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DULUTH--"He has a sound conception of what a university is for, of what standards are relevant to its purposes; and a determination that it shall be encouraged or prodded into being the best of its kind."

Such was the tribute paid to O. Meredith Wilson by a University of Oregon professor when Wilson was named last winter as the new president of the University of Minnesota.

President and Mrs. Wilson will visit Northeastern Minnesota Monday and Tuesday (October 3,4), their first trip to this area since Wilson officially succeeded James L. Morrill as University president last July 1.

On Monday (October 3), the Wilsons---accompanied by Dr. and Mrs. Charles W. Mayo of Rochester---will be honored at a luncheon at the Coates Hotel in Virginia and will visit mines at Eveleth, Virginia and Babbitt, and the taconite plant at Silver Bay.

On Tuesday (October 4), after a tour of the new UMD campus, President Wilson will address students and faculty at a mid-morning convocation and will give the luncheon address at the 90th annual meeting of the Duluth Chamber of Commerce at the Spalding Hotel. In the afternoon, the Wilsons will be honored at a reception in the home of Provost and Mrs. Raymond W. Darland.

"Historian, educator, administrator"---words that further describe the man who came to Minnesota to head the nation's fourth largest university.

President Wilson was born in Colonia Juarez, Chihuahua, Mexico, where his father headed a Mormon academy. Reared in Utah, President Wilson completed his undergraduate work in 1934 at the Brigham Young University. After graduate work at the Universities of London, and Heidelberg, Germany, Wilson taught history at Brigham Young University and the University of Utah. In 1943, he was awarded his doctorate degree in history from the University of California, where he received Phi Beta Kappa honors.

Wilson joined the University of Chicago faculty in 1944 as assistant professor of history and served as associate dean of the college for two years. Returning to the University of Utah, he was appointed dean of Arts and Sciences in 1947, and dean of the University College in 1948.

Four years later, President Wilson vacated this post to become executive secretary and operating head of the Fund for the Advancement of Education, a subsidiary of the Ford Foundation. He remained in this post until 1953 when he was appointed president of the University of Oregon.

President Wilson has received many academic appointments and honors and is active in numerous educational organizations. In 1959, he was named by the Council on Higher Education for American Republics to serve on a commission to strengthen relations between universities of North and South America. A year ago, he was named chairman of the American Council on Education which co-ordinates the work of many nationwide educational groups.

Since taking over his Minnesota duties, Wilson has scheduled numerous appearances before state organizations, local clubs, faculty and student groups. He has met frequently with newsmen to discuss

university problems and, on a recent Saturday morning, was seen at Northrup field watching the Minnesota Gophers in one of their pre-season football scrimmages.

At his side on many official and non official occasions has been his wife, Mrs. Marian Wilson, whom he met when he was a teacher and she was a student at Brigham Young university.

Mrs. Wilson, who does her own cooking and baking for her husband and six children, is a lover of the theater and good music. She has been active in the League of Women Voters, the American Association of University Women and parent-teacher groups, and has served many years as a Cub Scout den mother.

The Wilsons are a busy and active family. Owen Meredith, Jr., 21, is a senior at Harvard university this fall, majoring in economics. Constance, 18, is a University of Oregon sophomore. Mary Anne, 16, is in Oslo, Norway, where she will attend school until January 1 as an exchange student under the American Field Service program. When she returns, she will enter University high school in Minneapolis as a senior.

John, 15, is a sophomore at University high school and the two youngest Wilsons---David, 10, and Margaret, 8---are enrolled in the University's laboratory school.

President Wilson already has won the respect of Twin Cities golfers with his long drives off the tee and his amazing putting. As a family, the Wilsons like to spend their free hours sailing, swimming and fishing or spending an evening at home playing table games or listening to music. On weekends this summer, they motored to several points of interest in Minnesota.

President and Mrs. Wilson have expressed keen interest in their visit to Northeastern Minnesota, a trip arranged for through Regent Richard L. Griggs, Duluth and UMD Provost Raymond W. Darland.

After Northeastern Minnesotans meet the Wilsons, they are likely to repeat the judgment of a University football player who met the president during game practice: "He's a regular guy." Folks in this area are just as likely to add, ". . . and she's a regular gal."

FACT SHEET
INDUSTRIAL EDUCATION BUILDING
UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA, DULUTH

1959 legislative appropriation for building	\$950,000
Total floor area of building	40,992 sq. feet
Total cubical content	449,232 cu. feet
Physical dimensions of building	
Three-story section	52 x 156 feet
One-story section	126 x 156 feet
Architects and engineers	Jyring & Whiteman, Hibbing, Minnesota

Building comprised of three-story section of reinforced concrete and one-story section of steel frame with precast concrete roof deck, faced with brick to provide unity with other campus buildings.

Interior furnished for permanence, easy maintenance and flexibility needs of industrial education field. Classroom floors of vinyl asbestos tile; terrazzo in main entrance and traffic corridor; wood flooring in wood and machine shop-laboratories, and concrete flooring in other shops. Corridors have a glazed tile wainscoting.

Generous acoustical treatment in offices, lecture rooms, shop-laboratories and corridors. Fire rated acoustical tile is provided in power shop, welding room and finishing room. Ceilings in wood, machine and metals areas equipped with noise-stop baffles.

Windows are aluminum with heat-and light-absorbing glass. Lighting is fluorescent except for incandescent lights in the electronics area. Heat furnished from central heating plant.

Eventually a pedestrian and utilities tunnel will join this with other campus buildings.

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The new industrial education facility can serve 300 students at any one class period.

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INTERIOR FACILITIES:

First floor: Lobby with display area and reception room leading to administrative suite (general office and workroom); conference and library room, faculty offices.

Graphic arts section -- for those now teaching in field or those in teacher-training. Linotype machine, presses, photo-offset, silk screen, letter press and other printing equipment.

Crafts shop -- for metal, leather, upholstery instruction.

Power shop -- for instruction in small motors and auto mechanics.

Welding -- arc and acetylene gas

Woods -- woodworking, cabinet making, carpentry, out-fitted with hand and machine tools. Drive-in and assembly area.

Machinery -- shop with milling machines, shapers, lathes.

Metal technology -- furnaces, grinders, etc.

Second floor: Electricity and electronics laboratory. Shields of copper screening in walls and ceilings to avoid radio and television interference.

Drafting and print room with adjacent lecture room.

Basement: Graphic arts photo lab.

Mechanical equipment for building, supplies, housing for power distribution electrical panel.

Large general storage area.

Building committee: Valworth R. Plumb, chairman of the Education and Psychology Division, UMD; Frank J. Kovach, associate professor and head, UMD Industrial Education Department; Gordon O. Voss, associate professor in the UMD Industrial Education Department; Robert W. Bridges, UMD principal engineer, and three members of the staff of the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Roy V. Lund, assistant vice president of business administration and director of plant services; Winston A. Close, advisory architect and committee chairman, and Vernon L. Ausen, supervisor of room assignments and scheduling.