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Report From The Campus

By J. Lloyd Stone

Thousands of loyal University of North Dakota alumni—although actually scattered to the four corners of the globe—in spirit, interest and allegiance never have left the campus of their Alma Mater. In that sense, the UND campus is truly worldwide.

That thought was never more deeply impressed upon me than during the past month when President Starcher and I attended the UND alumni reunions in New York, February 24, in Washington, D. C., February 25, in Pittsburgh, February 29, and in Cleveland, March 2.

This column then, presenting the highlights of that trip, becomes a report from that broader, far-flung campus. For, wherever you find UND graduates, you are certain to find a bit of the University in their hearts and thoughts.

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As a result of the trip, I am happy to be able to make several interesting announcements—news of great importance to the University and its alumni and friends:

1. Maxwell Anderson, 1912, the celebrated playwright, will present to the University the original manuscripts of his plays and presented us the original manuscript of **The Bad Seed**, which has just enjoyed a successful run on Broadway and is now on the road.

2. Mr. and Mrs. James Douglas of New York City announced the establishment of the James H. and Ethel Lord Douglas Speech Scholarship Competition at the University for senior high school students from Walsh County. They presented Dr. Starcher with a check for \$500 to the University Development Fund, the original contribution for these scholarships. The details of the competition are being left to University officials.

3. A conference with officials of the Mellon Founda-



ALUMNI BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, January 28, 1956, L. to R.: Dr. O. W. Johnson, Rugby; Dr. E. L. Grinnell, Loyde C. Thompson, Mrs. T. E. Waldon, Grand Forks; George Soule, Fargo; Henry Lykken, Minneapolis; Charles Crum, UND Law School; Mrs. Reinhold Jacobi, Grand Forks; Dewey Balch, Minneapolis; Lloyd Stone, Armin Rohde, Grand Forks.

tion in Pittsburgh found them interested in a project to further the collection of historical documents for the O. G. Libby Collection. They asked that the University file a formal application for a grant for this purpose.

4. Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence McCoy of Manchester, Vermont, plan to attend the University's Fine Arts Week program on May 15; and Mr. McCoy, 1909, will exhibit a number of his national prize-winning paintings. Mrs. McCoy, also an artist, will exhibit some of her prize-winners.

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Seventy-four alumni and wives attended the New York reunion, held in the Fifth Avenue Hotel. Present was John VonRueden, 1955, to tell of his experiences in winning a \$4000 Cadillac convertible on the \$64,000 Question TV quiz show. He's a lieutenant in the Signal Corps, stationed

at Fort Monmouth. Also introduced was Mrs. Stan Marek, wife of the former UND hockey player from Czechoslovakia. Mrs. Marek is a model for Revlon on the \$64,000 Question.

Among alumni coming from a distance were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Linfoot. Jack, a 1955 School of Medicine graduate, is now attending the Harvard Medical School in Boston. Also, present were Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence McCoy of Manchester, Vermont, whose visit on the campus in May will be their first in a number of years. They reported that they were looking forward to it with great interest.

Agdur Flaten, chairman of the UND Development Fund in New York State, attended, as did four outstanding engineers who gained national prominence while employed by the Bell Telephone Company Research Department — Harry

Nyquist, A. W. Johnson, Arthur Kishpaugh, and Raymond Heising.

Frances Towne Johnson was elected president of the New York Alumni group, with Stan Marek as secretary-treasurer. Miss Edna Twamley, who has been the spark-plug of the New York gathering for many years, assisted with the arrangements. She is planning to return to the campus for our June commencement. Mrs. E. T. Towne was also present.

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While in the New York area, we were entertained at dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Hunger in Scarsdale, and there had an opportunity to renew acquaintances with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Nuessle and Mr. and Mrs. Agdur Flaten. We had breakfast in New York with Walt Losk, former assistant

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professor of journalism, now with a New York investment firm.

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At noon on February 27, we were met at the railroad station in Stamford, Connecticut, by Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell Anderson and were driven to their home on Long Island Sound, where we had lunch and spent the afternoon. Mr. Anderson is considered by many to be the world's outstanding playwright, and Mrs. Anderson, a former Broadway actress, has starred in many stage productions.

Mr. Anderson emphasized two of his ideas with regard to higher education: (1) the advantage of a smaller college and (2) the importance of good teachers. He ranked North Dakota University high on both scores, pointing out that, while the institution is growing, it still is basically a small school. "The teachers I had while at the University were excellent and left a lasting impression upon me, and I know the same situation exists today," he said.

He informed us of his plan to give his original manuscripts to the University and gave us a copy of *Bad Seed*, which will be displayed in the University Library.

That night, back in New York, we had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Douglas, who announced their plans for the Walsh County speech scholarship.

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The next morning we conferred with Mr. Hensleigh Wedgewood, president of the Josiah Wedgewood Company, to select a memorial plate to be ready before the start of the University's 75th Anniversary in 1958.

That noon we had lunch with Mr. Alfred Jacobsen, president of the Amerada Oil Company, which has drilled 85 per cent of the more than 600 wells now producing oil in North Dakota. Mr. Jacobsen, who was awarded an honorary doctor's degree by the University in 1954, indicated a great interest in all activities on the campus, particularly in the field of geology. He hopes to return to the University for a visit in May.

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A total of ninety-eight alumni attended the dinner in Washington. The oldest alum-

nus in attendance was the Rev. Rolla Currie, who started at UND in 1886. Two former governors of North Dakota were in attendance with their wives, Fred G. Aandahl and William Langer. Dr. A. V. Overn, former head of the graduate division at UND, and his sister Annette were in attendance, also.

After the dinner, we were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gillett, who have had three sons at the University. Their daughter, Marie, is a member of the famous Walter Reed swimming team and has broken one existing world record in A. A. U. competition. Her friends expect her to win a place on the U. S. Olympic team and to break several world records in winning gold medals for the United States in the forthcoming Olympic games in Australia.

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Arriving in Pittsburgh on February 29, we were met at the train by Ed Hallenberg, assistant director of the Westinghouse Research Laboratories. We spent part of the morning in conference at the Westinghouse offices with the vice president in charge of engineering, Dr. John Hutcheson, prominent electrical engineer and UND alumnus. He informed us of the fine work that UND engineering graduates were doing, that their background and training was thorough, that they always had their feet on the ground and were not afraid of hard work. He said Westinghouse was looking to the University and other colleges for 1,400 graduate engineers this spring, but that he feared they would be able to fill only 700 of the positions, due to the shortage of graduates.

Twenty-six attended the alumni dinner that night. Among those attending was Gordon R. Jenkins, 1926, now of Louisville, Kentucky, but who was in Pittsburgh on business. His father was a long-time professor of electrical engineering on the UND faculty.

We attended special conferences in the Educational Center and Research Laboratories. The next day we were guests at the University of Pittsburgh. Colonel Jesse Davis, head of the Air ROTC unit at UND from 1951 to 1955, who now is assigned to Pittsburgh University for

study, made a number of important contacts for us. We had lunch at the Educational Center of Westinghouse on Thursday with three of our alumni — Milton Wachtel, Frank Sattler, and Ed Hallenberg—as well as other Westinghouse officials.

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Art Walper was in charge of the March 2 gathering at Cleveland, which had twenty-eight attending the dinner in the Cleveland hotel. Coming the farthest distance was my brother, Dr. Oral H. Stone of Toledo, who completed the medical course at UND in 1938 and at Harvard in 1940.

We were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Gustafson for lunch at Shaker Heights Country Club.

We appreciated greatly the fine arrangements made for the meetings and conferences at all of the places we visited —no detail was missed in making our trip successful in every way. President Starcher was greatly impressed by the loyalty, fine enthusiasm, and general interest of our alumni everywhere. In fact, the alumni director of a university four or five times larger than UND told us that the spirit of our University alumni was something to behold. Big institutions, such as his, he said, fail to instill in their graduates anything like the allegiance and loyalty of UND alumni. "You have two and three times the turn-out at your reunions as compared with the number we can muster," he stated.

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In my talks to the alumni groups, I told them of the progress and developments being made in North Dakota. I cited the Air Force Base to be constructed 14 miles west of Grand Forks at a cost of \$200,000,000. Some 5,000 Air Force personnel will be stationed there when the base is completed in a few years. Some of the contracts already have been awarded for runways, base buildings, housing, etc., and construction is getting underway. Minot has a similar project.

I pointed to the great Garrison dam project, now nearing completion at a cost of \$300,000,000. The largest earth-filled dam in the world, it measures 12,000 feet in length. Eventually it will provide water to restore Devils Lake, Stump Lake and Turtle Lake

to their former levels, and assure an adequate water supply for an irrigation system over a wide section of the state.

North Dakota, I informed our graduates, now had 620 producing oil wells and 29 natural gas wells, with a total oil output of 40,000 barrels per day. The largest of three refineries, the one at Mandan, has a capacity of 38,000 barrels a day.

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I stressed the importance of lignite to the state and nation, pointing to the availability of 300 billion tons of this fuel in North Dakota as estimated by the U. S. Bureau of Mines, whose lignite research laboratory is located at the east edge of the campus. This would be enough to last the nation 2,000 years at the present rate of consumption, if no other fuels were available.

I emphasized, however, that prosperity in North Dakota depends on (1) adequate rainfall and (2) commodity prices high enough to bring a good return to our farmers. We have been sufficiently blessed on both scores to bring about reasonable prosperity to the state during the past 15 years.

Concluding on a UND Founders Day note, I pointed out the advances attained by the University in recent years due to the great generosity and support of its alumni and friends.

The important items on this list included the Student
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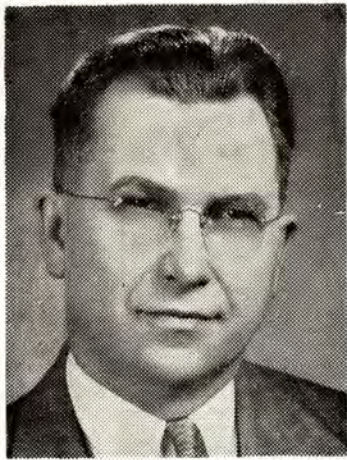
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CARROLL E. DAY

Crash Kills Sen. Day, R. Arneson

Victims of a fatal plane crash during a snow squall on March 3, 1956, were Carroll E. Day, 1931; his son Kingsley, age 16; Richard B. Arneson, Grand Forks insurance agent, and his son Harold, 16. The quartet was returning to Grand Forks from a basketball tournament held at Fargo when the accident occurred.

Day was an attorney and president of KNOX, Grand Forks radio and television station. Elected to the North Dakota state senate in 1943, he was regarded as a top-notch political strategist. He is survived by his widow, the former Fern Slater, 1925; a son, Carroll, Jr.; and a daughter, Dawn.

Arneson is survived by his widow, four sons and five daughters, among them Elroy, 1953, Grand Forks; Fred, 1952, Grand Forks; Ray, 1952, Hancock, Minn.; Earle, 1943, Antioch, Calif.; Eloise, 1953, (Mrs. John Page), Denver, Colo.; Evonne, 1953, (Mrs. Hugh Bray), Beverly Hills, Calif.; Elaine, ex1951, (Mrs. Gerald Hoffman), Chicago, Ill.; and Gloria, 1954, (Mrs. Robert McKinnon), Pasadena, Calif.

Fifty-nine alumni were received into our midst with the graduation of that number at the University's mid-year Commencement on January 28, 1956.

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 Union, the Medical Center, artificial ice for the hockey program, the swimming pool in the Fieldhouse, the scholarship program, funds for awards to the faculty, grants for research and a University public relations program.

President Starcher, in his talks, outlined the upward enrollment trend. He discussed the building program now in progress, including Fulton Hall, the new dormitory for women; housing for married students; the new President's house; and plans for a new Rehabilitation Center. He emphasized the immediate and urgent need for more buildings if the University is to be prepared adequately for future enrollment increases. Among these, he stressed the need for a new administration building, a science building, and a mineral industries classroom and laboratory building.

The President outlined academic changes now under way—the new University College for freshmen, the emphasis on fewer and better courses, the new Honors work program for superior students, committee studies of our curricula, increased emphasis on graduate work.

President Starcher emphasized the importance of its alumni in the University picture. He praised their support of scholarship programs bringing top students to the campus

and said their continued interest and support was of great importance to the program of making the University widely known as one of the best small universities in the nation.

Alumni funds, he said, help in getting many things not available through legislative appropriations—such things as funds to bring distinguished visitors to the campus, funds to send faculty members elsewhere for study or conferences, all of which improve the quality of classroom teaching.

"Our job is by no means finished, for there are many needs yet to be met, new programs called for, and better ways of doing things still to be discovered. For all of these, alumni advice and help will be needed. Your encouragement is appreciated by us all," he concluded.

Our only regret concerning the trip was that two of our noted alumni, John Hancock and Maxwell Upson, were hospitalized, and we were denied the pleasure of seeing them. However, we were asked to extend their greetings to all of their friends among University alumni and supporters, and we are glad to be able to report that both were to be released from the hospitals soon.

Chester King, 1951, is teaching school in Puente, Calif. The Kings have two children—Timothy, 4, and Kathy, 3. They recently purchased a home in Puente.

News Notes

Mrs. Matthew J. Maughan (Blanche Neumann, 1950) is the Registrar at the Chicago College of Osteopathy, where her husband is preparing to be an osteopathic physician and surgeon.

Mr. and Mrs. William P. Bidelman, ex1936 (Verna Shirk, 1940), have moved to Mount Hamilton, Calif., where Bidelman is an assistant astronomer at the Lick Observatory, which is operated as a part of the University of Calif.

Jeannine Peterson Feraco, 1950, is now residing in San Jose, Calif., where her husband, Andy, is attending the San Jose State College. Their son Craig is now 2 years old.

Kenneth Scholz, 1950, is a project engineer with Whittaker Gyro in Van Nuys, Calif. He is married and has a son, Jeffrey, 10 months.

Edgar B. Evenson, 1935, writes from Zaragoza, Spain, that he and his wife and family would welcome any UND alums, faculty, or students who plan to visit Spain. Zaragoza is located 600 miles north of Sevilla.

Dr. and Mrs. Roger P. Mattson, 1946 (Eilene M. Skoglund, ex1947) are living in Casper, Wyoming, where Dr. Mattson is in charge of the Radiology Dept. of the Natrona Memorial Hospital. They have two daughters, Linda and Nancy.



Pictured here are members of the San Diego, Calif., University of North Dakota Alumni Club. The group met December 6, 1955.

Plans for Reunion Progress

Plans for the 50th reunion of the Class of 1906 and organization of the half century club are progressing satisfactorily, according to O. B. Burtness, Chairman of the Committee.

Judge Burtness received a letter from P. E. Burke, former student of UND in 1904-05. Burke now lives in Las Vegas, Nev. During his lifetime he has worked on newspapers in Winnipeg; San Francisco; Chicago; Scobey, Mont.; and Las Vegas. One of his sons is on the law faculty of George Washington University, another in the F.B.I. and a third with the A.E.C. in the Marshall Islands. He has three married daughters.

Burke is writing a book, "Dakota Background." His brother, E. W. Burke, completed law school at UND in 1907, practiced in the Minot area and died in Portland, Ore., in 1932.

Harry McDonald wrote, "My plans are to attend the reunion at UND June 1."

A. B. Comfort of Tacoma wrote: "I have made a notation on my calendar so that I will be constantly reminded of the coming event and will endeavor to arrange my schedule accordingly."

A letter from W. B. Bleecker from Brownsville, Texas, recalls many pleasant memories at UND., "I entered in 1893 but did not graduate. I am sure many old timers are on tip toes of expectancy about attending the reunion banquet of half-century graduates next June."

A dinner for all UND alumni and former students who attended prior to 1906 is scheduled as the first reunion event, Friday, June 1, at 6 p. m. in the Student Union. At that time officers for the newly formed half-century club will be elected.

Charles (Chuck) Wolfe, former University of North Dakota cage great, has seen a lot of action in recent games as a forward with the Peoria Caterpillars of the National Industrial Basketball league.



Walter Schlosser, 1913, above, of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, was one of the largest contributors to the University Development Fund in 1955.

QUARTERLY REVIVED

The North Dakota Quarterly (originally the University of North Dakota Quarterly Journal) has recently been revived and is available at a subscription rate of \$3:50 per year. The publication includes articles by faculty, alumni and citizens of North Dakota. Subscriptions are available through Dr. J. R. Ashton, University Library.

CORRECTION

F. Douglas Birdzell, 1953, received a Juris Doctor Degree not at the Michigan University School of Law but at UND's Law School in June, 1955. The error was in our February issue.

News Notes

Mrs. John L. Sproul (Bev-erly Wilde, ex1950) is living in Paris, France, where her husband is with the O.S.I. of the Air Force. The Sprouls have a son, Gregory Micheal Wilde Sproul, born October 17th, 1955.

William E. Cook, 1949, was recently promoted to the position of Supervising Psychologist II at Alton State Hospital, Alton, Illinois. **LeRoy Kletti, 1952**, has been promoted to the position of Psychologist II at the same hospital where he has been employed for the past year.

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Group Rates For Follies Announced

Group rates for tickets to UND's Flickertail Follies will be available again this year, according to Duane Flaa of Wahpeton, business manager of the 31-year-old variety show.

The rates, for groups of 20 or more persons, reduces the ticket price from \$1.80 to \$1.50 per ticket. The rate reductions are for the Monday night performance only.

Flickertail Follies will run Monday through Wednesday, April 30-May 2. The nationally-known show will be represented at the Central High School Auditorium in downtown Grand Forks. Student manager of the show for the second year in a row is Wendell Hanson of Anamoose.

First Barnes Scholarship Award Made

The first annual award of \$250 from the Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Barnes Memorial Scholarship, recently established by the children and friends of the Barnes, was made to Kathryn C. A. Flom, UND sophomore from Thief River Falls. The award is made on the basis of scholarship, need, character, and citizenship.

Recipients of the Loyde C. Thompson Co. scholarship of \$200 were Lionel deMontigny, Grand Forks sophomore, and Shirlee J. Lockhart, Baldur, Manitoba, sophomore.

Three University students recently received alumni scholarships of \$50 each in special fields. They are John D. Spillum, Larimore, music; and James M. Knauf and Curtis Geatz, Grand Forks, hockey.

Alumni News Notes

Wallace C. Olson, 1950, recently transferred from Lockheed Aircraft in Burbank, Calif., to Lockheed Missiles in Van Nuys, Calif., where he is a design engineer. Last spring Mr. Olson was elected to the Board of Directors of the San Fernando Valley Professional Engineers Club. He also is a member of the National Society of Professional Engineers and is a registered M. E. in the State of California. He is married to the former Suzanne Burkman, ex1948, and they have a son, Robert. At present Olson is working for his masters degree in mechanical engineering at the University of Southern California.

Former University of North Dakota All-Conference Center **Jon Haaven** has been discharged from the army and is back in school. He will not play this season, but will use his one remaining year of eligibility next season.

William L. Backer, 1950, who has been employed with General Electric Co. since 1950, last June completed their business training course for college graduates and accepted a position in Louisville, Kentucky, where he is a procedures analyst and programmer for the UNIVAC electronic computer. (This is the first computer in the country to be used to handle business problems.)

Announcement was made recently of the appointment of the **Rev. Howard A. Slaatte, ex1942**, minister of the Free-land, Mich., Methodist Church, to the position of professor in the department of systematic theology of the interdenominational school at Temple University in Philadelphia, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Slaatte and their two children will reside at Lynnewood Gardens in Elkins Park, a suburb of Philadelphia. They have been in Free-land since June, 1951.