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Alumni, Students, Graduates, and Friends of the School . . .

This issue will come to you just before the Alumni Reunions at the School of Agriculture on the St. Paul Campus. The alumni days are set for Sunday and Monday, March 16 and 17. We are herewith carrying a report on plans from Mr. Victor Dose of the Class of 1937, who is secretary of the School of Agriculture Alumni Association.

This issue of the *Agreview* is going to every member of the Alumni Association. Even though the special reunions are pointed particularly to the 10 and 5 year classes, as Mr. Dose indicates, still I know it is the wish of all of us here as well as the alumni that any of you who can so arrange come back to the old School on Monday and Tuesday, March 16 and 17.

You will find many, many changes with new buildings under construction. You will have difficulty finding your way about the Campus. However, we are all happy with the progress that is being made with the construction of a new student center, new dormitories for the college students, and the anticipation of starting soon with the new food service center and many, many other buildings in process or in anticipation. The old School carries on with the same philosophy and the same ideals that have characterized it throughout its 70 years. This fall, October 18, it will be just 70 years since the School opened.

Significance of the School of Agriculture

Since its beginning in 1888, the School of Agriculture, through its program and spirit, has served Minnesota and contributed much toward making it one of the leading states in agriculture. This has not come about by accident, but rather through a dedicated program of developing a philosophy built around leadership and technical training.

This fall, October 18, it will be 70 years since the doors opened for the first group

of some 40 students. That was the beginning of a great idea, a dream, sponsored by many people, particularly the Committee of the Grange made up of J. D. Scofield, W. C. Chowen, and J. A. Bull. In those early days this School of Agriculture served young people who came directly from grade schools. But there was developed here under the leadership of the various men serving at the head of this School during those years, a philosophy of faith in this country, in agriculture, and in the future. Out of that came constructive leadership in farming and in agriculture in general.

I, myself, count it a distinction in being one of the five heading this School through its 70 years. One can only live and work

with the fine young people who come here for the courses in technical agriculture and in leadership training, cultural subjects, practical nursing and home management and food technician training and in the many related fields which enable them to live a more significant and useful life—one can only observe and be a part of that ongoing program to have a sense of creative building.

Through my years as head of this School thousands of students have gone through and have returned to their farms and their homes. Courses have been adjusted to meet the changing needs in agriculture. The School has modified its curriculum and its offerings to meet these changing needs. At the present time, as at the very beginning, the School course is made up of 2 years—6 months each year, with a 6 month period of project work or application of teaching practices on the home

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REUNION SET FOR SAUM ALUMNI

Over 500 alumni are expected at the 67th School of Agriculture Reunion on March 16 and 17.

President Kenneth Law, '15, at an early meeting of the officers and executive committee of the Association noted that "nothing in the way of time, effort and preparation is to be spared to give the returning alumni the best reunion program in the history of the Association."

The Institute of Agriculture will be the center of these activities. The classes being honored this year are: '93, '98, '03, '08, '13, '18, '23, '28, '33, '38, '43, '48, '53, and the current graduating class of 1958. The interest indicated by the alumni this year is tremendous and a record attendance is expected.

Coffey Hall will be the headquarters for alumni on Sunday, March 16, and all honored classes will hold their individual class reunions in Coffey Hall, the Ag. Union, Home Economics Building, Dexter Hall, and Meredith Hall, with the Alumni Sunday Night Supper following the class reunions.

The Party Dining Room, Ag. Cafeteria, will be Alumni Headquarters, Monday, March 17, where coffee will be served for visiting alumni and friends. The annual Alumni Banquet on Monday evening, March 17, will be entirely an alumni program with Frank W. Peck, '08, former executive with the Farm Foundation at Chicago, President of the Federal Land Bank, St. Paul, and Director of Agricultural Extension, University of Minnesota, as master of ceremonies.

The Golden Anniversary Class of 1908 will receive special recognition through their class representatives, the class of 1958 will be received into the Association, and a prize will be awarded to the alumnus traveling the greatest distance.

Announcements, class lists, and reservation cards will be mailed to each member of the honored classes. All alumni are cordially invited to attend. Your newspapers and radio will carry special announcements.

—VICTOR G. DOSE, '37
Secretary, Alumni Association

GREETINGS, ALUMNI . . .

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farm in the spring and summer intervening.

Wherein the early days students came largely from the grade school, practically all of the students now come from high school. They are the ones who definitely plan on farming but who, for one reason or another, do not plan to go through the 4 year college program. There are a great many of those young people in the state for whom this School offers the opportunity of this shorter training program.

The original purpose of this School was to train people for rural living. It still continues to be that and in so doing emphasis is placed, as in the beginning, on the spiritual development and the moral stability out of which people may grow strong within themselves and contribute to the strengthening of the community, state, and nation of which we are a part.

More and more, educators are appreciating the fact that technical training alone will not meet our needs. Even in this year of Sputnik, we still maintain that there must be a philosophy of life and a faith in oneself which enables folks to be true to the eternal values of decency and tolerance and patience and helpfulness out of which grow all that is worthwhile.

In speaking of the significance of this School of Agriculture, one must recognize the fine contributions made in the various subject matter fields through the years by all of the departments on this Campus. Outstanding leaders in science and research have through the years consistently contributed to this program of training young farmers to return to the farm. So it has been through the years that this School of Agriculture has served Minnesota because of a loyal and dedicated staff and a real sense of service to the farm people of this state.

Many visitors who have come to this School of Agriculture from other states and other countries throughout the years have been impressed with the spirit and the loyalty of the alumni and the general philosophy that characterizes the entire training program in the School.

As we look to the future, we still see these young farmers finishing high school who are anxious to get a short period of training in technical agriculture and in leadership. We see the girls wanting training in practical nursing and home management. We see girls wanting training in food technician work in order that they may serve in rural hospitals as assistants to the dieticians and we see the opportunity of continuing to serve in the interest of better rural living through meeting the needs of these young people.

This School is unique and to you who are being graduated this year, may I call attention to the slogan which we emphasize with each year, "Make This Your Finest Year." That, essentially, is the objective of the program in this School of Agriculture. May it be the program for

each of you—may it be the program by which all of us serve. We do it by preparing ourselves better to meet the oncoming problems of the day and by supporting those programs and institutions which contribute toward that objective.

Swedish Students Write Home

We continue to get letters from our six young men in Sweden. They have had a remarkable experience there and we anticipate their return sometime in March. This year we have only one young man going to Sweden. He is Dan Christensen of the Class of 1957 of Dassel, Minnesota. He will be leaving the latter part of March to work on the Rockler Farm in Ostergotland. We are awaiting the coming of 7 young men from Sweden and 3 or 5 from Denmark this year.

These students are already placed on farms in Minnesota. They will be arriving here the latter part of March.

First New Student Enrolls

The first new student to enroll for the fall term of the School of Agriculture opening on Monday, October 6, is Ralph Zeise of Redwood County. We have had many letters of inquiry about various courses in the School and we are looking forward to a good enrollment next fall.

Don't forget that all of you may serve as field people or missionaries to interest young people in the program in this School. Don't forget that we offer a program here in practical nursing and home management covering 6 terms. We also offer a course in food technician training covering 9 months, 6 months here in the School and 3 months at the University Hospital. These are outstanding courses and the girls who have taken them have been most happy in the fine opportunities that have been made available to them in preferred employment.

Then finally, don't forget the training opportunities for those young men who have finished high school and who definitely plan on farming and do not plan on going through 4 years of college for a degree. We all know that there are many, many of those young folks out in the country who could profit from the opportunities available here. May we ask each of you alumni to contact some young person and direct him in this way if such counseling seems to be advisable.

Fall Term Honor Point Ratio

The honor point ratio for the dormitory record, fall term, 1958, is as follows:

Dexter Dormitory	2.634
Dining Hall Dormitory	2.419
Meredith Hall Dormitory	2.309

The honor point ratio for the entire student body is 2.434.

COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

As indicated elsewhere in this issue, Sunday and Monday, March 16 and 17, will be devoted to the alumni reunions, alumni supper Sunday night, alumni banquet Monday night. In connection with the Sunday program for the alumni, it is anticipated that following the supper up in the School Dining Hall, the alumni will then come to the Commencement Sermon in the Auditorium of Coffey Hall. Our speaker this year will be Dr. Hugo Thompson, Professor of Philosophy and Religion, Macalaster College, St. Paul.

We hope that all of the classes back for the reunion will include this commencement sermon at 8:00 o'clock, Sunday, March 16, as a part of their program here at the School of Agriculture.

On Wednesday, March 19, Dean and Mrs. Harold Macy and Mrs. Christianson and I will give a reception for the graduating class and parents in the Fireplace Room of the Home Economics Building from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m.

Graduation exercises will be held in the Auditorium of Coffey Hall at 8:00 o'clock on Wednesday evening, March 19. At that time, Dr. T. H. Fenske, Associate Dean of the Institute of Agriculture, will deliver the Commencement address.

Dr. Harold Macy, Dean of the Institute of Agriculture of the University of Minnesota, will present the diplomas. Dr. Katharine J. Densford, Director of the School of Nursing, University of Minnesota, together with Miss Eugenia Taylor, Assistant Professor of the School of Nursing, will cap the Practical Nurses. So will be concluded the 69th year of the School of Agriculture of the University of Minnesota.

Beginning in October, the School will open for its 70th year. So, during part of the Centennial of the State, we will be celebrating the 70th year of the School of Agriculture. As I have indicated previously in this report, we can all be proud of the great contribution this School has made in the ongoing program of agriculture in the State of Minnesota. We shall look forward to continuing that service to meet the changing problems and needs.

SCHOOL OF AGRICULTURE LOYALTY FUND

Some years ago there was set up under the Greater University Fund of the University, an item for the School of Agriculture Loyalty Fund. Many of the alumni have contributed to it at the beginning and some have continued contributing a little bit each year.

It is out of this fund that it is possible to secure aid for projects not covered by regular budget items. It may be in the line of getting out some booklets or giving some help to needy students or arranging a project for the entire student body where the funds are not sufficient. We may then call on some aid from the School of Agriculture Loyalty Fund.

In fact, the description of this fund is: "The purpose of this fund shall be to receive gifts for various purposes and needs in the School of Agriculture—St. Paul Campus—that are beyond the means of normally available budgeted funds. The purposes may include the procurement of amenities for the School, the stimulation of student projects, and such activities as serve the general interests of the School, the students, and the alumni."

At the present time, the Greater University Fund is circularizing all of the alumni of the University requesting gifts for the Greater University Fund for scholarships, fellowships, prizes, loans, research, instruction, and equipment. Buildings and facilities are also recipients of aid through this Greater University Fund.

In the listing that I have in front of me, which made up the Greater University Fund Newsletter sent out by Mr. Robert Provost, the Director, a few weeks ago, there are over 80 different significant projects to which contributions may be made. The School of Agriculture Loyalty Fund is one of those projects, bearing number 36.

If anyone would care to contribute something toward this fund, it may be sent directly to the Greater University Fund, Coffman Memorial Union, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis 14, Minnesota, designating that the money be allocated to the School of Agriculture Loyalty Fund, project number 36. Or, if it is preferred, it could be sent directly to me here at the School and I will see that it is allocated to this project.

In that listing of scholarships, we find one item, number 22, known as the Minnesota Indian Youth Scholarship Fund. The original description of that fund is: "To establish scholarships for American Indian Youth in the School of Agriculture, St. Paul Campus, University of Minnesota." Anyone who is interested in contributing toward this type of project may send in a contribution for this specific one.

These are the two projects which are pointed directly toward School of Agriculture activity, although all of the other projects have a related interest to the work of the School as well as all other branches of the University.

Extemporaneous Speaking Contest Held

The Extemporaneous Speaking Contest was held on Tuesday, February 18. The following were the speeches and the contestants:

The St. Lawrence Seaway—Bruce Bremer, Lake City, Minnesota.

Minnesota Centennial—Roger Carlson, Spicer, Minnesota.

Satellites, a New Era—William May, Farmington, Minnesota.

The Geophysical Year—Ronald Webster, Lafayette, Minnesota.

The quality of the presentations was excellent. The judges were Mr. Robert Gilmore, Instructor, School of Agriculture; Mr. Ernest Thompson, Instructor, Rhetoric; and Mr. Thor Kommendahl, Associate Professor, Plant Pathology. This is an activity arranged for by the committee on Extemporaneous Speaking with Miss Monica Langtry of the Rhetoric Department in charge.

The winners of the contest were:

- 1st—William May, Farmington
- 2nd—Bruce Bremer, Lake City
- 3rd—Ronald Webster, Lafayette
- 4th—Roger Carlson, Spicer

The first and second place winners will present their talks over the Friendly Road Radio program on Monday, March 3 at 12:00 noon and Monday, March 10 at 12:00 noon over the University station KUOM.

RECENT DEATHS

We are saddened to learn of the death of Mrs. Henry Rudolph (Elin Johnson) of the Class of 1938. She had been ill for the past two years and died of cancer on September 23, 1957. Surviving are her husband, two brothers, and one sister—Roland Johnson, Class of 1934; Gordon Johnson, Class of 1936; and Mrs. Dewey Herbst all of St. Peter, Minnesota. Our sympathy goes out to them.

I received a letter from Elmer Soehren telling us of the passing of his father in August of this past year. Dan Soehren was one of the pioneers. Our sympathy goes out to his family.

We also have a report telling us of the death of Clare Wildner, a graduate of the School of Agriculture in the Class of 1905. This report comes to us from Mr. Allan L. Pickett, also a member of the Class of 1905. Our sympathy goes out to the surviving members of the family of Clare Wildner of Solon Springs, Wisconsin.

FIELD MEET REPORT

The 66th Annual Indoor Track and Field Meet at the School of Agriculture was won by the Central Team with 70 points, South was second with 60, and North third with 42. Considering the fact that there are 17 events in the meet, the scoring was very close and changes in points over just 1 or 2 events could have changed the positions around considerably. With two events remaining, the difference between 1st and 2nd place was 61-57 or 4 points.

Much credit should be given the Athletic Representatives of the teams for getting their team members into their best events for the contests. Representatives were: South Team — Joanne Lang, Yolanda Smith, Harvey Hesse, and Francis Wanous; Central Team—Karen Albers, Sheila Soine, Elton Braun, and William Storlie; North Team—Carolyn Olson, Darlene Schlicht, Rodger Brandt, and Dennis Anderson.

One of the stars of the meet was Duane Schultz, Central Team, who for the second year in a row broke a good high jump record. In 1957 he raised it from 5 feet 7½ inches to 5 feet 10¾ inches; and then this year raised it to 5 feet 11 inches. This is a very good height, especially for an indoor jump.

The other outstanding contestant was Wayne Hohenstein who was second in the shot put to record holder Joe Regnier of Central; second in the high jump to record breaker Duane Schultz; and Wayne Hohenstein also swam on the victorious swim relay team for the South.

Leo Kramer of South had a very good day in that he won the half mile and was second in the quarter-mile.

William Stevermer of the South Team ran an exceptional mile to win in 5:13. The mile record of 4:52.6 is extraordinary in that it was set in 1928 by a most outstanding cross country runner, yet Bill came within 21.6 seconds of breaking or tying that record.

Glenn Haugrud of North ran an exceptional quarter mile and was within 1.1 seconds of breaking that record.

As you can see this was a fine meet and let's keep in mind for next year that these records can be broken with a real good try, so next year let's really go out and give future classes "Something to remember us by."

I wish to thank personally all of the students who, by their participation in events and in numerous other ways, helped so much to make the Track and Field Meet such a very fine activity. I thank you most sincerely.

—Joseph A. Nowotny
St. Paul Campus Gymnasium

Many of you so called "old timers" remember this Mid-Winter Field Meet as having been held every year since back in the nineties, I believe. In fact, I believe the first Field Meet was held in 1893 out on the Fairgrounds. It used to be a Mid-Winter Field Meet and Homecoming but in recent years it has developed into more of a local Field Meet with emphasis on Homecoming now put on for the reunions in March.

Hope to see many of you here for the reunions.

Sincerely,



J. O. Christianson, Superintendent
The School of Agriculture and
Director Agricultural Short Courses
University Farm, St. Paul 1, Minn.

Pass This on to a Prospective Student . . .

Post-High School Vocational Training in Home Economics, Practical Nursing and Home Management, Food Technicians Work, and Office Training and Home Management—Fall Quarter, October 6-December 19, 1958. Winter Quarter, January 5-March 19, 1959. Spring Quarter (For Practical Nurses and Food Technicians only)—March 23-June 5, 1959.

The **Practical Nursing and Home Management** curriculum is sponsored jointly by the School of Nursing and the School of Agriculture at the University of Minnesota. The combined training in Practical Nursing and Home Management makes this curriculum at the University of Minnesota particularly unique and significant. The six University quarter training program includes nursing education and supervised experience in University Hospitals, in special homes for the aged, and in rural hospitals, as well as training in home management. Graduates upon passing State Board Examinations become licensed practical nurses. **Practical Nurses Course opens, September 29, 1958.**

The **Home Economics** curriculum is arranged primarily to train young women to become efficient homemakers. It is also possible for them to select work in fields which leads to an employment objective.

The **Food Technician** curriculum is sponsored jointly by the School of Home Economics, the School of Agriculture, and the University of Minnesota Hospitals. The combined training makes this curriculum particularly significant. The three University quarter training program includes instruction in nutrition and supervised experience in the University Hospitals. Graduates are eligible to accept positions as assistants to hospital dietitians.

This is a basic curriculum arranged by the School of Agriculture in cooperation with the University Hospitals of the University of Minnesota to train food technicians for work in hospitals and other institutions.

Dormitory life on the campus provides opportunities for making new friends. Sports, plays, concerts, and movies are only a few of the recreational possibilities provided. Men and women work together in dramatics, music, religious organizations and other clubs.

The fees for tuition, books and equipment average approximately \$42.00 per quarter. Room and board are available on campus at reasonable rates. There are some opportunities for employment to help defray expenses. Loan funds and scholarships are available for those worthy and

well qualified. Students will be admitted at the opening of the fall term on Monday, October 6, 1958.

Application blanks and catalogs may be secured from the School of Agriculture, Institute of Agriculture, University of Minnesota, St. Paul 1, Minnesota.

Opportunities for Post-High School Vocational Training in Farming at the School of Agriculture, Institute of Agriculture, University of Minnesota, St. Paul 1, Minnesota. Fall term dates—October 6, 1958-December 19, 1958. Winter term dates—January 5, 1959-March 19, 1959.

Post-high school vocational training in farming is provided to fulfill the increased need for more efficiency in farm operation and to provide more effective leadership in rural communities. Many high school graduates are interested in farming and home management as a vocation. For one reason or another they may not plan to follow a four year program for a degree. However, they are interested in further training on a *post high school basis* in order that they may take their places of leadership and responsibility more significantly in rural communities:

A vocational training program pointed primarily for high school graduates is offered at the School of Agriculture on the St. Paul Campus of the University of Minnesota. Here the student is in attendance during the fall and winter terms. During the spring and summer he is enrolled in supervised training on the home farm.

A few of the many practical courses offered to meet this need are mechanical training, dairy stock feeding, tractor and gas engines, forage crops, farm implements, farm buildings, poultry management, livestock feeding, farm management, livestock breeding, soils, metal working, vegetable gardening, veterinary studies, rural sociology, leadership, parliamentary procedure, economics, public speaking, and numerous other courses.

With the fall and winter terms covering the period from October through the middle of March, it is possible for students to continue participation in the operation of the home farm by being there during the busiest seasons. High School graduates may complete the course work for graduation in two fall and winter terms. The School of Agriculture is located on the St. Paul Campus of the University of Minnesota as one of the units of instruction within the University Institute of Agriculture.

Facilities are available through the University for a complete social and recreational program. Opportunities are available and students are urged to participate

in music, dramatics, rural leadership, and athletics. Tuition, books, laboratory, and equipment fees total approximately \$42.00 per term. Board and room are available on the campus at reasonable rates. Scholarships and loan funds are available to those worthy and qualified.

Any young man interested in enrolling in agriculture and any young woman interested in home economics, practical nursing and home management, and food technician work should make request for application blanks and catalogs from the School of Agriculture, Institute of Agriculture, University of Minnesota, St. Paul 1, Minnesota.

SCHOLARSHIP RECOGNITION

The honor point ratio for individual students during the fall term, 1957, indicate the following nine students as winners of the Caleb Dorr Scholarships single term prize. These students will be awarded a book at the final award convocation at the end of this winter term. The Caleb Scholarship winners are as follows:

Jens Jensen, Denmark	HPR 4.000
Charles Berigan, Minneapolis	3.950
Russell Johnson, Grantsburg, Wisc.....	3.739
Lyle Mehrkens, Red Wing	3.667
James Foss, Kenyon	3.571
Selmer Smith, Minneota	3.571
Donald Arens, Wheaton	3.565
Loretta Larson, Mabel	3.560
Mrs. Marlene Leidner, Rosemount	3.526

These nine students were above 3.500 which means they were nearer an "A" than a "B" as far as an average is concerned. It is significant to note that Jens Jensen of Denmark maintained a straight "A" average.

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