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Dean Walter C. Coffey Chief Speaker at 1932 Commencement Exercises

Dean Walter C. Coffey of the University Department of Agriculture spoke to the graduates and their many friends gathered in the auditorium Tuesday afternoon, March 22, for the forty-second annual commencement of the School of Agriculture, on the present economic conditions surrounding agriculture and its development, pointing out the relation between future success and present day preparation.

Dr. Lotus D. Coffman, President of the University, made his first public appearance since his return from his travels in Australia, Japan, New Zealand, China, and the Philippines, and before presenting the seniors with their diplomas, told of his impressions of those countries, their attitude toward the United States, and suggested that one way to bring about friendship between nations and to help relieve worldwide depression was to tear down trade barriers such as high tariff walls.

Houses built of glass blocks, and doors opened with a beam of light, lightning made into harmless electrical discharges, gallons of various patent medicines made for a few cents, tax dollars in motion, and historical charts of the School of Agriculture, were striking and practical illustrations that five graduates used to make their commencement talks vivid and informational. The seniors who appeared with dramatized talks were Lillian Wilson in Science in the Home; Aloys Gruenke, Fire Prevention on the Farm; Alma Josephson, Poisons and Cure-Alls; Carl Sierk, Taxation; and William Haight, History of the School of Agriculture.

Reverend Lloyd H. Rising of the St. Anthony Park Methodist Episcopal Church pronounced the invocation and the benediction. David Boland directed the faculty-student orchestra which played the processional and incidental music. Principal J. O. Christianson presided.

We realize full well that this is a time of depression—but the years go on nevertheless—these are your best years—carry on. It is usually easier to stay in a rut and make no advance, but the things that are worth while in life are not, as a rule, found along the easiest path. Now is the time to prepare for the future. Pack your trunk and make plans to be at the School of Agriculture Monday, October 3, for the opening of the fall term—the friendly school on the friendly campus.

J. O. Christianson

Tune In

Monday, Sept. 19—Why Attend the School of Agriculture, A. J. McGuire, '97, Manager, Land O'Lakes Creameries.

Monday, Sept. 26—Why Attend the School of Agriculture, J. S. Jones, Executive Secretary and Treasurer, Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation.

William Dankers, School '25, College '29, is pursuing graduate work in Agricultural Economics at Cornell University Summer School.

Laura Matson divided her vacation between managing Camp Izatys on Mille Lacs at Onamia and visiting her old home at Albert Lea.

Johanna Hognason spent most of her vacation at her summer cottage, Joholippi, which she built this spring on the banks of the Mississippi south of Champlin.

Principal and Mrs. Christianson visited many Aggies while enjoying a vacation at Long Lake near Hubbard, Minnesota, in July.

N. J. Holmberg '02, formerly State Commissioner of Agriculture, and now a member of the board of trustees of the Modern Life Insurance Company, was one of the Republican candidates nominated as representative to Congress in the June primaries.

Frank Peck Principal Speaker At Midsummer Reunion

Leadership, friendship, and loyalty are Aggie characteristics, said Frank Peck, School '08, College '12, Chief of the Extension Division at University Farm, in his talk to the group of alumni gathered for the Midsummer Reunion in the Auditorium, Saturday evening, June 11.

Principal J. O. Christianson presided and introduced the speaker. Mrs. Philip Larson led in the singing of familiar songs.

A faculty-alumni game provided amusement in the afternoon. The decisions of the umpire were not disputed by the spectators. Perhaps the private reunions on the sidelines were too interesting.

John Jaenicke '28 flew in his private airplane from Chicago to attend the reunion. His presence at the dance that followed the program in the Auditorium was the signal for congratulations from old friends on his success in commercial flying. Besides affording the pleasant recreation dedicated to Terpsichore, the dance was the occasion for many unexpected reunions. Principal and Mrs. Christianson were present to meet and greet the assembled Aggies. "Do you remember when?" was an expression frequently heard on the floor.

Eric Ahlstrand '25 was chairman of the general arrangements committee for the reunion. Charles Head '25 and Erhardt Bremer '26 had charge of the afternoon sports. The evening program was arranged for by Walter Clausen '31 and Gerritt Douwsma '31. Sharing duties on the dance committee were William Haight '32 and John Marrs '32, who decorated the gym, Elmer Woehler '29 and Gerritt Douwsma, who took tickets at the door, and Herman Imdieke '32 and Milton Swenson, who served refreshments.

Leola Ludtke Matske '27 brought her young daughter, Lou Jean, to visit at the Girls' Dormitory on June 24.

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Reunions

Summer reunions of the School alumni and friends of the School of Agriculture have not been affected by the depression.

The schedule of reunions and speakers for this summer has been as follows:

Saturday, June 11, University Farm—F. W. Peck, J. O. Christianson.

Sunday, June 19, Worthington—J. O. Christianson, Principal.

Sunday, June 19, Montevideo—Commissioner of Agriculture R. A. Trovatten '10, W. H. Dankers '25, Instructor in School of Agriculture and Project Supervisor.

Sunday, July 31, Houston—P. A. Swenson, Instructor and Project Supervisor

Sunday, July 31, Mankato—Principal J. O. Christianson and Congressman Victor Christgau.

Sunday, Aug. 7, Jackson County—Congressman Victor Christgau.

Sunday, Aug. 14, Goodhue County—Principal J. O. Christianson and Congressman Victor Christgau.

Sunday, Aug. 21, Nicollet County—Principal J. O. Christianson.

Sunday, Aug. 28, Watonwan Brown—Principal J. O. Christianson and W. H. Dankers.

The attendance has been exceptionally fine at all of these reunions, averaging over 200. Then in addition to all of these district and county reunions will be held the annual reunion at the State Fair grounds, Thursday, September 8, at 4 o'clock in the Alumni Headquarters Tent across the street from Pioneer Hall and the New England Building. Don't forget to call at this place whenever you are at the Fair. It is the place to meet old Aggie friends.

Honorable Victor Christgau, representative from the First district, was one of the 87 candidates for nomination to Congress in the June

primaries. In point of votes he won tenth place on the state-wide Republican ballot, missing the nomination by a very small margin. However, he led all candidates in his own district, thereby receiving a most convincing endorsement by the people of his district on his vigorous, independent and courageous policy in Congress.

Victor Christgau has made an excellent record in Congress and is regarded as an authority on agricultural economics. Because of that and because the First district is not represented by a Republican nominee, he is being urged to allow his name to be used on stickers in an independent campaign.

Excerpts From Radio Talk, Aug. 22—Dean W. C. Coffey

We have come to the time when provision for the adequate education of children is looked upon as a parental duty and it constitutes a vital part of what we may term a desirable standard of living. And so, as our farmers carry on, they must endeavor to educate their children.

But what kind of education? When it comes to the case of a certain child, we cannot say. Many factors enter into the determination of the type of education for the particular child. There is, however, a great basic industry, agriculture, which in these days of complexity and sources of power other than man power, requires more brains than brawn to run it. Despite low prices now, rest assured that this industry is calling for the service of trained minds and that minds trained to work in agriculture may expect to be rewarded quite as much as minds trained to work in various other fields.

I say, as emphatically as I can, that any capable boy or girl who likes to live in the country should be encouraged to stay there. And our country-minded children should have a type of schooling which fits them for working and living on the land. In our schools of agriculture they can get this kind of training. More than that, their respect for farming and their ambition to engage in it will increase as they study in these schools. Boys have enrolled in our schools of agriculture hoping thereby to find a means of getting away from the farm, only to have their viewpoint changed and as

a result they have gone back to the farm with a new decision relative to the possibilities of country life.

The records being made by our school graduates on the farms of Minnesota are ample proof that more of them are needed in the state. Their ability as farmers, as leaders in their communities prove the value of the technical, economic and social training given in the schools. The cost of this training to the individual is very low because the state has provided that the teaching and equipment be provided at very nominal figures.

Last Man's Club Hold Annual Meeting at Pendergast Hall

There were but two members of the Last Man's Club, Alfred Sjowell and Arthur True, present at the annual meeting at Pendergast Hall on Sunday afternoon, March 20, but the other seven members had sent letters and the stories of the year's happenings so the meeting occupied the entire afternoon. Graphs of the progress of each member were drawn, all in relation to the mystical goal of the Last Man's Club. Members who were not present to defend their present position were Victor Christgau, Rudolph Froker, Lloyd Nelson, Dwight Quam, Sherman Johnson, Edwin Austvold, Elmer Starch, and Walter LeMon.

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Magnus Christianson, '30, Luverne, is as active as always in club work, holding membership in the Royal Purple 4-H Club. This is his avocation; his vocation is farming with his father.

Grace Barbara was born to Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Nelson on November 7. She will make her home with them at Dennison.

Edwin Austvold, School '21, College, '26, is a member of the faculty of the Montana State College of Agriculture at Bozeman in the Land Classification and Utilization Department. In their study of the climatic history of Montana, it was discovered that the 1932 drought was the worst recorded in 500 years of tree growth.

An announcement of the graduation of Elmer C. Andrews from the Crescent City High School in California was received in June. Elmer was a student in the School of Agriculture before his family moved West.

Aggies Celebrate Nuptial

The marriage of Donald Mitchell of Worthington and Lillian Johnson took place at the bride's home in Owatonna on Monday, June 20. They will make their home at Worthington. Donald was a student in the School of Agriculture in 1927, and has brought his orchestra to University Farm to play at the last two Homecoming dances.

Miss Lela Van Doren was married on June 1 to Johannes Meeg-Andersen at her home in Farmington, where they will make their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Abdon Lager, nee Maud Wedin of Hector, celebrated their first wedding anniversary in March. They are living on the Lager home farm near Worthington.

Another Aggie romance culminated on June 22, when Irene Whitman '31 became the bride of Roy Madden of Marshall, Minnesota. Roy attended the School of Agriculture during the year 1929-30. The newlyweds will make their home on the groom's farm near Marshall. Their many Aggie friends wish them many happy years together.

They Are 4-H Club Leaders

Lillian Wilson '32 finds club work enjoyable in Goodhue, doubly so because she meets so many Aggie friends who are good club boosters.

It is Alma Josephson's '32 third season as club leader in Washington County, but she finds much in her work that is new and more challenging than in previous seasons.

Hilda Bartelt '31 is the 4-H Club leader for Redwood and Lyon counties, and is doing fine work.

Fred N. Johnson '26 is County Club leader in Douglas County. Since Douglas County has no County Agent, Fred is called upon to perform many of the duties of that office.

Lily Drews '31 leads the 4-H clubs of Beltrami and Clearwater counties, and Esther Peters '31 the Murray and Nobles counties clubs.

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George F. Krogh '06 is employed in the U. S. Engineer's office in St. Paul.

Percy Johnson '28 is managing the home farm near Stillwater.

George Schermer, student in winter of '29, has been attending college in Chicago.

Western Union Delivers Messages to Graduates of 1932

Mr. J. O. Christianson:

Please extend my congratulations and best wishes to Aggie graduates.

Victor Christgau '17

Mr. J. O. Christianson:

Unable to be present today. Our thoughts turn to St. Paul, and we send our hearty congratulations and best wishes to the faculty and members of the graduating class. If at any time any member should be visiting in New England, we will be glad to welcome them as our guests at our home.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. E. Sartain

Debate Teams Win Championship of Triangle Debate League of Minnesota Schools of Agriculture

Two victories, one over the Northwest School of Agriculture debate team, the other over the West Central School of Agriculture debate team, both on the same night, March 11, 1932, made the School of Agriculture debate teams and their fans happy, since it cinched to the School of Agriculture the championship in debate in the Minnesota Schools of Agriculture League.

The question, "Resolved, That the several states should enact legislation providing for compulsory unemployment insurance," was upheld by the affirmative team, Harry Nelsen '32, George Wilkens '33, and Myron Clark '33. They won the decision over the Crookston School at University Farm.

The negative team, Walter Clausen '31, Hjalmar Hulin '32, and Carol O'Daniels '33, bested the Morris affirmative team at Morris.

Miss Monica Langtry of the English department coached the winning teams and heard the local debate. Mr. Robert Lansing, chief of the English department, travelled with the negative team to Morris.

J. J. Chase '15 makes his home at 712 W. Seventh St., St. Paul.

Winnifred White '07 is a school librarian. Her home is at 3954 Emerson Ave. N., Minneapolis.

Everett E. Akins '21 is farming near Watertown.

Mrs. Lela Meeg-Andersen, whom School students remember as Miss Van Doren in the Principal's office, was happily surprised by a group of former associates from St. Anthony Park who arrived at her home near Farmington on Saturday afternoon, June 25, bringing with them wedding gifts and refreshments. The afternoon was spent in viewing other wedding gifts and the farm home. No doubt the ways and means of managing a husband and a home were discussed when the refreshments were served.

The friends who made the trip were Misses Ruth Carlson, Olga Loe, Hazel Stiles, Rhoda Crippen, Edna and Ada Merrill, Carrie Loveland, Viola Gulbranson, Mabel Merry, Zettie Smith, and Mrs. Louise Barton Osborne.

The news of the death of June Johnson '22, on Sunday, July 10, came as a shock to her many friends. With four other young people, she had gone boating on the St. Croix river and when a sudden squall upset the boat, she and a young man in the party were drowned. Her body was not recovered until the following Wednesday and the burial took place on Friday at Hendricks, Minnesota. Katherine McNaughton of St. Paul attended the funeral.

Gail Prushek '32, Crosby, was alone at home when the fire started which burned the farm home and three other buildings in April. Among the great personal losses she mentions three Agrarians, her diploma, and her inability to carry on her summer project. The family has moved to Bovey. Gail's mail should be addressed in care of J. H. Bluntach.

E. T. Oberg '01, Watertown, reports that the price of butterfat, 18 cents, is exactly at the level it was when the local co-operative creamery was organized, largely through his influence, twenty-seven years ago. At that time private buyers were offering 18 cents a pound for butterfat. Very soon after the creamery began operating, the price advanced to 22 cents a pound. Darcy Oberg, a student at the School of Agriculture in 1931-32, is a daughter of E. T. Oberg.

Selma Benson '27 is the homemaker on her father's farm near Litchfield.

Gleanings From Visitors' Book

M. B. Taylor '19, county agent, calls Bemidji "home."

The Gary, Indiana, postoffice is the scene of William K. Olson's '24 activities.

Emily Barton '13 teaches in the Duluth Public schools.

Kenneth Ellison '17, of Solon Springs, Wisconsin, operates a resort on Lake Ellison.

"The ministry" reveals the way in which U. William Anderson '16, 1424 W. Broadway, Spokane Washington, occupies his time.

Charles Winzer '30 and his parents attended Live Stock Feeders' Day program at University Farm.

Jesse Howland '01 is an orange grower in Anaheim, California.

Wabasha is his home. Henry G. Carlson '27 is field man for the R. E. Jones Company.

Percy Perretin '29 supervised junior club members who lived in the Dining Hall during the Junior Short Course.

Al F. Morz '22 is employed with the National Cash Register Company at Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin.

Edgar Bachtle '28 is a baker at the Colonial Bakery in Des Moines, Iowa. He is looking forward to returning to the farm.

Eugene Thotland '34, Hyland Station, Minneapolis, is operating a commercial flower plot to pay for carrying on a home beautification project. His mother, a graduate in 1912, is a local 4-H Club leader, and enrolled a large group of club members at the dormitories during the Junior Short Course.

Miss Monica Langtry, her mother, and a nephew visited at the Soehren home near Windom in April.

Ralph Giddings '26 is machine repair man for the Weaver road construction crew, working in Goodhue county.

One of the busiest Aggies visited by a project supervisor is Lennart Halberg, of Little Falls. In April he had set 1,500 Mammoth Bronze turkey eggs and expected to increase that number to 3,000 by the end of May. The sale of this breeding stock, secured from some of the finest flocks in the East, is the source of a considerable portion of Lennart's income.

Elizabeth Noble has made frequent visits to University Farm during the summer occasioned by her studies in stenography with a pri-

vate tutor in Minneapolis. Her sister Marion and her mother accompanied her on June 10.

Wayva Baustian is clerking in a St. Peter store.

Mr. and Mrs. Rhys Haight have moved to Chicago, where Rhys, School '23, College '28, is employed by Swift and Company as produce salesman.

Irene Blackburn '30 is the bookkeeper for the Ogilvie Creamery at Ogilvie, and finds time to be the local 4-H club leader in that community.

Arnold Shute '32, working on the home farm in Pine County, plans to return to the School of Agriculture for the intermediate year, and bring with him his freshman brother, Adrian.

Sylva Ehlers, a student in 1930-31 and who attended the high school in Marshall last year, plans to return to S.A.U.M. this fall, because she thinks it offers unusual opportunities.

Jertine Anderson '29 is living at the home farm near Cottonwood after spending the winter in Minneapolis.

Joel, Junior, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Joel Rosengren, Sacred Heart, in March. Mr. Rosengren '16 completed his intermediate work in 1925.

Theresa Boerboom, a student in 1930, is managing the Boerboom Hatchery near Ghent. She specializes in single comb White Leghorns.

Edward Flannery, student in 1930-31, is working for Rosil King, Rock Rapids, Iowa, and is planning to return to S.A.U.M. in the fall.

Paul Wiener '33, Fulda, says, "I certainly received a lot of benefit from the work in the boys' cooking class. Last year, my sister married and left home. My mother is not very well. There is a generous supply of man labor around here, and so I help with the house work a lot. Believe me, my training comes in handy."

Ray B. Lewis '17 is farming near Princeton.

"Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Lightly '25" is the way they signed the book. They farm near Austin.

Mary Coffin Ford, teacher of music, 1907-13, was a student in the University during summer school, and plans to continue on thru the coming school year.

Worthington Aggies Hear Principal J. O. Christianson

The School of Agriculture is meeting the need for lower education costs by reducing the necessary expenses of the fall quarter to \$72.00 and of the winter quarter to \$69.00, and is offering the student all the advantages of the School of Agriculture enhanced rather than reduced. This was the message Principal J. O. Christianson brought the alumni and former students gathered for the annual summer reunion at Okebena Orchards, near Worthington, on Sunday, June 19.

In the absence of the president, Herman Skovgaard '21, Magnus Christensen '30, vice president, presided and introduced Mr. Christianson.

Forty-nine alumni and former students answered the secretary's roll call. Magnus Christensen was elected president, Fred Bjornstad '31, vice president, and Marian H. Dealand was re-elected secretary.

Dwight Ludlow '09, moved that the association go on record as favoring the continuance of agricultural extension and 4-H Club work in the counties of Nobles, Rock, Pipestone, Murray, Cottonwood, and Jackson. Dwight Ludlow, Andrew Jensen '04, and Frederick Bjornstad were appointed on the committee to publish the resolution and to present it to the several boards of county commissioners.

Marian Dealand, Secretary

Fred Cutting '01 is in the nursery business at Byron, Minnesota. His wife was a member of the '06 class.

Dorothea Ring '27 is working at the Glen Lake Sanitarium as nurse.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Bravold of Zumbrota are running the Ring farm near Zumbrota in partnership with John Ring, with the help of Peter, Jr.

R. C. Malmquist '24 is a member of the Rescue Squad No. 1 of the Minneapolis Fire Department, holding the rank of lieutenant.

Ted Kuhnau returned to Minnesota after a two-year stay in California, and is employed at University Farm in the farm department.

Mrs. Paul Dworakowski, who before her marriage was Elizabeth Howe '22, passed away at Minnetonka Hospital, Wayzata, on Sunday, August 21. Following her marriage in 1931, she has resided at Parkers Lake.