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### To Build President's Residence

Construction of the residence for the President of UND will begin soon with architecture being handled by Wells and Denbrook of Grand Forks. The amount appropriated for the structure is \$47,-000, and a tentative completion date has been set for November 18.

It will be located southwest of the University, off University Avenue, overlooking the English Coulee.

The modern structure will be of split design with a lower floor level, a middle floor level, and an upper level consisting of three large bedrooms and a compartment bath.

Housed on the lower floor level will be a boiler room and space for two or three future bedrooms and bath.

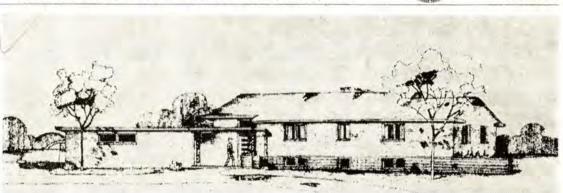
The middle floor or ground level will include a two-car garage, utility room, kitchen with dining area, dining room, powder room, living room, and a study.

A built-in buffet with passthrough opening between kitchen and dining room will be installed in the dining room. French doors will lead to the outdoor living area. There will be a large folding partition opening into the living room.

The living room will have a polished marble fireplace with raised hearth and maple paneling above. A large folding partition will open into the foyer and hall with cove lighting above. A large bay window overlooking the English Coulee will illuminate the 1½ story home.

A fireplace with raised hearth set off by a wall of natural stone will decorate the study. The other walls will be of mahogany paneling with bookshelves on one end

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Above is an achitect's drawing of the new President's house to be built southwest of the University overlooking the English Coulee; \$47,000 has been appropriated for this split level house. Work on the building is expected to be completed this November.

# Plan Formation of 50-Year Club

Judge O. B. Burtness of Grand Forks is in charge of the 1906 class reunion. He has announced that a proposal has been made to formulate a half-century club. Eligibility for this very select organization will be made up of members of the Class of 1906 or those who attended the University before this time. A discussion will take place concerning the organization of such a club on Friday, June 1, 1956, at the Oldtimers' Banquet. All of those eligible to join the Half-Century Club should immediately correspond with Lloyd Stone in order to secure details in regards to the program and to make reservations for the 1906 class reunion banquet. Friday. June 1st, in the Student Union. News of the Class of 1906

Judge O. B. Burtness wrote a letter to all of his classmates, urging them to attend commencement exercises on June 1, 2, 3, 1956. He informed them that a very exclusive banquet would be held Friday evening, June 1, at 6:00 p.m. in the Student Union: and that the class of 1906 would invite other oldtimers to join them. In order to be eligible, a person must have attended the University before 1906. In reply to the letter sent out by Mr. Burtness, the following letters have been received: Waldemar Westergaard of Los Angeles, California, wrote, "I am definitely planning to be there for the reunion. On the way I expect to stop in Washburn to see Mr. and Mrs. John E. Williams."

A letter from **E. C. Rudolph** of San Diego, California, said, "I shall make every effort to be present at the memorable reunion and recall with my classmates the happy times of fifty years ago."

A letter from Mrs. W. F. Peterson (C. Annie Nicholson of Lewiston, Idaho), "I hadn't realized that next June fifty years will have passed since we left the good old UND. I will be there if my health permits." A letter from Theone Carkin Taylor, Medford, Oregon, "I was happy to hear from you and learn of the fiftieth class reunion plans and regret that I cannot attend. We are planning to get back for the 1908 class reunion. I still remember with much pleasure your kindness to me when I was in Washington, D. C. in 1921 and the pleasant drive you and your wife gave me about the city." On January 5, 1956, Mary Flemington Strand wrote from Ellendale, N. Dak., "I truly appreciated your letter inviting me to the 1906 class reunion this coming spring. I teaching in the high am school here, and that makes it

hard to say whether I can make the trip so near the closing of school. You can be sure I'll try. The class of 1906 always seemed to be my outfit, but I did have to stay that year and really graduated in 1907. The escapades, the debates, the friends of 1905 and 1906 outweigh in memory anything that happened later." A letter from Mrs. Forrest M. Davis (Ethel Crary) of Bis-mark, N. D., "Forrest and I plan to be at the University for the reunion at 6:00. Friday evening, June 1." A letter from David Boise, Silver City, New Mexico, "Mrs. Boise and I hope to attend the reunion. Raoul Besse, 1905, and Mrs. Besse are also planning to attend. We had a very fine reunion at Camelback in December. There were six of our 1906 classmates there: Henry Lykken, Harry McDonald. Raymond Richards, Waldemar Westergaard, and John Williams. It was the first time I have seen Waldemar and John since we graduated. We talked about the fiftieth reunion at UND, and we're all enthusiastic about it." Dan Bull, president of Cream of Wheat, Minneapolis, Minnesota, wrote, "I would certainly love to be there, and unless something unforeseen happens, I will try to make it."

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### News Notes of University Alumni

#### Weddings

Wed on December 26th, 1955, at Fargo, N. Dak., were Nancy Sayler, ex1955, and Donn Ross Osmon, 1955. They are living at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, where Osmon is stationed with the Army.

Betty Ann Olsen, 1955, and Robert Allen Wheeler, 1954, were married in Grand Forks on December 26th. They are living in Minot where Bob is employed by the Minot Daily News.

Clarence Valker, Jr., 1955, and Alma Mar of El Paso, Texas, were married on December 26th at Minot, N. D. Valker is employed by the auditor general, U.S. Air Force, at Rapid City, S. Dak., where the couple is living.

Edna Bunting, 1954, was married recently to Robert Jennings, a senior at the University. Mrs. Jennings is on the faculty of the Grand Forks public schools.

**Donald J. Erickson, ex1949,** was married on November 19th to Janie Davis of Geneseo, Illinois. Erickson is attending Indiana Technical College in Ft. Wayne, Indiana, in the department of electronic engineering.

Married recently were Aura Jane White, 1953, and Robert B. Dennis of Hollywood, Calif., at West Los Angeles, Calif. They are living now in Oakland.

Ernest J. Norman, 1952, was married on December 28th to Virginia Sanchez, Albuquerque, N. M. The couple is living in Denver, Colo., where Norman is studying for his master's degree in social work at the University of Denver. Mrs. Norman is employed in the Children's Hospital in Denver.

Donna Jean Graham, ex-1946, is now Mrs. Roy Petrell, Grand Fork.

Married on December 22nd in Grand Forks were Shirley G. Jones, a senior in home economics at the University, and Lt. Ramon D. Upsahl, 1955. Mrs. Upsahl will join her husband in June in Newfoundland where he is stationed with the Air Force.

Gloria Torgerson, Thompson, N. D., and Charles A. Cape, 1955, were married in December in Grand Forks. Cape is a freshman in the University School of Medicine.

Married in Williston, N. D., on December 21st were Carol Septon, ex1955, and Jim C. McKay, ex1955. They are living in Pacific Grove, Calif., while Jim attends the Army Language School at the Presidio, Monterey, Calif.

#### Births

Born on December 28, 1955, in Grand Forks, N. Dak., to Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Stokke, 1956 (Fern Bossard, ex1948), was a daughter, Pamela Michele.

Dr. and Mrs. Chester C. Borrud, 1949, are parents of a daughter born November 20th. Dr. Borrud is practicing medicine with the Maxman Park Clinic, Williston, N. Dak.

A daughter, Susan Jean, was born on December 25th to Mr and Mrs. Norris Amb, ex1948 (Evelyn Peterson, 1948), of Devils Lake, N. Dak. Amb is working with General Mills as a territorial sales and service man in the Larro Feed division.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ryan, 1956 (Pauline Power, 1954), became the parents of a daughter, Ronelle Irene, on January 20th, 1956. Dick graduated in January from the College of Education at the University and has moved with his family to Columbus, Georgia.

Dr. and Mrs. Walter A. Wasdahl, 1952, announce the birth of a son, Daniel Alexander, on January 25th, in Grand Forks.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lukkason, 1948, was their fourth daughter, Rebecca Ann, on January 26th. Bob is employed at Radio Station KNOX, Grand Forks.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald L. Anderson, 1952 (Virginia Jean Thompson, 1952), are the parents of a son, Thomas Loyde, born January 27th. Don is affiliated with his father-in-law, Loyde C. Thompson, ex1927, in the insurance business.

#### Deaths

Percy S. Crewe, 1904, died August 9, 1955, in Fairfax, Virginia, after a long illness. Dr. Edward G. Nicholson, ex1898, died recently at Lawton, N. D., where he had devoted more than a half-century to the practice of medicine. He is survived by his widow, three daughters, two sons, and 11 grandchildren.

Notification has been received of the decease of Irene E. Curran,  $\epsilon x 1922$ , of Wilmington, Calif.

Russell D. Chase, 1910, Jamestown, N. Dak., attorney, died there recently after a prolonged illness. Surviving is his widow, the former Elsa Acherman.

Information has been received of the death on June 23, 1954, of **John L. Halldorson** at Pertland, Oregon, where he had been in the drug business for 35 years. He is survived by his widow, one daughter, and three grandchildren.

Mrs. Miles Millar (Elaine VonRueden, ex1952) died at a St. Louis, Mo., hospital on January 12, 1956, as a result of a cerebral hemorrhage. She is survived by her husband, Dr. Miller, 1952, who is interning at City Hospital in St. Louis, and two children— Mark, 8 months old, and Marianne, 2 and one-half.

Mrs. Elmer Thorson (Shirley Gray, ex1946) died on July 5, 1955, at Mayo Memorial Hospital in Minneapolis. She leaves her husband and two sons, Steven and Calvin, who live at Wing, North Dakota.

Information has come from Mrs. John McCain (Dorothy Dunlap, 1926) of Oshkosh, Wisc., society editor on the Oshkosh Daily Northwestern for the past six years, of the publication by Fine Editions Press, New York, of a memorial volume of poems written by Mrs. Paul Whitney (Barabara Schmitt, 1923, deceased May 12, 1954). The collection is entitled Descent of the White Bird.

J. Garrett Hughes, ex1951, who was employed by the Grand Rapids, Minn., Herald Review, recently enlisted in the Army and is now stationed at Camp Chaffee, Ark.

Mrs. Addison Shiek (Harriet Anderson, 1935) is a freelance fiction writer and has a story in the February issue of Redbook Magazine. The Shieks live in Whittier, Calif.

Dr. Waldemar Westergard, 1906, professor emeritus in the department of history at the University of California in Los Angeles, attended the UND reunion at Camelback Inn, Phoenix. While there he presented the alumni office with a reprint from an article he wrote for the Iowa Journal of History, entitled "The Uses of Dr. Westergaard History." plans to attend the reunion of the class of 1906 at Commencement in June. His name was erroneously deleted from the contributor list in the January 26th edition of the Review; we apologize for this omission.

Navy Ensign Clair E. Rolfe, ex1952, recently made his first solo flight at Milton, Florida, Whiting Field Naval Auxiliary Air Station, where he is in training.

At commencement exercises at the University of Minnesota, December 15, 1955, Glen Richard Barth, 1948, of Watertown, Mass., was awarded a master of business administration degree and Louvan Edward Nolting, 1951, Rolla, N. D., was awarded a master of arts degree.

Dr. O. Myking Mehus, 1920, Kansas City, Mo., is serving this winter as Forum Director for the All Souls Unitarian, Church, Kansas City. Dr. Mehus is an executive officer of the Veterans Administration.

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### News Notes

Duane G. Philis, 1952, has opened a law office in Oklahoma City, Okla., after receiving a law degree from the University of Tulsa in 1954 and working for an oil company in Tulsa.

Dr. John S. Lundy, 1917, who founded the Section of Anesthesiology of the Mayo Clinic in 1924, and is now professor of anesthesiology in the Mayo Foundation Graduate School, University of Minnesota, has been named a corresponding member of the Association of Anaesthetists of Great Britain and Ireland, according to Dr. Patrick Shackleton of London, honorary secretary of the organization. Dr. Lundy also is a member of the Cuban National Society of Anesthesiology and of the French Society of Anesthesia and Analgesia, and a corresponding member of the Havana Society of Anesthesia. In 1948 the State of North Dakota awarded him an honorary license to practice medicine in this state, and in the same year he was recipient of the distinguished service medal of the American Society of Anesthesiologists.

Norval Magnasson, 1947, was selected as the "Jaycee of the Year" for 1955 at Bellingham, Wash., recently. Mrs. Magnusson is the former Joan Melicher, 1944. Magnusson is a research chemist for a Bellingham pulp mill. The couple has two children-Nancy, 5, and Craig, 2.

R. R. Isackson, 1938, is assistant manager of the Northwestern Division of Minneapolis-Moline at Fargo, N. D. He was territory manager at Dickinson and at Minot before going to Fargo as sales supervisor in 1953.

F. Douglas Birdzell, 1953, is doing research in the law school at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, and preparing a doctoral dissertation on some of the socio-legal problems which present themselves in connection with government censorship of the motion picture. He received a degree of Juris Doctor at the Michigan University School of Law in June, 1955.

Kenneth Holmes, 1925, has been chosen President of the Hawthorne chapter of the Telephone Pioneers at Western Springs, Ill.



more than five reunions at Camelback. Taken in December, 1955.

Neil Thompson, 1955, has become associated in law practice with Clyde Duffy and John C. Haugland, 1942, of Devils Lake. Previously he had been associated with the law firm of Robert Buttz, 1935, Minot.

Arlys Lillehaugen, 1955, is a member of the faculty of St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing, Fargo, N. D.

Albert C. Pfieffer, 1938, Vocational Rehabilitation officer for the State of Washington, is being transferred to Seattle. During the past three years he has given rehabilitation services in Clark, Skamania, and Klikitat counties, while located in Vancouver, Wash.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wellsandt, 1951, (Elaine Peterson, ex1950) and their daughter Judy left February 6th for Madrid, Spain, where Carl will be export representative for J. I. Case Co. in Spain, Italy, and Portugal.

Dr. and Mrs. Fred P. Snyder. 1952, (Willa Jean Wright, 1949) live in Brookfield, Ill., with their two daughters, Willa Anne, age 3, and Cynthia Jean, age 1. Dr. Snyder is taking a residency in orthopedic surgery at Hines Veterans Hospital, Ill.

Juris Veidemanis, 1951, has finished his course work for the Ph.D. degree at the University of Wisconsin and is writing his doctoral thesis while teaching sociology at the U. of Wisc. in Milwaukee. His wife teaches in a new suburban high school.

Pictured left to right, front: James Douglas (1900, New York City), Mrs. James Douglas, Mrs. Alex Steinbach (Edith Veitch, 1920, LaJolla, Calif.), Mrs. Roller (Minneapolis), Mrs. Jack Stewart (Phoenix, Ariz.), President George Starcher, Jack Stewart, Mrs. Hugh Moore (1933, Pomona, Calif.), Edith Swinton (Los Angeles), Mrs. Lafe Ludwig (Los Angeles, Calif.), Mrs. Jack Fields (Los Angeles, Calif.), Florence Collins (1929, Hollywood, Calif.); back: J. Lloyd Stone, Jack Fields, Mr. Roller, Henry Lykken (Minneapolis, Minn.), Dave Boise (1906, Silver City, New Mex.), Raoul Besse (1905, Silver City, New Mex.), Alex Steinbach, Harry McDonald (1906, Calgary, Alberta, Can.), Raymond Richards (1906, Tulsa, Okla.), Dr. Lafe Ludwig, (1931), Hugh Moore (1933), Bob Ryan (1934), Los Angeles, Calif.

The Rev. Dr. Carroll E. Simcox, 1933, is now on the staff of Saint Thomas Episcopal Church, New York City, with special responsibility for adult education. He is author of numerous books, among them The Words of our Worship which was chosen as the Bishop of New York's Lent Book for 1955.

Helen L. Coleman, 1923, was awarded a master of arts degree in school librarianship at the January 22nd commencement exercises at Western Michigan College, Kalamazoo, Mich.

Kenneth Clark, 1929, is general manager of the Register Publishing Company, San Diego, Calif.

Dr. and Mrs. A. M. MarCia, 1944 (Helen Hagelie, 1946), live in Parma, Ohio, while Dr. MarCia takes his residency in anethesiology at Mt. Sinai Hospital in Cleveland. The Mar-Cias have four children-two boys and two girls, the latest, Kathleen Olida, born May 3, 1955.

Walter Aman, 1950, is with the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation as counselor working out of the district office at Bismarck, where he started on September 15, 1955.

Harry Durkee, ex1943, is now an ordained minister and pastor of St. James Lutheran Church, Richmond, Calif, The Durkees are proud parents of two girls.

Royal McKay, 1950, and Stanley Philbrick, 1950, have returned to the Denver office of the Bureau of Reclamation after having spent six months in Idaho where they worked as inspectors on the construction of Palisades Dam.

Reuben Reiser, ex1951, and his family moved into their new home the day before Christmas in Boulder, Colorado, where he is employed by a chemical manufacturing firm.

Wilma M. Daby, 1942, is employed as a general technician in the laboratory of the Santa Barbara General Hospital, California.

### Reunions

CLEVELAND, OHIO Date—March 2, 1956, Friday Time—Cocktails, 5:30 p.m. Dinner, 6:30 p.m. Place—Cleveland Hotel Speakers—President Starcher, Lloyd Stone For reservations contact: Arthur Walper

6856 Berseford Ave. Parma Heights, Cleveland 30.

MINNEAPOLIS - ST. PAUL MINNESOTA

Date—March 2, 1956 Time—Cocktails, 5 p.m.

Smorgasbord, 6 p. m. Place — Dyckman Hotel, 27 South Sixth, Mpls.

Price-\$2.75

Speaker-Dean O. H. Thom-

edsgard, UND Law School For reservations contact: Paul Vogel Florsheim Shoe Company 530 Nicollet at Sixth Minneapolis

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Date—March 16, 1956, Friday Time—Cocktails, 6 to 7 p. m. Dinner, 7 p. m. Place—LaSalle Hotel, Century Room Price—\$5.50 (fish optional) Speaker—President Starcher For reservations contact: Mrs. Julie Ranney

1033 Cleveland Ave. Evanston, Ill.

DETROIT, MICHIGAN Date—March 17, 1956 Speaker—President Starcher For reservations contact: A. L. Reed 321 Arthur, Plymouth, Mich.

PUGET SOUND ALUMNI (WASHINGTON)

- Date-March 23, 1956, Friday
- Time-6 p.m.
- Place Norselander Restaurant
- For reservations contact: Dorothea Marshall 3970 153rd S. E., Bellevue, Wash., or Phone GI6405

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

Date—April 28, 1956

Time-7 p.m.

Place — Ambassador Hotel, Press Club

Speaker—Dean T. H. Harwood University Medical School

For reservations contact: Luanne Abrams 3609 Edenhurst Ave.

L. A. (Phone CHapman 56511, ext. 12)

#### • 50-Year

(Continued from Page One) A letter from Senator William Langer, Washington, D. C., "This morning I have your letter of December 12 and was deeply appreciative of the fact that you are taking the time and the trouble of writing to the various members of the class of 1906 in order to get them together for the fiftieth reunion of our class next June. You can count on my wholehearted support, including financial. I am writing to each of the thirty-five on the list as you requested, urging them to attend, and you can depend upon my being there."

A letter from W. K. Hyslop, Racine, Wisc., "Many thanks for your letter. It's very easy for me to be in Grand Forks for our fiftieth reunion. I'll surely be there."

A letter from Judge G. Grimson, Bismarck, North Dakota, "Looking forward to meeting the old bunch in June and wishing you the best of everything for the new year."

A letter from John P. Conmy of Chicago, "I definitely plan to be present and I'm looking forward to the occasion. I'm sure all of the others of our class will feel grateful as I do for your having undertaken this job."

**Raymond Richards** wrote in January from Honolulu, where he is spending a few weeks holiday:

"Since Olgar Burtness and William Langer have written us concerning the 50th anniversary of our class at Commencement June 1, 2 and 3 of this year, I would like to add a word.

"In addition to meeting old friends, some of whom we have not seen in many years, all will be impressed with the building and progress of our University. Each time I return I leave with a feeling of pride and satisfaction in its growth.

"For those who cannot attend, it is suggested that they mail a letter to Judge Burtness telling briefly of his or her whereabouts, family and life work—to be read at the dinner.

"I have been told by others that the Class of 1906 is outstanding. Let as many who possibly can be present at our 50th anniversary — we will have a good time."



E. CLIFFORD TOREN

### Elected By Singing Teachers

E. Clifford Toren, 1933, Evanston, Ill., was elected President of the National Association of Teachers of Singing at their annual convention in Chicago on Dec. 27-30. Mr. Toren has been active in the organization, which at present numbers 1700, since its founding in 1944; he is a charter member and has served in the capacities of Regional Governor of the Central District, Secretary, and Vice President. At present Toren is Chairman of the Voice Department at Northwestern University where he has been since 1947, after 18 years at North Park College as Dean of Music. Mrs. Toren is the former Rogna Pederson, 1924.

Word has been received of the death of John Moen, 1924, of Viroqua, Wisc., in August, 1954. He is survived by his widow, the former **Ruth** Hurtt, 1927.

### Directors To Award Citations

At the January 28th meeting of the Alumni Board of Directors it was decided that alumni achievement citations will be awarded at the June Commencement to Dr. Min Hin Li of Honolulu, 1920., Judges Gudmunder Grimson, 1906, and William Nuessle, 1901, of Bismarck, and Judge O. B. Burtness, 1906, of Grand Forks. Two UND alumni have previously been honored with such citations; they are M. Beatrice Johnstone, 1891, of Grand Forks and Henry Lykken, 1905, of Minneapolis.

The citations are given for service to community and country and loyalty and support of the University from which those honored are graduates.

#### Residence

(Continued from Page One) wall and a part of the fireplace wall.

The three large bedrooms will have maple floors and the compartment bath will have two lavatory counters and a tub and shower compartment.

Concrete block will be used for the foundation with face brick above the grade on the exterior walls. The interior walls will generally be of plaster finish.

Judge Edward Parker Totten, 1905, who removed from Minnesota to California in 1951, was awarded by San Gabriel College of Santa Ana an Honorary degree of Ph.D. in December, 1954, after he had lectured on International Relations at the college during that year. Judge and Mrs. T otten (Nora Steenerson, 1914) have recently returned from an eight months' tour of Western Europe.