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Students Made Year Notable, Instilled Life in Dormant Activities

Place Hope, Soon Reality, Organ to Be Installed

Alumni and Students of the School of Agriculture

Another year has passed since last I reported to you. In that report I mentioned our drive for funds to purchase an electric organ for the Auditorium. That has now become a reality and the new electric organ will be installed the first part of June. I hope we will have it in time for our Midsummer Reunion Saturday evening, June 14. But whether we do or not, I hope many of you will find it possible to come back to the campus for this reunion. The program will begin in the Auditorium at 7 p.m. and following that we will go to the Gymnasium for the dance at 9 p.m. An excellent orchestra has been engaged and the usual fine Aggie committee is at work on arrangements.



F. O. Christianson

During the past school year our total enrollment was 430. We had one of the best years I have experienced at this school so far—a fine group of more mature students—sincere—cooperative and with initiative. Besides making fine scholastic records the students carried on an excellent program of extra-curricular activities. One of the outstanding events of the year was the re- of the Dairy and Livestock Club and the Livestock Judging Contest. The students did an excellent job in arranging and directing this event. Other activities in such a revival of interest and achievement was pronounced were wrestling, boxing, basketball. A weight lifting team was organized. This team made a fine record competition with teams from other institutions. The Crop Judging Team under able direction of Mr. Otto Swenson, placed first again at the Red River Valley fairs at Crookston. The Livestock Judging Team under the coaching of Mr. Ray Peterson also made a fine showing there, losing first place by just a few points. We have never had finer singing groups—I wish you could have heard the mixed chorus of some seventy voices sing the Messiah at Christmas time. The band represented the school very well—in fact, it was the best band we have had for several years. So I will go on and on, telling you of the activities in which these students find opportunity and experience which serve to develop the ability to live significantly.

Our new course in Field Work in Leadership has been very successful. Students taking this course gain actual experience directing group activities, in speaking, in putting on demonstrations before audiences out in the state. These students take charge of the entire program and recreational activities. The work in Leadership will be enlarged again this year. With more mature students again constituting the major part of the student body it is possible to carry on very worthwhile training and workshop activities in leadership. This, as you well know, will serve to answer one of the great needs of rural communities. Our work in Social Sciences continues strong with other subjects in addition to the work in Leadership. These subjects comprise Rural Soci-

ology, History of Civilization, State and Local Government, Parliamentary Law, National Government, American History, Psychology, Economics, Marketing, and Farm Finance. The courses in Economics, Marketing and Farm Finance are taught by the Division of Agricultural Economics. The entire program in the School offers rich opportunities for those who have had high school training. Those boys or girls of seventeen or over who have not had high school training may also enroll. Generally it takes 3 years of 6 months each year for one who has not had high school training to complete the course for graduation. One who has had high school training may complete the course in two

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Christgau Elected President Alumni Discuss Boss Memorial

Victor Christgau '17, St. Paul, was elected president of the School of Agriculture Alumni association at the annual business meeting on March 17 in the Engineering building. Other officers elected were Victor Dose, '37, St. Paul, 1st vice pres.; Curtis Gibson, '47, Beaver Creek, 2nd vice pres.; Max Hinds, '34, St. Paul, Sec.-Treas.; W. H. Dankers, '25, St. Paul, member of the Executive committee; and T. R. Nodland, '30, St. Paul, representative to the General Alumni association. Other members of the latter committee are Mrs. Fred Gorham, '99, L. B. Bassett, '96, and Vincent K. Bailey, '22.

Dr. Clyde H. Bailey '05, Dean, University Department of Agriculture, presented a number of plans to set up a memorial honoring the late Dr. Andrew Boss, '91. Several organizations of which Dr. Boss was member are working jointly on these plans. One which has received much favorable comment is a memorial biography.

Dr. William Dankers, '25, retiring president of the alumni association of the School of Agriculture, had represented it in the discussion of the plans for the memorial. No action was taken by the association in the matter.

A resolution recommending erection of new School dormitories was entertained favorably.

Nowotny Looks for Improvement To Be Made in Gym Plant

Coach Nowotny says that major improvements are going to be made in the girls' locker section in the gymnasium, this summer.

Through the generosity of the Senior Class, a public address system is going to be installed in the gymnasium. It will have a 40 watt amplifier and four loud speakers will be built in.

These improvements together with those made last summer will make University Farm gymnasium second to none in the State.

Christianson Suggests That Alumni Note SAUM's 60th Year

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years of six months each year. Each year the number of those in attendance who have completed high school training is increasing. Students of maturity get much more out of the opportunities here at the School of Agriculture at University Farm than do those who are immature. If you know of any farm young folks of maturity who have completed high school and who plan to remain on the farm, you will be doing them a favor by sending us their names so that we may send them information about the School. And, of course, do not overlook those young folks of 17 and over who have not had high school training. Here are great opportunities for them also.

You will be interested to know that old Pendergast Hall was restored to the School's use last fall for the first time since the war. School students occupied Pendergast Hall, Dining Hall, and Dexter Hall dormitories. During the spring and summer sessions Dexter and Dining Hall dormitories are occupied by College students. The Old Home Building is used by G.I. College students the year 'round, and will be until the peak is over, when we hope that enrollment in the School will justify again taking over this historic building to serve the School which it originally served and housed 59 years ago. Brewster Hall was filled with School girls. Meredith Hall housed College girls as it has for many years.

I am glad to report to you that new seats have been installed in the Auditorium. They are very colorful and comfortable. Also, the Dining Room is being given a new coat of paint.

By the way, next year—1948—will be the 60th anniversary of the opening of this School, sixty years of continuous service to Minnesota agriculture in the interest of better trained farmers and homemakers. How about coming back to the campus in October of 1948 to celebrate the 60th birthday of the School? We do recognize it each year on October 18, but perhaps the 60th should have a more special recognition in which all of you might participate. Let me have your suggestions.

The fall term of School this year opens Monday, October 6, the day set aside for registration of new students. All former students of the School will register on Tuesday, October 7. Is there some fine boy or girl 17 years of age or over whom you might recommend as a student here? Also, how about writing us a bit of news about yourself and other alumni of this

Years Vanish at 1927 Reunion

Nearly half of the class of 1927 returned to the campus for its 20th anniversary festivities, March 16 and 17. Activity got under way on Sunday afternoon in the Game Room in the Ag. Union building where, as members of the class arrived with relatives and friends, all were welcomed and served refreshments by the class godparents, Dr. and Mrs. Thor W. Gullickson.

After the shyness or reserve, which generally appears even among close friends after long separation, had been broken, visiting and enjoyment of the reunion really got started. Many members of other earlier classes that were holding reunions in other rooms in the building added to the pleasure of the occasion by dropping in for a cup of coffee and to visit and take part in singing favorite songs. Reading of the many letters and telegrams that had been received from absent members was a matter of great interest.

On Monday evening the alumni banquet in the main ballroom of Coffman Memorial Union, and the dance that followed it, were the focal points of interest. Clifford Ukkelberg, class president, spoke for the class at the banquet. With him was his daughter, Thelma, now a student in the School. Cliff operates a farm near Clitherall and also serves as agricultural instructor of G.I.'s who are taking on-the-job farm training in that vicinity. At the banquet the award for having travelled the greatest distance to the reunion went to Jerome Fogard '27 who had come all the way from Ketchikan, Alaska.

Present and taking their usual active part were Ralph T. Wood, Delavan, and his wife and classmate Jean Hughes. Leola Luedtke (Mrs. L. H. Matzke) of Good Thunder, brought not only her husband, but also their daughter, Lou Jean, who was co-editor of the Agreview and a winner of a Gold Letter A award this year. Julia Erickson (Mrs. Henry Fahning), Cleveland, Rodney Butson Good Thunder, Vincent Gohl, Lake City, Arnold Flom, Kenyon, and Harold J. Swenson, Spicer, came in from their farms. Thilda Anderson (Mrs. Nelson) left her husband and three children at home on the farm near Cottonwood to be present both days.

Others who came were Orville Berkvam and Elmer Miller and their wives, Granite Falls; Dr. Luther Fronald and Margaret, his classmate and wife, Eau Claire, Wisconsin where Luther is a practicing chiropractor; Donald Calvin, Worthington, who claims to be the only established bachelor in the entire class; Mr. and Mrs. Sam Sandberg, Underwood, and Mr. and Mrs. Bertram P. Warnes, Karlstad.

Members living near and present were Ida Lippman (Mrs. Alfred Wise) who with her husband drove in from their home on Route 4, Minneapolis. The Wises have six children, a number equalled only in the Neal O. Swenson family at Westbrook. Lois Oby (Mrs. Jesse Stenson) and her husband came in from St. Cloud. Mr. Stenson, like Mr. Wise, is a 1928 graduate. Edith Bennion (Mrs. Huntziker), 1812 Selby Avenue, St. Paul, brought her husband and their infant son, and Leonard "Red" Shefveld, 1222 Randolph Street, St. Paul, was on hand accompanied by his wife.

—Contributed by Anon Ymous

School? We should like to carry such items in the Agreview, regularly.

Carry-on Committees Named By Student Organizations

Looking ahead to the 1947-48 School year, student clubs have named Carry-on Committees to start the clubs as soon as school opens.

In the two Y's, the newly elected officers for 1947-48 will carry on the work. They are Harold Gegner, president; James Dose, vice-president; and Dean Fisk, secretary. For the YWCA, President Thelma Ukkelberg, Vice-President Ruth Johnson, and Secretary-Treasurer Eunice Nelson will act.

SAUM-GOPHER LITERARY: Ulrick Lauer, Frieda Roth, and Alex Didier.

DYNAMO-OWLS LITERARY: Lois Alberts, Willard Bremer, and LeRoy Erlandson.

SKI-U-MAH LITERARY: Russel Roth, Mildred Drewes, Ruth Bosacker, Ingolf Ingvaldson.

CAMERA CLUB: Leonard Hardy, Mabel Beiser, Dean Fisk.

LSA: Jean Valleen, James Dose, Ruth Haiwick.

BIBLE CLASS: LeRoy Erlandson, Eunice Nelson, Lester Ward, Ingolf Ingvalson.

CATHOLIC CONFRATERNITY SUMMER REUNION SUPPER COMMITTEE: Dorothy Walser, Clarence Wenker, Joe Kaschmitter, and Wilfred Wagner.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS CLUB: Ruth Johnson, Russel Roth, Robert Bergland.

4-H CLUB: David Peterson, Douglas Peterson, Thelma Ukkelberg.

Anderson Receives Gift

In token of their regard for him and in appreciation of his work, the members of the wrestling squad presented Coach Fred Anderson with a key chain at the close of the N.W.A.A.U. meet, in March.

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Professor Ralph E. Miller reports that of the nine district summer reunions of the School of Agriculture alumni and students, four have reported names of speakers chosen from the faculty. They are, for District 4, Dr. J. O. Christianson, July 13, at Community Park, Winthrop; District 5, Prof. Elmer Johnson, June 15, Langseth Farm, Worthington; District 6, Miss Johanna Hognason, June 22, City Park, Granite Falls; and District 11, Max Hinds, August 3, Lincoln Park, Fairmont.

This Is Request Every Alumnus Add His Bit to Memorial Fund Honoring Noted Andrew Boss

Probably no other man was so widely known and contributed as much to the School of Agriculture, its Alumni, and its faculty as Dr. Andrew Boss. Most of us knew him personally; knew him because he was always interested in our particular problems and was willing and ready to help us in the best possible way. As has been said by so many, he was such a human person and such a kind friend.

After Dr. Boss passed away in early 1947 representatives of a number of organizations with which Dr. Boss had been closely associated felt that recognition should be given him, and a record prepared of his agricultural interests, the many contributions made by him to scientific agriculture, agricultural education, and generally to the better living of farm people. Through the initiative of Dean C. H. Bailey '05, a committee was appointed. Dr. G. A. Pond '13, and Dr. W. H. Dankers '25 are members of this committee with Dean Bailey and representatives from other associations. The thinking and the plan of this committee is best expressed in the special report which follows this letter.

This is then a request for contributions to the Andrew Boss Memorial Fund. You will note from the committee report how large a sum will be needed. Remembering the many contributions he made to us, we of the School of Agriculture Alumni Association will want to show our gratitude. The size of individual contributions is left to each individual's judgment. Make your checks payable to the School of Agriculture Alumni Andrew Boss Memorial Fund and send it to Dr. George A. Pond, Secretary, Andrew Boss Memorial Committee, University Farm, St. Paul 1, Minnesota.

I want to thank you in advance for a fine response that I know will come from School of Agriculture Alumni and former students.—W. H. Dankers '25, Member, Andrew Boss Memorial Committee.

School Dormitories Occupied During Spring and Summer

No sooner had the doors closed on home going Aggies but what preparations began for admission of University students of collegiate and graduate grade to Dexter Hall and Dining Hall.

Admission of this group began on Sunday, March 30, and Dexter Hall is now fully occupied. Only a few rooms in the Dining Hall dormitory have not filled.

Foreign students in residence come from India, Burma, China, Bolivia, Columbia, Mexico, and Guatemala, C.A.

Included among the residents also are Aggies now working for a degree, Dan Sherman '44, Phil Dziuk '44, Don Koecher '41, Alois Lauer '46, Joseph Patchin '39 and Per-Erik Krantz.

Friends Will Join Forces to Honor Memory of Andrew Boss

Representatives of various groups with which Dr. Andrew Boss had intimate personal, professional, and business association during his long life of unusual service to agriculture and the public have formed a committee to consider an appropriate way of giving recognition to him. Among the interested organizations are the Department of Agriculture, University of Minnesota, The Farmer, The Farm Credit Administration, the Minnesota Farm Managers' Association, The Minnesota Crop Improvement Association, The Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation, The Minnesota Livestock Breeders Association, and the School of Agriculture Alumni Association. After careful review of suitable ways of providing a memorial for Dr. Boss, this committee concluded that this can be done best by preparing and publishing a volume relating to his life and work.

The thought is that this volume will be largely biographical and will center attention primarily on Andrew Boss as a man, a teacher, a research worker, a leader, a counselor, and administrator. Sections or chapters of the book will deal with lines of work in which he was a pioneer and to which he made outstanding contribution. The plan, however, is that the treatment throughout will be built around the man.

A publication of this kind will serve as a welcome refresher of memories for many friends and associates of Dr. Boss. It also will be a source of encouragement, stimulus, and inspiration to a host of others. In this way, it will serve as a fitting recognition of the long period of invaluable service which Dr. Boss gave to his state and nation.

An individual with special competence in writing who was acquainted with Dr. Boss and who is versed in farm problems will be sought to assume major responsibility for preparation of this volume. He will need to be relieved of other duties for a sufficient share of his time to enable him to assemble the material and distill from it the most significant features for inclusion in the biographical review. It is contemplated that this editor will enlist the cooperation of carefully selected individuals to prepare various sections of the manuscript under his general guidance and editorship.

Vidian B. Vye

Vidian B. Vye '20, 1100 Grant Street, Waukesha, Wis., owner of the National Pedigree Co. and a partner in the Brown Swiss Sales Co., died early Wednesday, March 5, at Memorial Hospital.

Survivors include his wife, Alysse; a son, John, and a daughter, Mrs. Tyrns Homewood, all of Waukesha, and his mother, Mrs. Mary Vye, of Pasadena, California.

—Milwaukee Journal, March 6, 1947



Andrew Boss

It is estimated that a minimum of \$7,500 should be available to cover the costs involved in such an undertaking. It is the hope of the committee that contributions will provide a substantially larger sum than this in order to make possible an outstanding achievement. Such a fund is needed in order to obtain the services of a competent writer for the period necessary to assemble the material and take care of the editorial work involved, to cover necessary travel and clerical expenses, and to meet some of the publication costs.

Former students, colleagues, farmers, business associates, and other friends of Andrew Boss are to be invited to contribute individually or as organized groups to this project.

It is contemplated that the undertaking will be directed by a committee representing the participating groups and organizations listed above, in collaboration with the Department of Agriculture of the University of Minnesota.

'07-ers Will Meet Again in '52

The class of 1907 had twenty-eight of its graduates present at their fortieth reunion on March 16-17. Including wives and husbands, there were forty-four in attendance. Bradley Higgins and wife flew here from Levant, Maine. After the luncheon at the cafeteria Sunday evening the class spent the evening with Godfather James Drew and his daughter Margaret. Colored slides, sent by Fred Cleator, president of the class, and personal pictures of the Dwight Lane and Drew families and travels were projected. Many letters of greetings and personal interest were read at the Sunday afternoon gathering. Enthusiasm of many of the members of the class was expressed in a desire to hold another reunion five years hence. Dwight and Martha Lane invited the group to come out to their home near Hopkins in the summer of 1952.

—P. L. J. '07



Wm. H. DANKERS

The Class of 1937 Reunites

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Lansing, godparents, beamed when they entered the South Fireplace Room Sunday, March 16, to be greeted by their proteges of 1937. Their class had established another record by turning out forty-two members strong to mark the largest ten-year gathering in the history of S.A.U.M. Alumni Reunions.

The span of ten years (long to us) was reduced to no time at all as we heard our first names rolled off with everyday familiarity. It didn't take long to find out what we were doing, where we were living, to meet our better halves (most of us are so endowed) and hear about the little family. Oh yes, the memorable School of Ag days were re-lived, but as usual the feeling was that of looking and thinking ahead—'37 was always a class with a great future.

On Monday, March 17, along with the other honored classes, '37 buzzed with activity. The alumni business meeting, the banquet and the dance were attended in full. At the business meeting we helped to set policy and continue organization. The banquet was gala. At our table the festivities were heightened when Christine Lee Sather and Glen Talbert, class president and secretary, pinned flowers on Mr. and Mrs. Lansing. President Glen Talbert spoke for our class at the banquet. The dance. . . well, when Home Sweet Home was being played, we were reluctant to leave.

It was a great Reunion. For those of you who couldn't come, we will see you all in '57.

—Vic Dose

Florence Ellison '44, has been in the west since her graduation. She is attending Seattle Pacific College.

Many Attend Alumni Banquet Wm. Dankers Is Toastmaster

Over 500 alumni and friends sat down together in the Main Ballroom of the Coffman Memorial Union on Monday evening, March 17, to enjoy the 56th annual Alumni Dinner. Professor-Emeritus R. C. Lansing spoke the invocation. Special tables were assigned to the honored classes of 1897, 1907, 1917, 1922, 1927, 1937, and 1947. Retiring Alumni President William Dankers '25 presided over the program following the dinner.

Seated with him at the speaker's table were Dean and Mrs. C. H. Bailey, Dr. and Mrs. J. O. Christianson, Dean and Mrs. Henry Schmitz, Mrs. Fred Gorham '98, Dr. and Mrs. Truman Nodland, Professor and Mrs. R. C. Lansing, and Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Pierce.

Representatives of the honored classes who respond to toasts were Mr. Otto Uhlhorn '97, Bremerton, Washington; Dr. H. H. Chapman '97, Professor-Emeritus, Yale University, New Haven, Conn.; P. L. Johnsrud '07, St. Paul; E. W. Miller '17, Minneapolis; Bernhard Swenson '22, St. Louis Park; Clifford Ukkelberg '27, Clitherall; and Glen Talbert '37, St. Cloud.

Other toasts were given by Dean Bailey, Dr. Christianson, Dean Schmitz and Mr. Pierce who commented on the unity enjoyed by the several divisions in the University Department of Agriculture, the progress made by the School, and the prospects for a more adult School of Agriculture.

Dr. Nodland, retiring alumni secretary, inducted the Class of 1947 and its godparents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Larimore, into the Alumni Association and Professor P. L. Johnsrud presented a gift to Jerome B. Fogard '27 who had come from Ketchikan Alaska, the greatest distance any alumnus had come to attend the banquet and reunion.

With Mr. Larimore at the piano, Mr. Ivar Glemming played a number of violin selections. Three songs, "Song of Friendship," "Standin' in the need of prayer," and "Dinah," were sung by the S.A.U.M. Boys Quartette. Mrs. Shirley Martin led the audience in singing favorite songs.

Accordion music was contributed to the program by Jack Johnson, soloist, and the Kesting Accordion Quartette of girls. The traditional, "God be with you 'til we meet again," sung by all, concluded the program.

That was the signal for alumni and friends to move into the Junior Ballroom where the remainder of the evening was spent in dancing to the music of Rutschsch's orchestra.

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Enclosed find one dollar to pay for subscription to the Agreview for two years.

Signed _____



Victor Christgau

Victor Christgau '17, was recently elected president of the School of Agriculture Alumni Association.

Miss Dezzel Phelps and Sam Sandberg '27, both of Underwood, were married on November 9, there. They are making their home on the groom's farm near Underwood.

Atomic Fission Yields Heat Can Be Utilized by Industry

Three of the five problems, which must be overcome before atomic power will become practical, have been detailed in previous issues of the *Agreview*. They were those of nuclear fission, shielding and magnitude of source of materials.

The fourth problem is; "How can this power be adapted to our industrial system?"

One of the major uses of this atomic power will probably be the furnishing of heat and energy to cities and large industrial plants where weight is not a major problem. Such plants for use on large ships have definite possibilities. During the process of smashing the atom, enormous amounts of heat are generated. This heat, of course, could be used in the conventional types of steam turbine thus making use of some of the machinery used in power plants.

The fifth, and last problem, that of the practical possibilities of atomic energy, will be taken up in the next issue.

—R.B.