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For Distinguished Service

5 Alumni Granted High U Honor



**BARDI
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**CLARENCE L.
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**CHRISTINE
FINLAYSON**



**JOHN D.
MACKENZIE**



**DR. STEWART
CLIFFORD**

The Alumni Association is bestowing one of its highest honors—the Distinguished Service Citation—on five of UND's prominent sons and daughters this spring.

Receiving the honor at the Alumni Dinner Friday June 3 at 6 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom, during the annual Commencement Reunion, will be:

Bardi G. Skulason, class of 1895, Portland, Ore., attorney.

John D. MacKenzie, class of 1918, New York City mining engineer and industrialist.

Dr. Stewart H. Clifford, class of 1921, Boston specialist in pediatrics.

Prof. Clarence L. Robertson, class of 1911, educator and Jamestown (N. D.) College faculty leader.

Miss H. Christine Finlayson, class of 1912, state supervisor of home economics, NDAC, Fargo.

George Longmire, 1947, Grand Forks, was chairman of the committee which acted upon nominations received from alumni throughout the country for this award. The citations, on which the awards to the five graduates were based, read in part:

600 Seniors to Swell Alumni Ranks

U to Welcome Graduates June 3-5

More than 600 seniors and graduate students will join the ranks of the University's alumni June 5 at the annual commencement exercises.

Frederick L. Deming, president of the Federal Reserve Bank, Minneapolis, will be the principal speaker—and big things are planned for all UND returning graduates starting Friday June 3 with the alumni dinner in the Student Union at 6 p.m.

Events Saturday include the Alumni Board of Directors session at 9 a.m., coffee hour

at President and Mrs. Starcher's home from 10 to 11 a.m., informal luncheon at noon, open hou for Old Timers and Commencement guests at the J. Lloyd Stone residence from 2:30 to 4 p.m., and the Half Century Club banquet in the Union at 6 p.m. All members of the Class of 1910 will be initiated into the Club.

On Commencement day, Sunday, the Old Timers' breakfast will open the program at 9 a.m. in the Union. Seniors will hold their final class meeting in the Field-

house at 9:30 a.m. with parents and friends invited.

Dr. Marcus Bach, School of Religion, State University of Iowa, will be the speaker at baccalaureate exercises at 11 a.m. in the Fieldhouse. Following informal cafeteria dinner in the Union at noon, the commencement exercises will begin in the Fieldhouse at 2 p.m.

The President's reception in the Student Union Lounge will conclude the events, with everyone welcome.

BARDI G. SKULASON

Mr. Skulason has been a practicing attorney in Portland since 1911. A native of Iceland, where he was born in January, 1871, he entered the University on Oct. 18, 1888—just four years after it had opened its doors.

He was admitted to the North Dakota Bar on Sept. 7, 1897, and practiced in Grand Forks, first with Frank B. Feetham and later with Olger B. Burtness.

In 1911, he moved to Portland and was admitted to the Oregon Bar. His first law partner was Guy C. H. Corliss, who also had been a pioneer legal figure in North Dakota. Since October, 1928, he has practiced alone.

Mr. Skulason, who was a member of the North Dakota (Continued on page 2)

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legislative assembly of 1909, served as Icelandic counsul after going to Oregon. He also was a member of the Oregon State Public welfare for 16 years.

During World War I, he served with the Quartermaster Corps of the U. S. Army.

DR. STEWART H. CLIFFORD

Stewart Hilton Clifford, internationally recognized authority in the field of Pediatrics, completed work at UND in 1921 preparatory to receiving his M.D. degree at Harvard Medical School in 1925. He was born in Grand Forks, Sept. 12, 1900. Dr. Clifford has been co-investigator and project director of the National Institute of Neurological Diseases and Blindness at Boston Lying-in Hospital. He also is national chairman of this group's perinatal research unit. He is a frequent consultant at Washington, D. C., health conferences.

After completing his internships in Boston Hospitals, he entered private practice there in 1929. He is assistant clinical professor of pediatrics at Harvard Medical School, pediatrician-in-chief of Boston Lying-in Hospital, and chief of the Newborn Service, Boston Children's Medical Center.

A member of many state and national medical societies, he was president of the American Academy of Pediatrics in 1957-58. He is a member of the Editorial Board of the *Journal of Pediatrics*, and has headed numerous research projects for the Cerebral Palsy Review Committee. Titles of his important medical publications fill three and a half closely typed pages.

JOHN D. MacKENZIE

A native of Hensel, N. D., Mr. MacKenzie is president and chairman of the board of American Smelting and Refining Company, one of the world's largest companies of its kind.

After his graduation from UND in 1918 with the degree of B.S. in Mining Engineering, Mr. MacKenzie received a U.S. Bureau of Mines fellowship at the University of Utah. He completed his M.S. in Metallurgy there, following nine

months service in the U. S. Army during World War I.

He began his service with American Smelting and Refining as a chemist and metallurgist in 1920 at its Garfield, Utah, plant. He served successively as assistant plant superintendent at Garfield; consulting metallurgist at the company's Peru operation; manager of its East Helena, Mont., plant; general manager of its Selby, Calif., plant, and vice president of its federated metals division.

In 1946, he was named general manager of Asarco's Western Smelting Department, which includes all plants west of the Mississippi River. In 1949 he became vice president in charge of all of the company's domestic and foreign smelting and refining operations.

In April, 1958, he was elected president of the company, and in August of that year, the firm's board chairmanship was added to his duties. The firm had earnings of 13 million dollars in 1959.

CLARENCE L. ROBERTSON

Professor Robertson, chairman of the Department of Education and Teacher Placement Director at Jamestown College, has been a leading figure in North Dakota educational circles for nearly 50 years.

He was born near Willow City, N. D., Dec. 29, 1889, and was graduated from Willow City High School in 1907. He received the B.A. degree and Bachelor's Diploma in Education from UND in 1911.

He served as head of the Hebron, N. D., schools for nine years. He served in the Infantry in World War I, and, upon his return from the Army, was named first commander of the Hebron American Legion post.

In 1920 he was appointed State High School Inspector and Examiner, and served as deputy state superintendent of public instruction for one year. He became superintendent of schools at Jamestown in 1924, and became professor of education at Jamestown College in 1939. In 1931, he earned the degree of Master of Science in Education at UND. He also has done post graduate work

Historic Moment



This was the historic moment when ground was first broken for the campus' new \$1,000,000 Chester Fritz Library. President Starcher is shown turning the first sod. Looking on, are Architect Theodore Wells, State Board Member Fred Orth, Contractor Walter Johnson, Librarian Donald J. Pearce, Business Manager, E. W. Olson, Alumni Director J. Lloyd Stone and Alumni President Loyde Thompson. In the background is the present library.

at the University of Minnesota.

He has been active in many civic and fraternal organizations and served for one year as Ninth District Governor of Kiwanis. He was on the State High School Athletic Board for several years.

H. CHRISTINE FINLAYSON

Miss Finlayson began her leadership in North Dakota home economics education in 1922. She was graduated from UND in 1912 with the B.A. degree and later from Teachers College, Columbia University, with an M.A. She was born April 15, 1890, in Bottineau.

Before becoming State Supervisor of Home Economics Education, she taught in Michigan (N.D.) and Jamestown high schools and did emergency work during World War I.

When she began as state supervisor, 441 students were enrolled in homemaking in 11 North Dakota high schools. Adult homemaking classes had 316 students.

Last year, 4,728 students were enrolled in homemaking

classes of 101 schools. Adult classes had 2,445 enrollees.

In the years between, Miss Finlayson initiated many new programs and assisted all of the schools in planning home-making departments.

Active in many organizations
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News of UND Alumni 'on the Go'

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Burbidge, 1954 (Nancy Shelley, 1956), are the parents of a son, Steven John, born September 2, 1959. Mr. Burbidge is taking law at the University of Minnesota and Mrs. Burbidge is on the staff at the University Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry D. Culkins, '57, (Jan Robinson, '58), Buckroe Beach, Virginia, announce the birth of a daughter, Mary Elizabeth, April 11, 1960.

A fourth child, Timothy Shane, was born May 5, 1960, to **Lt. and Mrs. Vance E. Olson, '54 and '51**, Albuquerque, N. M.

WEDDINGS

Joan M. Graff, 1954, married M. G. Silva recently in the Carmel Mission at Carmel-by-the-Sea, Calif. Mr. and Mrs. Silva will be at home near Patterson, Calif., after a month's trip to Mexico City and Acapulco.

Sally Stewart, 1958, and **Richard Bowles, 1959**, were married on December 28. Mr. and Mrs. Bowles will be at home in LaCrosse, Wis., where he is employed by the U. S. Gypsum Company.

Huldah Vaaler, 1930, became the bride of John Barton on December 26 in Phoenix, Ariz. Mr. Barton is in the lumber business in Vermillion, S. D., where they will make their home.

Lolita Mariquita Leon Guerrero, 1960, and **Charles J. Huxel, Jr.**, were married on February 6. Mrs. Huxel is the daughter of the acting gover-

nor of Guam. They will make their home in Grand Forks, where Mr. Huxel is employed by the U. S. Geological Survey.

Judith Costello, 1958, and Paul Erlandson were married on December 27. They are at home in Kennedy, Minn.

Betty Booker, 1956, was married to Paul Nielsen on August 16, 1959. She received her M.A. degree this summer from Northwestern University and is a speech therapist in the Milwaukee Public Schools. He is a civil engineer with the city of Milwaukee, Wis.

Erwin R. Johnson, 1954, and Arlene M. Amundson were married recently in Bottineau, N. D. They are making their home in Fargo where Mr. Johnson is office manager for the Northern Improvement Co.

Gretchen Lum, 1960, was married recently to James Moffet. They are living in Minneapolis where Mr. Moffet is employed by KSTP radio.

Janet Barker, '55, and Donald Blue were married April 7. Mr. Blue is a senior research physicist. They are living in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

DEATHS

Melvin J. Roalsvig, 1925, died in a Tacoma, Wash., hospital November 13, 1959. He had been in ill health for several years.

John Thorpe, 1910, St. Paul, Minnesota, died March 5, 1960, at Mesa, Arizona, where he and Mrs. Thorpe were visiting. He was assistant attorney general in North Dakota from 1926 to 1930. Later he was Farm Credit Association general counsel in St. Paul.

1910

T. O. Kraabel, ex1919, has joined Vanguard in Washington, D. C., as director of the Vocational Rehabilitation and Education Service.

Thomas E. Whelan, 1916, U. S. Ambassador to Nicaragua, visited at his home in St. Thomas, N. D., and Grand Forks in October.

Dr. G. A. Abbott of the University visited **Ben Miller, 1911**, an electrical engineer at the City Power Plant in Boise, Idaho, recently.

W. H. Elznic, 1912, will retire from the teaching profession at the end of the current school term after 42 years of instructing in the State of North Dakota.

Mrs. C. M. Johnston (Della Rees, ex1911), Diamond City, Alberta, has returned to teaching at the age of 70. She stopped teaching in 1917, but has been a substitute teacher for many years. She began studying for a permanent teacher's certificate two years ago by correspondence.

Mrs. Florence McFadden, '19, was named Alumna Teacher of the Year on Teacher Remembrance Day, observed annually in Los Angeles. The former Florence Gallup, she taught in Los Angeles High School until she retired two years ago.

1920

Alfred B. Meeg, '25, has been appointed vice-president of sales of the Bell & Gossett Co., Morton Grove, Ill.

Edward McDermott, 1921, Chicago, represented the University of North Dakota School of Law at the 287th Convocation of the University of Chicago in Rockefeller Memorial Chapel on May 1. Gov. Nelson Rockefeller spoke at the Convocation and honorary degrees were conferred on the Chief Justice of the United States, the Secretary General of the United Nations, the Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain, and others.

Charlotte Logan, '26, Bismarck, was elected as one of the first women elders in the First Presbyterian Church of Bismarck in February. She was also honored by the Bismarck Branch of Legal Secretaries by being nominated as Legal Secretary of the Year.

Ralph A. Procter, '23, Philadelphia, represented UND at the 64th annual meeting of The American Academy of Political and Social Science in Philadelphia.

Armin Rohde, '25, Grand Forks, North Dakota, has been named to the board of directors of the Pioneer Mutual Life Insurance Co. of Fargo.

1930

John E. Peterson, 1936, of Evanston, Ill., has been appointed lecturer in business administration in the North-

western University school of business and as director of the University's institute for management.

Comdr. Harold A. Robinson, 1938, has been appointed acting inspector of naval material for northern Ohio. He will be responsible for administration and inspection of 110 million dollars in Navy contracts.

Paul Yoder, '30, is featured in an article in Beta Theta Pi fraternity's national magazine. Now a nationally famous composer and arranger of band music, Yoder received an honorary degree in music from UND in 1958. He has published more than 1,000 musical compositions.

Charles C. Libby '31, is the author of newly-published book, "Motor Selection and Application." The book has been added to the Blue Key Library, which contains publications written by people associated with UND. Libby is the son of the late Dr. Orin G. Libby, head of the Department of American History at the University from 1902 until his retirement in 1945. Charles Libby recently moved to Freeport, Ill., as sales manager of the Electrical Division of Fairbanks, Morse and Co.

The 1960 Cherry Blossom Princess representing Alaska is Ann Palmer Ghiglione. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Angelo F. Ghiglione of Washington, D. C. Mrs. Ghiglione is the former **Alice Palmer, '31**.

Charles H. Rodewald, '31, is president of the City Commission in Tioga, North Dakota.

1940

Dr. Myron J. Talbert, 1944, has been elected president of the medical staff of the Redlands, Calif., Community Hospital. Dr. Talbert practiced medicine in Grand Forks for several years.

Glenn G. Geiger, 1948, has been promoted from agency representative to general agent of the New England Mutual Life Insurance Co., New York City.

William N. Leonard, Jr., '48, has been ordered to duty as Assistant Supply Officer on the Staff of Commander Fleet Air, Eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean in Naples, Italy.

Alumni Meetings

An alumni picnic is scheduled for Clifford Seglem's, 302 Pritchard Lane, Wallingford, Pa., Sunday, May 29. Dewey King, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N. J., is chairman.

Saturday, June 11, is the date for an alumni meeting in the Frontier Room, Comant Hotel, 1913 Farnam Street, Omaha, Nebraska. A social hour at 5:30 will be followed by dinner at 6:30. Leif Holt, 4005 Newport Ave., Omaha 12, is chairman.

With Our Alumni: Boyd Is Postmaster

Paul B. Boyd, '28, one of UND's all-time athletic greats, has been nominated for the position of postmaster of Glendale, California, now a city of 117,000.

In the civil service examination for the post, Boyd placed first among 33 candidates, an all-time postoffice Department high.

Under his confirmation by the Senate, Boyd will serve as acting postmaster.

Boyd moved to Glendale in 1946 following service in World War II, and with Gor-

don A. Martin, another UND alumnus, established the Cook Coffee Co., a retail firm patterned after the Jewell Tea Co. home delivery plan. He disposed of his share in the business in 1955 to devote full time to business counseling. Prior to the war, he had been executive vice president of Jewel.

A native of Colorado, he won nine letters at UND, starring in football and basketball. He served as president of the Glendale Rotary Club in 1958-59.

O'Connor Honored

Dr. Clarence D. O'Connor, '21, will be awarded an honorary doctor of letters degree June 6 at commencement ex-

ercises of Gallaudet College, Washington, D. C. Gallaudet is the world's only college for the deaf.

Dr. O'Connor has been superintendent of the Lexington School for the Deaf in New York City since 1935. A leading educator of the deaf in the United States, he was instrumental in helping to set up the office for captioned films for the deaf in the U. S. Office of Education.

A graduate of St. Thomas, N. D., High School, Dr. O'Connor holds an A.B. degree and an honorary doctor of humanities degree from UND. He formerly was principal of East Grand Forks Central High School and he held an instructorship in Wesley College at the University.

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tions, she was the first president of the North Dakota State Division of American University Women. She had held many offices in the North Dakota Home Economics Assn., and was voted "North Dakota Woman of the Year" in 1954 by the North Dakota Administrative Women in Education.

The first life membership in the American Vocational Assn., ever held by a North Dakotan went to Miss Finlayson in 1949, and she holds honorary membership in the National Assn. of Future Homemakers of America.

38 at TRF Session

Dr. Milt Starekow was elected president of the Thief River Elks Club on April 13.

The group, which heard President George Starcher tell of latest developments at UND, also elected G. I. Sholy, Warren, vice president; Joe Forberg, Thief River Falls, treasurer.

Also attending from Grand Forks were Athletic Director Leonard Marti, Alumni Director J. Lloyd Stone and Gordon Caldis, alumni member of the UND Athletic Board of Control.

In all, 38 persons attended. They included:

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Brown, Goodridge; Dr. and Mrs. D. E. Ostby, Plummer; Mrs. Aza Cooper, Bemidji; Mr. and Mrs. Jay Peyton, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Reinbold, Mr. and Mrs. G. I. Sholy, all of Warren;

H. O. Berve, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Gausen, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Schlechter, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Rossi, Mrs. John McGinley, Mr. and Mrs. Neal Fox, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Forberg, Dr. and Mrs. Milton Starekow, V. M. Draper, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Evenstad, James Winjum, Norm Peterson, all of Thief River Falls.

Set New Awards

Two new scholarships have been established in the UND Law School.

A \$2,000 scholarship trust fund honoring the late Judge Olger B. Burtness has been presented to the UND Alumni Association by Mrs. Burtness.

Alumni Secretary J. Lloyd Stone said that income from the fund will be used to provide a scholarship each year to the University law student receiving the highest grade in the Constitutional Law course.

Judge Burtness died early this year.

The second scholarship, the

Murray Award, was established by William S. Murray, '39, Bismarck attorney. It will grant \$100 annually to the graduating law student who excels in legal writing and draftsmanhip.

The award was established in honor of Murray's father, J. K. Murray, who died last March 9; his uncle, William S. Murray, who died in 1957; and his mother, Paula Emma Murray, who died in 1954.

Winners of both awards will be selected by the School of Law faculty.



Richard C. St. John, 1934, chief of the Advanced Studies Division, U. S. Army Transportation Research Command, Fort Eustis, Virginia, and former chief of command and Test Division, has been reassigned to Headquarters, 6th United States Army, Presidio, San Francisco.

Lt. Col. St. John is a native of Cooperstown. He received a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering at UND. He is a recognized expert in testing and evaluation of new concepts of military transportation equipment.

Dr. Nomland, '22, Dies in Iowa City

Dr. Ruben Nomland, '22, head of the State University of Iowa's department of dermatology and syphilology, died April 13 at Iowa City. He had been hospitalized with a heart ailment since April 2. He was 61.

James C. Warling, 1949, works in Facilities Engineering on the design of rocket engine test stands for Rocketdyne, a division of North American Aviation, Canoga Park, Calif.

One of the most widely known dermatologists in the nation, he received his M.D. degree at Rush Medical College, Chicago, after finishing the UND medicine course.

Before going to Iowa, he interned at Cook County Hospital, Chicago; was a fellow at the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, and was on the faculty at Rush. He was a native of Buxton, N. D.

He is survived by his wife, a son and a daughter.