

Palmer penmanship and compulsory chapel are a long way from the UMD campus these days, a 1930 grad observed this week.

Mrs. I. E. (Alice Paulson) Wheaton of Albuquerque, N. M., paid her first visit to the campus since she received the initial four-year, bachelor of education degree 30 years ago. At that time it was Duluth State Teachers College.

At UMD Friday Mrs. Wheaton walked into the Old Main Auditorium, sat in one of the seats and walked across the stage where she had received her diploma.

She remembers she had to write a thesis to gain her degree, that she got an "A" on it, and that she<sup>u</sup> was awarded a four-year perfect attendance certificate.

The DSTC of Alice Paulson's freshman days was an all-girl school. There <sup>were</sup> were but a handful of male students by the time she graduated.

Finishing school touches required good penmanship, weekly attendance at chapel, attention to proper etiquette ("nail polish was a sin") and good behavior ("public dances were taboo.")

She was a typical flapper, wearing "something like a chemise."

"Skirt lengths were a problem then as now, and we were constantly advised to ~~keep~~ keep them in line."

She had to walk 26 blocks to school when depression days canceled the luxury of a streetcar.

Trained as an elementary teacher with a major in English and Literature, freshman Alice Paulson heard an English educator advise in 1926, "Russia is much better, and also much worse, than reported."

In those years Dr. Eugene W. Bohannon, president of Duluth State Teachers College, repeated his favorite watchwords, "Don't ever say bigger and better, it's quality that counts."

Mrs. Wheaton says she was glad to find that she had an "abundance of education credits" when she applied for positions in Washington D. C. and Albuquerque. She retired from a 15-year teaching position in Albuquerque last year.

While at UMD she ~~ca~~tted with Valworth R. Plumb, head of the Division of Education and Psychology, looked at old pictures of the University, and commented on its growth and building program.

She is visiting the Lucien Landres of Duluth with her sister, Mrs. Elmira Rogers of Ohio.