another made seven, another 6 and still another 4.

Among these boys there were 43 credit hours of B grades, 92 hours of C grades, 27 of D grades and 4 of F.

Of the hockey players, three are majoring in geology, three in physical education, two in engineering, one in law, one in commerce, one in sociology, one in journalism and one in industrial arts.

William P. Wild Jr., 1951, is now employed with the Amco corporation in Chicago. He has been with this company since January 1, 1952. He received a degree in commerce last August.

Vernon E. Ostrom, ex 1943, has been with the credit department of the Midland National bank in Billings, Mont., since August, 1949.

## Band Ends 23d Annual Spring Tour

## Fieldhouse Packed for Cage Meet

The University band last month completed its twenty-third annual spring tour under the direction of Bandmaster John E. Howard.

The band played concerts at Fargo Central high school, Detroit Lakes, Minn., and Little Falls, Minn., and, for the sixteenth year, performed for the Minneapolis Rotary club. In Minneapolis the band also made its third appearance at the Hennepin avenue Methodist church.

A concert at Breckenridge, Minn., was arranged in cooperation with Wahpeton, N. D., officials and 800 persons attended.

The tour ended with the annual home concert, sponsored by the Grand Forks Rotary club, with 1,200 attending. The Rotary club entertained Bandmaster Howard with his 55 musicians at a supper after the concert.

## Sioux to Meet 6 Loop Grid Teams

The Sioux football team will meet six North Central conference opponents next fall.

Scheduled at home are South Dakota University, Oct. 4; Iowa State Teachers College, Oct. 11; and North Dakota State, Oct. 25, Homecoming.

Other conference foes, who will be met away from Grand Forks, are South Dakota State, Oct. 18; Augustana, Nov. 1; and Morningside, Nov. 8.

The Sioux will meet three non-conference opponents, all on the road. They are Bemidji Teachers college at Bemidji, Sept. 20; Northern Texas Teachers college at Denton, Texas, Sept. 27; and Beloit university, Nov. 15.

**Mrs. Harvey Kruse** (Marjorie Cook) 1910, is owner and director of Glen Acres Day Camp for Little Girls at Chanhassen, Minn.

The question of whether UND's magnificent new fieldhouse would really be jammed to its capacity was answered during the North Dakota Class A high school basketball tournament.

On the tournament's last night a record indoor crowd for the state packed the huge establishment from floor to balcony wall with something over 8,000 persons.

During the tournament the building housed other crowds up to 7,000 persons.

An all-time attendance record was set for a North Dakota tournament with an estimated 20,000 fans in attendance, including large delegations from other cities in the state.

University officials virtually turned over social and entertainment facilities of the institution to the high school tournament crowd to which it was host.

## 2 U Students to Visit West Point

Two University students will visit West Point as representatives of UND April 24-27. They are Edmund G. Weber of Minot and Lawrence J. Stone of Baraboo, Wis.

The men were nominated by President John C. West and Lt. Col. Byars, head of the military training unit here.

Fifty-six universities have been invited to send representatives to West Point at that time. While at the military academy the visitors will be integrated into the corps of cadets so they may gain an understanding of the academy. Both Stone and Weber plan to accept commissions as second lieutenants in the regular army when they graduate.

**Janet Schroeder**, 1942, is a member of the Macalester college faculty in St. Paul.

## Alumni Clubs

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**Hawaii**

Joseph Skorpen, 1927, was elected president of the Hawaiian alumni group at a meeting March 16.

Dr. and Mrs. Min Hin Li, 1920, entertained University alumni and friends at a buffet supper. Guests included Mr. and Mrs. George Bray and Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Dunlevy, 1922, of Grand Forks, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mann, 1917, of Devils Lake.

Other officers elected were Judge Millard White, ex 1920, vice president, and Ann Monson, 1927, secretary-treasurer. Dr. Li, life-time honorary president, presided at the business meeting.

Those present included:

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Olson, ex 1926 (Ethel Severson, ex 1929); Mr. and Mrs. Joyce Roberts, 1931; Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Burgess, 1930; Dr. and Mrs. David Katsuki, 1926; Dr. and Mrs. Edwin Chung-Hoon, 1929; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Gringer, ex 1928; Dr. and Mrs. Sanford Katsuki, 1927; Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Skorpen, 1921, Mr. and Mrs. Knute Vaksvik, 1923; Judge and Mrs. Millard White, ex 1920; Mr. and Mrs. J. Edwin Whitlow (Viona Hansen) ex 1922; Miss Ann Monson, 1927; Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Jirikowitz.

Miss Faith Saiki, 1948, and Dr. Albert Ishii; Dr. and Mrs. Frank Hatlelid, 1930; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Douglas (Margaret Schulze); Mr. Kenneth Douglas Jr.; Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Phillips (Lorna Laney) ex 1922; Dr. Masato Ohteni, 1933; Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Russell; Rev. and Mrs. Euicho Chung, 1929; Mrs. George Pickering (Ruth Larson, ex 1921); Mrs. Upham; Dr. and Mrs. Robert Katsuki, 1933 (Elizabeth Henry, 1935); Miss Margaret Nelson, 1946; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Duggan, 1933.

## Fergus Falls

Alumni and friends of the University in the Fergus Falls area met at a dinner meeting at the River inn March 25.

## Juniors Win '52 Sing Title

The Juniors, Class of 1953, walked off with top honors at the 42nd annual Carney Song contest held February 21. Vernon M. Johnson, 1932, Wahpeton attorney, delivered the Founders Day address at convocation, and then presided at the traditional contest of song and banter.

E. Claude Carney, 1904, Minneapolis attorney who founded the competition, attended for the first time since 1935. President John C. West presented Carney with an appropriate scroll during ceremonies at the Founders Day convocation.

Both of the day's events took place in new settings. The convocation was held in the new Memorial Student Union, and Carney Sing was held in the new Fieldhouse. Prof. Hywel C. Rowland was in charge of the song contest for the 27th year.

Vernon Sprague, 1916, introduced Lloyd Stone of the University, who reviewed the affairs of the University during the past three years.

At the close of the meeting, it was suggested that the North Dakota alumni meeting be made an annual affair. John M. West was elected as chairman for the meeting for next year.

Present at the meeting were: Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Sprague, 1916; Mr. and Mrs. Al Letich, 1931; Mr. and Mrs. T. V. Reese, Mr. and Mrs. Bjarne Svare, 1939; Mr. and Mrs. Ralph S. Johnson, 1948; Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Hoff, 1939; Mr. and Mrs. John M. West, 1931; Mrs. Ralph Sinner (Gertrude Thompson, 1927); A. V. Hartl, 1932; Orville Johnson, 1950; Thomas Chapman, 1950; Ralph B. Newman, 1939; Vernon Johnson, 1932, and Clinton Kraft, 1949.