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DULUTH--Richard L. Griggs, Duluth, Friday was presented the University of Minnesota Regents Award "in special recognition of his qualities of benefaction, fidelity and leadership."

The award and medal were presented to Griggs by Dr. Charles W. Mayo, chairman of the Board of Regents, at the group's regular meeting on the Minneapolis campus.

Others present to honor Mr. Griggs, in addition to the Regents, were University President O. Meredith Wilson, UMD Provost Raymond W. Darland, and University Vice Presidents Malcolm M. Willey, Laurence R. Lunden and Stanley J. Wenberg.

Dr. Mayo said Griggs has earned the title "The Voice of the University in Northern Minnesota" after 24 years continuous service as a Regent. Griggs' current term expires on February 1.

"His devoted leadership has helped the University of Minnesota, Duluth to achieve an honored place within the fellowship of American institutions of higher learning," Mayo declared.

"By perseverance and insight he has developed important areas of commerce and has become a commanding figure in the worlds of banking, mining and transportation," Mayo added. "Aware that success carries with it a large measure of obligation, he (Griggs) has given tirelessly of his tremendous energies in helping others build careers."

Dr. Mayo pointed out that it was Regent Griggs who purchased the 160 acre Norton<sup>rd</sup>dale Tract from St. Louis County and the city of Duluth in 1948 and gave the property to the University as a site for the new UMD campus. The gift followed action by the 1947 Minnesota legislature which made Duluth State Teachers College a branch of the University.

In 1956, Griggs was cited by the Board of Regents "for his years of faithful and loyal service to the Duluth community, to the University and to the State."

Mr. Griggs graduated from Virginia(Minn.) High School in 1903 and received his Bachelor of Arts degree at the University of Minnesota in 1907. While at the University, Griggs was active in student organizations and was associate editor of the Minnesota Daily, student newspaper, his senior year.

Griggs began his career in Virginia as a bank messenger and later became part owner and treasurer of the Virginia Electric Power and Water Company. In 1914, he moved to Duluth and became secretary-treasurer of the Kirby Griggs Company.

In 1917, he became secretary of the Northern National Bank in Duluth and before retirement from that firm in 1950 he served as a vice president, president and chairman of the board.

Regent Griggs is a director of the First National Banks of Hibbing and Virginia, Minnesota Power and Light Company, Andresen Ryan Coffee Company, and the Sullivan Copper Development Company.

He is past president and director of the Kinney Corporation of the State of West Virginia, past vice president and director of the Acme Finance Company, Duluth, past vice president and director of Sterling Motor Company, Duluth.

In February of 1962, Griggs retired as a director of the Greyhound Corporation and was presented a plaque and silver service in New York City by associates who conferred on him the title of "Honorary Founder-Director of Greyhound Corporation."

Griggs was identified from 1914-1926 with the iron ore and manganiferous iron ore industry in Minnesota, operating several properties on the Mesabi, Cuyuna and Michigan iron ranges.

Mr. Griggs was named to Duluth's Hall of Fame in March, 1954 for outstanding community service which included 33 years as a director of the Community Chest and its president in 1938, as vice chairman of the Duluth chapter of the Infantile Paralysis Foundation, and as president of the Minnesota Arrowhead Association.

Other citations include election to Alpha Phi Omega, national service fraternity, Duluth Community Chest Award for Outstanding Citizenship, President's award for outstanding contributions to his city and state by the Minnesota Kappa Sigma Alumni Association, and a UMD Student Commission citation for "his untiring efforts on behalf of the University of Minnesota, Duluth and its parent institution."

Regent Griggs served in the Field Artillery during World War I and has been a member of the American Legion. He belongs to the Northland Country Club, Duluth Athletic Club, Kitchi Gammi Club, Elks, Masons, Shrine and Newcome<sup>n</sup> Society.

Griggs was born Dec. 8, 1886 in Barclay, Pennsylvania, the son of Eli Z. and Anna (Kinney) Griggs. On Sept. 20, 1911, he married Neva Warner and they had three children: Leslie Elizabeth, Richard Clemson and Harold Warner.

(EDITORS: This release is much longer than you may need or desire at this time. However, I thought this would be a good time to up-date your files on Regent Griggs for any future use you may have for this type of information... Julian B. Hoshal)