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For Work in Agriculture and Swedish-American Relations: Dr. J. O. Christianson Honored

Dr. J. O. Christianson, Superintendent of the School of Agriculture, has recently received two significant honors. He was elected to faculty membership in Gamma Sigma Delta, Honor Society of Agriculture, on November 4, 1954. In January, 1955, His Majesty the King of Sweden, conferred upon him the insignia of knighthood of the Royal Vasa-Order, first class. Here are the announcements as they were made:



Dr. Christianson

Membership in Gamma Sigma Delta

"It is our pleasure to invite you to faculty membership in the Honor Society of Agriculture, Gamma Sigma Delta.

"The objective of Gamma Sigma Delta since its organization in 1905 has been to encourage high standards of scholarship in all branches of agricultural pursuits. Your invitation to membership is a recognition by the Minnesota Chapter of your personal attainments and contributions to agriculture."

The Minnesota Chapter dates from 1916.

From the Swedish Consul General

"It is with greatest satisfaction and sincerest pleasure I hereby have the honor to inform you that it has pleased His Majesty the King to confer upon you the insignia of knighthood of the Royal Vasa-Order, first class.

"The place you hold in the foremost rank of Swedish-American University men and within Swedish-American circles is everywhere known, as are also your

tireless efforts in various ways to further and extend the relations between the United States and Sweden in diverse spheres all of which is appreciated most highly. Your lively interest for Swedes and Swedish affairs, which have given constructive results, have been valued particularly high."

C. F. Hellstrom
Consul General
Swedish Royal Consulate
Minneapolis, Minnesota

At the time of Dr. Christianson's visit to Sweden in 1948, arrangements were made for the Swedish Student Exchange program sponsored by the American Swedish Institute in cooperation with the School of Agriculture. As a result of this work 58 young Swedish farmers have learned about Minnesota's rural people and its agriculture. Each student has had six months experience on a Minnesota farm and two terms of training at the School of Agriculture on the St. Paul Campus.

Dr. Christianson was president of the American-Swedish Institute from 1950-1953.

Livestock Judging Team First In Beef at Brookings Contest

Six student livestock judges and their coach, Dr. Woodrow J. Aunan, attended the Midwest Livestock Judging Contest at Brookings, South Dakota, on February 28. They won first place in beef judging and were second in the over-all contest.

Dennis Carlson, Worthington, received the highest score in beef for the Minnesota team and Clyde Burmeister, Lakefield, topped his teammates in total scoring for the contest.

Other members of the team were: Wilfried Hachmann, Jasper; Donald Nickel, Mountain Lake; Dennis Bottem, St. James. Richard Meyer, Welch, was alternate judge.

Summer Reunions

DISTRICT I—August 7, 1955, Soldier's Field, Rochester, Minnesota. Counties: Dakota, Dodge, Fillmore, Freeborn, Goodhue, Houston, Mower, Olmsted, Ramsey, Rice, Scott, Steele, Wabasha, Waseca, Washington, Winona.

DISTRICT II—June 26, 1955, Fort Ridgely State Park, South of Fairfax, Minnesota. Counties: Blue Earth, Brown, Carver, Chippewa, Cottonwood, Faribault, Hennepin, Jackson, Lac qui Parle, LeSueur, Lincoln, Lyon, Martin, McLeod, Murray, Nicollet, Nobles, Pipestone, Redwood, Renville, Rock, Sibley, Watonwan, Yellow Medicine.

DISTRICT III—July 17, 1955, Wilson Park, St. Cloud, Minnesota. Counties: Aitkin, Anoka, Becker, Benton, Big Stone, Carlton, Cass, Chisago, Clay, Crow Wing, Douglas, Grant, Hubbard, Isanti, Kanabec, Kandiyohi, Meeker, Morrison, Mille Lacs, Ottertail, Pine, Pope, Sherburne, Stearns, Stevens, Swift, Todd, Traverse, Wadena, Wilkin, Wright.

Watch local newspapers for exact places and for possible changes in dates and meeting places.

MIDSUMMER REUNION of the School of Agriculture on the St. Paul Campus, Saturday, June 11, 1955. This program begins at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium in Coffey Hall and concludes with a dance in the gymnasium.

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Hans Odell Writes

Have you ever experienced another country's customs and way of living? If not, you have really missed something. For example, what do you know about your own United States' administration work or your farmers' organizations when you don't have any other systems with which to compare them?

Six years ago when Eldon Torkelson from St. James was working for my dad in Sweden, I became very interested in "the big country out West" which, of course, is the U.S.A. Eldon was one of three American boys who, for the first time, visited Sweden on an exchange program. Before he came to my home he worked on another farm for about three months. Already in that short time Eldon was able to speak good Swedish. I remember that my father told me to use my knowledge of English while Eldon stayed with us. But as you know, even with five years of English in school, it is a big jump to carry on a conversation. Eldon knew Swedish, so why should I be troubled with English?

It certainly was a great pleasure for our whole family to have an American boy on our farm, not only because of the extra help we derived, but far more important was the information we obtained about his country and its customs which gave us the feeling of being very close to other people in a country several thousand miles away.

When Eldon had been in Sweden a year and was about to leave for his home in Minnesota, we both said that one day we hoped to see each other again. And we did! Five years later I came to Minnesota to see if it really was as Eldon had told us. You bet! It certainly was a great moment when we saw each other again and many memories were recalled about the time of Eldon's stay in Sweden. I was very happy that during my time in Minnesota I could work for Eldon on his farm. My parents and the rest of my family back home also were happy because they knew the farmer I was going to work for. I had a splendid time last summer with Eldon and his family even if I got back some of that heavy work Eldon had been put to do at home.

Banquets—Banquets

There is no better way to "top off" a successful season than to hold a banquet. At least, that is the pattern set by SAUM organizations.

The **Toasters** started off with their annual affair on March 2 at the Hasty Tasty Cafe. Robert Yates of Stewartville, acting as toastmaster, contributed to a fast moving program of brief talks by club members.

Mr. J. L. Morton, President of the Minnesota Farm Bureau, addressed the group and presented each new member with the official Toasters pin.

The high point of the banquet came when Dr. J. O. Christianson also received a Toasters pin in recognition of his contribution to the club since it was started in 1949.

The **Athletic banquet** was a new venture initiated by the Lettermen's Club.

The fine attendance at this event on March 8 was a testimonial to the athletic teams for representing the School of Agriculture in an outstanding way.

There were other testimonials from the athletes to their coaches. Both Mr. Joseph Nowotny, as basketball coach, and Mr. Eugene Hadley, wrestling coach, received gifts from the team members.

Douglas Bolstorff, varsity basketball player, gave a challenging talk on the value of sports, and following the banquet, visited at length with many interested players.

At the **Dairy and Livestock Club** banquet on March 9 members heard Dr. Woodrow Aunan, their adviser, stress the importance of decision, not only in livestock judging, but in life generally.

Gary Scharberg, Rapid City, South Dakota, as master of ceremonies filled in on a very fine program including music by the swing band, songs by Wayne Freund of Cando, North Dakota, and a brief talk by Donald Nisbit, St. Charles, president of the Dairy and Livestock Club.

The livestock judging team and the winners of the showmanship contest were honored.

A special vote of thanks goes to Miss Lucille Streater, Manager, Agricultural Cafeteria, and Miss Nada Ahrens for the wonderful food arrangements for these banquets.

Religious Organizations Serve S.A.U.M. Students

Students who come to the School of Agriculture find that the religious organizations which are available to them, both on and off campus, are an important phase of their life here. These organizations are

especially helpful for those who leave home for the first time. Since most of the students come from homes in which church activities play an important role, it becomes a stabilizing factor to know that away from home they meet people who hold the same



Miss Loewen

faith and ideals as they, and that there is someone here who is interested in their spiritual well being. These organizations help to bridge over the period of homesickness.

Most students find churches of their own denomination within walking distance of the campus. All of these churches sponsor Sunday evening activities for the students. The Newman Foundation takes care of the Catholic students. Protestant students gather with other young people of the community in the Congregational and Presbyterian Fellowship and the Wesley Foundation. The Lutheran Students Association meets every Sunday night in the Student Union on the campus.

During the week many protestant students meet on Wednesday evening for Bible study. On Sunday morning students of all faiths join in a Song Service in the Fireplace Room of the Home Economics Building. A tradition of long standing, this joint service has had a unifying influence on the entire student body year after year.

The above article was prepared by Miss Aganetha Loewen who, as dormitory director, keeps in close contact with all students. She is faculty adviser to the Sunday Morning Song Service, instructor in German, and faculty adviser to the Agrarian.

Student Activity Awards 1954-1955

Students who did outstanding work in each of the many activities were recognized at the final convocation.

Summer Project Awards

Students completing the best projects in each department were rewarded with a copy of "University of Minnesota" by James Gray. Agricultural Economics: Adrian H. Ackerman, Sauk Rapids (Benton County); Agricultural Engineering: Roger W. Zopfi, St. Paul (Ramsey County); Agronomy and Plant Genetics: Raymond C. Swenson, Brooks (Red Lake County); Dairy Husbandry: Donald Nisbit, St. Charles (Winona County); Poultry Husbandry: Theodore L. Erion, Waubun (Mahnomon County); Rhetoric: Garry A. Scharberg, Rapid City, South Dakota; Rural Leadership and Rural Community Betterment: Marvin D. Johnson, Maple Plain (Hennepin County).

Neil J. Dvorak, Philbrook (Todd County) was awarded \$10.00 by Northern States Power Company, Minneapolis, for his project in rural electrification.

Band Emblems

Seniors in the School of Agriculture band were presented with emblems on the recommendation of Mr. Ivar A. Glemming, Director.

Donald A. Althoff, Newport (Washington County); Lola A. Berens, Excelsior (Carver County); John E. Erickson, Red Lake Falls (Pennington County); Donald E. Hoehne, Lamberton (Cottonwood County); Joyce M. Kuenkel, Bayport (Washington County); Barbara J. Madden, Marshall (Lyons County); Robert D. McDonald, Fisher (West Polk County); David P. Olstad, Hanska (Brown County); Alfred W. Paulson, Hanska (Brown County); Veronica E. Walters, Lynd (Lyon County); Lowell L. Wright, West Concord (Dodge County).

Winter Term Scholarships

Award: "Abraham Lincoln" by Carl Sandburg

1st, Lyle E. Dahlgren, Lake Park (Becker County), 4.000; 2nd, William R. Pinney, LeSueur (LeSueur County), 3.880; 3rd, Lawrence E. Bjorsness, Newfolden (Marshall County), 3.850; 4th, Robert E. Yates, Stewartville (Olmsted County), 3.833; 5th, Adrian H. Ackerman, Sauk Rapids (Benton County), 3.826; 6th, Edward W. Anderson, Cambridge (Isanti County), 3.741.

Rhetoric Department Recognition

A copy of "Minnesota Writes" donated by Mrs. Carmen Nelson Richards was awarded to four students for originality, quality, and amount contributed to the SAUM Writing Booklet.

Garry A. Scarberg, Rapid City, South Dakota; John E. Westphal, White Bear Lake (Ramsey County); Phillip A. Toedter, Staples (Wadena County); Frederick G. Janssen, Barnesville (Clay County).

The winners of the Extemporaneous Speaking Contest, Adrian Ackerman, Sauk Rapids (Benton County), and Marvin Johnson, Maple Plain (Hennepin County) also received the book "Minnesota Writes" as did Thorild K. Nelson, Nicollet (Nicollet County) for achievement in pronunciation.

The Pendergast Award given by Sophie Pendergast White of Hutchinson, was awarded to Lewis G. Miller, Canby (Yellow Medicine County) for proficiency in English. This award consisted of copies of American Heritage, Nos. 1 and 2.

Work on Agrarian Recognized

For tireless effort in preparing the 1955 Agrarian three students were awarded "University of Minnesota" by James Gray.

Editor, David P. Olstad, Hanska (Brown County); Assistant Editor, Neil J. Dvorak, Philbrook (Todd County); and Business Manager, Arthur B. Lloyd, Truman (Martin County).

Livestock and Crops Judges

To the Livestock and Crops Judging Teams went a copy of "Try Giving Yourself Away" by David Dunn.

Crops Judges were: Gail E. Suter, Guckeen (Martin County); Jerome A. Gernes, Winona (Winona County); Lawrence E. Bjorsness, Newfolden (Marshall County).

Livestock Judges were: Dennis T. Bottem, St. James (Watonwan County); Clyde J. Burmeister, Lakefield (Jackson County); Dennis H. Carlson, Worthington (Nobles County); Wilfried J. Hachmann, Jasper (Pipestone County); Donald P. Nickel, Mountain Lake (Cottonwood County).

Seniors with High Scholarship

Awards: Columbia Viking Desk Encyclopedia, The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, Better Homes and Gardens Handyman's Book.

1st, Jerome A. Gernes, Winona (Winona County); 2nd, Lawrence B. Bjorsness, Newfolden (Marshall County); 3rd, Dennis T. Bottem, St. James (Watonwan County).

Fourteen Win Gold Letter "A"s

These students were selected by their instructors and fellow students to receive gold letter "A"s in recognition of their unselfish service to the student body and their accomplishments in the classroom.

Adrian H. Ackerman, Sauk Rapids (Benton County); Lawrence E. Bjorsness, Newfolden (Marshall County); Richard F. Dohrmann, Sleepy Eye (Brown County); Neil J. Dvorak, Philbrook (Todd County); *Marvin D. Johnson, Maple Plain (Hennepin County); Owen A. Knutson, Pine Island (Goodhue County); Dorothy A. Leyh, Bertha (Ottertail County); Arthur B. Lloyd, Truman (Martin County); Lewis G. Miller, Canby (Yellow Medicine County); *David P. Olstad, Hanska (Brown County); Garry A. Scharberg, Rapid City, South Dakota; Esmerelda M. Tews, Hutchinson (McLeod County); Donald B. Weigel, Pillager (Cass County); Robert E. Yates, Stewartville (Olmsted County).

* Also winners in 1953-54.

Fall Term Scholarships

Award—"Doctors Mayo" by Clapesattle
1st, Lyle E. Dahlgren, Lake Park (Becker County), 3.950; 2nd, Lewis G. Miller, Canby (Yellow Medicine County), 3.880; 3rd, Jerome A. Gernes, Winona (Winona County), 3.864; 4th, Marvin D. Johnson, Maple Plain (Hennepin County), 3.864; 5th, Lawrence E. Bjorsness, Newfolden (Marshall County), 3.857; 6th, Dale L. Brooks, Byron (Olmsted County), 3.850.
(4.0 is a straight A average)

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Sports Teams Finish Strong in Tough League

Basketball Team Tops Tournament

The Aggie Basketeers at SAUM, St. Paul Campus, had a most gratifying season. They started the season with one returning letterman, Captain Adrian Ackerman, and then were fortified during the winter term by the return of letterman Dean DeWitz. This Aggie team was out experienced three to one by their opponents based on previous high school experience. Two of the starters had never played high school basketball.



Joe Nowotny

Coach Joe Nowotny realized that the potential for a good late season team was a possibility after a good deal of experimenting by various combinations. The main coaching problem was putting together an entirely new group of players with different styles of play, and developing a unit that would work smoothly together.

The team as a whole realized the problem and by a great cooperative effort and sheer determination they became a team that was not only successful, but left something here for all future Aggie teams to aim for. It could be summarized as follows: to keep faith with your comrades, a stout heart in defeat, controlled pride in victory, and the development of a sound body and a clean mind. In seventeen weeks of daily practice there were only eight absences.

In the final standings the Aggies won ten and lost nine games, but steady improvement in late season contests brought them these honors: second in the conference, post season tournament champions, and five players on the all-tournament team.

Statistics indicate the closeness of the competition; total season points, Aggies 1013, opponents 997; or a total of 16 points spread over 19 games; average points per game, Aggies 53.3, opponents 52.5, or only .8 of 1 point per contest.

Setting up this enviable record were the following students: Captain Adrian H. Ackerman, Sauk Rapids; Clarence J. Antonsen, Prior Lake; Stanley J. Blasey, Ada; Arthur A. Carlson, Pepin, Wisconsin; Dean W. DeWitz, Good Thunder; Alvin C. Ebeling, Brewster; Theodore F. Hiebert, Bingham Lake; Harold E. Krenzel, Good Thunder; G. Bruce Miller, Glencoe; Donald P. Nickel, Mountain Lake; Bradley F. Pederson, Minneapolis; James S. Stone, Hendricks; John M. Truwe, Amboy; Manager Alan J. Huesmann, Caledonia; Assistant Manager Fred G. Janssen, Barnesville; and Scorer and Statistician Duane C. Duden, Red Wing.

After winning the post-season tournament championship play-off, the following Aggies were selected on the All-Tournament Team: Captain Adrian Ackerman, Arthur Carlson, Dean DeWitz, Harold Krenzel, and Bradley Pederson.



Wrestlers Win Final Five Matches

The wrestling team at SAUM, St. Paul Campus, has just completed a most successful season. The team showed the results of hard work and a good mental attitude by constant improvement right through to the last match and, thereby, won all five of its last matches. Throughout thirteen contests the team never had a "breather." Every match called for top flight performance because of the caliber of the schedule.

Coach Hadley started the season with one letterman, yet seven of their matches were against State College teams such as St. Thomas, Macalester, St. Cloud Teachers, and Carleton of the Midwest Conference. Another team was the top team in the suburban conference and this past season's state champion.

For example, with one letterman returning, the Aggies scheduled, on a home and home basis, a team that had a combined total of seven years of state runners-up experience, in addition to four years of state champion experience on its squad. The Aggies lost two matches to this opponent by a total margin of only 5 points. Four matches that the Aggies lost were by a total of 11 points, or an average of less than 3 points per contest.

This will give you an idea of how close the competition was. The average opponent's score through thirteen matches was 17.78, and the Aggie average was 17.61, a difference per match of only .17 of a point. Total points for the season were, Aggies 229, opponents 232; 3 total points difference for thirteen contests.

Any sports enthusiast would have to take off his hat to the Aggies of '55 and their coach, Mr. Hadley. Letter winners on this outstanding team were: Arthur B. Lloyd, Truman, Captain; Edward W. Anderson, Cambridge; Dennis T. Bottem, St. James; Everett L. Richards, Dexter; Delbert L. Royer, Rushmore; Norris G. Shugren, Cambridge; Dale E. Specht, Elk River; Ralph M. Woolley, Jr., Rochester; Manager Robert E. Poole, Truman; Assistant Manager, Ralph L. Radtke, Cosmos; and Eugene W. Hadley, Coach. Congratulations and a hearty handshake to a fine team and coach.