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Endowment Drive Successful

The total subscriptions obtained during the Endowment Drive amounted to $270,000. Of this amount Ada contributed $50,000, subscriptions by the Faculty and student body totaling nearly $20,000, and those of Ada citizens outside of the University about $30,000. There were individual contributions of $25,000 from George Franklin Getty, of Los Angeles, and E. C. Edwards, of Toledo.

It is especially interesting to note the contributions from enrolled students. The following figures show the percentage of students contributing to the fund and also the average contribution per student:

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It was imperative that the total should exceed the $200,000 set as the objective, owing to the fact that final collections are always reduced at least by a small percentage by unforeseen adversity in individual cases. There is good hope, however, that the percentage of defaults during the next three years will be small. Economic conditions are better stabilized than at any time in the history of the country. Before the war the country witnessed banking panics and periods of hard times all too frequently. During the past five years, however, the Federal Reserve Banks have learned a great deal about stabilizing production and employment through a wise policy of controlling bank credit. The result is that we can count on greater stability of employment and income than it was possible to predict at any time in the nineteenth century. The average of prosperity is much improved as compared with pre-war conditions. And that leads us to suggest an alumni fund.

**Shall We Have an Alumni Fund?**

Most colleges have a general alumni fund to which the individual alumni contribute as the spirit moves. Some contribute $5, $10 or $25 every year; others make a special contribution one year when they feel prosperous and lapse the next if they happen to feel less prosperous. The purpose of the alumni fund is to help meet annual deficits or provide additional income for increasing professors' salaries, etc. The principal is not used. It is invested and only the income is appropriated for the general expenses of the University. The income from such contributions does not amount to much the first year or two. Over a period of years, however, such a general alumni fund accumulating at the rate of several thousand dollars per year can become a positive benefit to the University. It is one thing to obtain money for constructing new buildings, but it is another thing to pay for upkeep and employ more and better teachers. The income from a general alumni fund is used to meet the steadily increasing cost of upkeep and the larger payroll of a growing school.

All will agree that Ohio Northern should have such a fund sooner or later. Some of those who pledged subscriptions during the recent Endowment Drive may not feel like contributing further to a general alumni fund in 1928. However, there are always individuals who enjoy more prosperity than they had expected and the machinery for taking care of contributions to a general alumni fund may as well be started in 1928.
We hereby nominate Dr. Smull to take charge of such a fund and invite old students to send us their checks before the April issue of the ALUMNUS is published. We shall publish the list of contributors in the next issue of the magazine. It may well begin somewhat as follows:

**SUBSCRIPTIONS TO ALUMNI FUND**

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Please send your checks to the editor, who will make up the list for publication and then forward the checks to Dr. Smull. Make out the checks to Dr. Smull or to the Ohio Northern University Alumni Fund. It does not matter whether the contributions aggregate more or less than $1,000 in 1928. The main thing is to get the fund started. In future years the contributions will total several thousand dollars per year and it will not be long until the annual income from such a fund will pay the salaries of two or three professors.

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**Dr. Smith Formally Resigns**

On September 1, 1930, Dr. Albert E. Smith will have completed 25 years of service as President of Ohio Northern. At the meeting of the Board of Trustees on December 27th, he formally presented his resignation to take effect two years hence. A committee of five was appointed to select a new president, who is to be elected next December. The plan is for the new president to take charge on September 1, 1929, in order that Dr. Smith may be given a year’s leave of absence to take a trip around the world. Dr. Smith will return in time to deliver the baccalaureate address in May, 1930, and to graduate his last class. He plans to move away from Ada in the Summer of 1930, perhaps to Florida. The committee to select his successor is composed of S. A. Hoskins, Bishop Henderson, E. C. Edwards, John H. Clark and E. L. Motter.

During the past year the Board of Trustees has been limited to 25 members. At the meeting on December 27th the membership was increased from 25 to 29. In the future 15 will be elected at large in the Western Ohio Conference, 5 by the alumni and 9 by the Board of Trustees. The four new members are E. C. Hartley, Dayton, Ohio; Grover Patterson, Toledo, Ohio; John H. Taft, Chicago, Illinois; and Frederick A. Lorenz, Chicago, Illinois.

At this meeting also a special investment committee was appointed. Heretofore Dr. Smith has assumed control of the investments of the University. The new committee will consist of E. C. Edwards, S. A. Hoskins, John H. Clark, E. E. McAlpin and Dr. A. E. Smith.

Seventeen of the twenty-five members of the board were present including Senator Frank B. Willis, Dr. A. S. McKittrick, Kenton; Rev. E. L. Motter, Lima; John H. Clark, Marion; Rev. David F. Helms, Lima; Rev. William E. Putt, Convoy; Edgar J. Brookhart, Celina; S. D. Hazlett, Ada; Harold C. Bowman, Celina; S. A. Hoskins, Columbus; E. C. Edwards, Toledo; E. E. McAlpin, Ada; all elected by the West Ohio conference.

Those present elected by the alumni were John F. Kramer, Mansfield; James B. Ruhl, Cleveland; Norman M. Stinemann, Chicago, and Carroll R. Alden, Detroit. Also Bishop Theodore S. Henderson, Cincinnati, elected by the board of trustees.

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**Willis for President**

The Republican National Convention will open at Kansas City on June 12th. Senator Willis has appointed Colonel Carmi Thompson, of Cleveland, as his pre-convention campaign manager. Senator Fess declares that Willis’ chances are equal to those of Hayes in 1876, Garfield in 1880, and Harding in 1920. Colonel Thompson believes that Senator Willis has a better chance than any of those mentioned by Senator Fess.

Senator Willis is enthusiastic over his campaign manager. It will be remembered that Colonel Thompson went to the Philippines in 1926 as a special representative of President Coolidge. Previously he was speaker of the House in the Ohio General Assembly, Assistant Secretary of the Interior and Treasurer of the United States.
Senator Arthur R. Robinson

Born in Pickerington, Fairfield County, Ohio, March 12th, 1881. Sold newspapers on the street and carried newspaper route, when nine years old. Graduated from the Pickerington public schools; taught one term of school in rural district; clerked in store; attended school at Ohio Northern University, Ada, Ohio, from which institution was graduated in 1901, degree of Bachelor of Commercial Science. Married to Frieda A. Elfers, December 27th, 1901; graduated Indiana Law School, 1910, LL.B.; University of Chicago, 1913, Ph.B.; elected to Indiana State Senate on Republican ticket, 1914, for a term of four years; minority floor leader first two years; majority floor leader and president-pro tem, last two years. Enlisted first officers' training camp, May 10, 1917; commissioned First Lieutenant, Infantry, August, 1917; assigned to 334th Infantry, Camp Zachary Taylor; promoted to rank of Captain of Infantry, N. A. E. F.; promoted to rank of Major of Infantry, while in Army of Occupation on the Rhine. Returned to United States, after almost one year over-seas; honorably discharged August 27, 1919. Appointed Judge Marion County Superior Court, Room No. 4, to fill vacancy caused by death of Judge Vincent Clifford, 1921. Delegate to National Republican Convention at Cleveland, 1924. Appointed United States Senator by Governor Ed. Jackson to fill vacancy caused by death of Senator Samuel M. Ralston, October 20th, 1925. Organized law firm of Robinson, Symmes and Nelson in Indianapolis, Indiana, in 1910; was senior member of this firm at the time of appointment to the United States Senate.

Family consists of wife and three children; oldest of children, Arthur Raymond, Jr., aged twenty-one, employed in Indianapolis, Indiana; Willard E., aged eighteen, student at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and Kathryn C., fifteen, second year high school.

Member Phi Delta Theta and Delta Theta Phi fraternities; Masonic Fraternity, thirty-third degree; member Irvington Methodist Episcopal Church in Indianapolis; member of Indianapolis Bar Association, Indiana State Bar Association, and American Bar Association.

Atty. Jay P. Taggart

Born July 3, 1886, Monroe County, Ohio. Attended public schools of that county, and preparatory department and College of Law of Ohio Northern University. LL.B., Ohio Northern University, 1908. Phi; Company D; Sigma Phi Epsilon. Country school teacher, for four years, in Monroe and Belmont Counties, Ohio, before and while studying law. Admitted to bar of Ohio, 1908. Practised law in Ashland, Ohio, 1908-1914, with Charles C. Chapman (O. N. U., 1908; later prosecuting attorney and now common pleas judge of Ashland County, Ohio), under firm name of Chapman & Taggart. Married Miss Winifred Rutter, of Ada, Ohio, Oct. 12, 1909. Professor of Law, and Dean of College of Law, O. N. U., 1914-1917. Practised law in Akron, Ohio, 1917-1918. In 1918, became associated with White, Cannon & Spieth, of Cleveland, Ohio, one of the two or three oldest law firms in Northern Ohio, and has been a member of that firm since January, 1921. Never held, nor was a candidate for, any public office. President, national O. N. U. Alumni Association, 1923-1927. Business address: 1565 Union Trust Building, Cleveland, Ohio. Residence address: 2965 Essex Road, Cleveland Heights, Ohio.
Schwenck, the Rebel

By RALPH PARLETTE

I AM celebrating my Fourth of July, 1927, here in a hotel room in Fairmont, West Virginia. Firecrackers are popping, torpedoes are exploding. All night, all Saturday night the popping and booming sounded like a young World War barrage. We all live thru the juvenile noisy age of patriotism, and many of us still have powder-scars. Patriotism and picnic mean the same.

Then we go thru the flag-waving hurrah stage. We stick a flag in our radiator top, or hang it from our front, and hum thru “The Star Spangled Banner”, the national song without words that anybody knows. And we are too busy to vote.

Today I have got nearer the bedrock patriotism that means “The Stars and Stripes Forever”. I have found a great man, and I’m delighted to realize he is a product of the O. N. U., tho a rebel. So was George Washington a rebel. But rebellions that succeed become revolutions.

Yesterday I heard a grand patriotic address in a church. It was one of the best. It told how Uncle Sam will never consent to outside domination, how our hope is in spiritual resources above material ones, and how we are back of religion, education, peace and good will toward men. We must have such addresses all the time.

But last night I spent three hours with a man who has taken the next step we must take, if Uncle Sam is to stand for even a hundred years longer.

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He is Judge Schwenck now—criminal judge in this county, in the Fairmont court house. He was in the O. N. U. back in the Nineties, came over to school from Celina and joined the wrong society, the Franklin. He became a nasty opponent, never knowing when he was licked. I being a Philo, had no use for Schwenck. I was running the printshop, the Herald printshop in Ada at the time, and I sure needed the Franklin printing, much as I loathed the Franks, to pay rent and grocery bills. And so Martin Luther Snyder was coaxed into our business because Snyder was a Franklin. These pesky Franks could now come up and talk to Snyder, while the Philos could talk to me, and the Adelphians could talk to either when they had any money to spend, which wasn’t often. All the receipts would thus flow into one pot and we could survive and the Herald could wave over all.

Schwenck had no more use for me than I had for him, for I belonged to the wrong society. That society fighting did put hustle into us!

When Schwenck called me on the phone last night, I wasn’t anxious to see him, tho it was 30 years later! I was very busy. Then he called me again, and told me I had to eat, so it wouldn’t take any more time to eat with him than alone. He came and hauled me out to his Peacock Park bungalow on a hill overlooking Fairmont. And I forgot to go back. I haven’t had such a kick out of a visit in months. I haven’t been so thrilled in months. I found a Great Man, this Schwenck—in the job of waking people to be honest-to-God citizens. I have been asking about him all over town and have got enough stories to fill pages.

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Judge Schwenck never lets anybody off from jury duty, unless sick. A man came over from the far side of the county mad because he had been drawn. “Get me off, so I can go back to work. Let these fellows here loafing round do it. I’m head over heels in work.”

“Come here, my friend.” Judge Schwenck led the angry farmer to the window and pointed down to the loafers around the courthouse steps squirting tobacco juice over the walk. “If you were being tried for murder, would you want that bunch of loafers down there to be your jury?”

The farmer was silent. Then he grabbed the judge’s hand and said, “By gosh, you’re right! Just excuse me till I go back home and get ready to leave.” That farmer got back and sat in the jury. He’s one of the judge’s best friends today. He saw duty.

And that is one of the wonderful things Judge Schwenck is doing—putting duty square up to the people, and letting them decide. “That’s an innate sense of right and justice in everybody, and they respond right when you make them see the facts honestly,” he says.
Molly Squiggins had been running a bootlegging joint. Judge Schwenck fined her and sentenced her to a jail-term. Molly hurried up and paid her fine and slipped away before the officers could nab her for the jail stunt. But the judge checked up and got her into the jug. A political boss came to see him. "Judge, I worked hard for you to get you elected, and . . . ."

"What do you want out of me?" shot back the judge, nearly knocking the breath out of the boss. "W-w-w-well, can't you let Molly Squiggins pay double fine and not go to jail? Can't you do me a favor since I helped get you elected?"

"Look here, Sam. Suppose you and I get arrested and fined and sentenced to jail for the same crime. You have to go to jail, but a friend of the judge gets me let out of the jail sentence as a favor to him. How would you feel there in jail and I out on the streets?"

The man's face got red. He grabbed Judge Schwenck's hand and wrung it. "By G . . . ! You're right! I'm for you! Send Molly to jail."

When the campaign was on it was said, "That man Schwenck is a Sunday school teacher, and he's too soft to be a judge. He can't sentence anybody," But this quiet, nervous man has surprised them. His sentences are pretty severe. He has tried nearly 200 cases in the recent weeks, and the sentences when guilty have been according to the gravity of the crime. He yesterday sentenced a man to 18 years in the pen, a man of 60. "Jailing him won't do him any good—he's a hardened offender, and he must be locked up to protect society."

And when the prisoners serve their terms, they come back good friends of the judge. "We got what was coming to us," they admit. In his juvenile court work, he often asks the boy, "Well, what do you think you ought to get for what you have done?" And very often he sentences what the juvenile fixes for himself.

"Don't you suffer when you sentence a man?"

"No. I put my personal feelings all aside, weigh the evidence carefully, consider everything that has developed in the case in favor of and against the prisoner, use my best judgment in arriving at a just decision as to the sentence to be imposed, make my decision, then throw it off and forget all about it. I have sentenced a number to prison for life, have imposed heavy sentences in the face of hostile audiences, and have felt calm in the assurance that I am upheld by the majesty of the law."

"But, judge, don't you know that your stiff support of the dry law will hurt you in your campaign for re-election?"

"I'm like the darkey," laughed the judge in the face of this "fixer." "Somebody asked this nigger to do something for a quarter. 'Whafferee I want anudder quarter when I done got one now?' I got one job now, and I'm not worrying about another, my friend."

Every so often Judge Schwenck has a public booze pour. All the stuff captured and confiscated is poured into the sewers. He is right there to see that every drop goes into the sewers, too! A crowd assembles, a thirsty crowd that mourns as the precious hooch trickles and gurgles to waste instead of to waist. He frequently heard whispers not intended for him. "By golly, we'd have a drink if the judge warn't here."

"It's not more than 10 per cent of the community that gets into court. The machinery that loads taxes on all is demanded for that tenth. Our business is to make good citizens and prevent bad ones as an economic measure. Cut out the bad citizens if you want to cut the taxes."
And he told me about the John Blank family of this county. John is a scrawny helpless soul, and has presented the community with a burden in his lameduck family. Rosie, only 14 years old, was taken for numerous sex misdemeanors, but escaped and held forth as before until again captured and put in an institution, for her delinquency and immorality, until she is 21. Lizzie, 19, is a frequent inmate of the jail for loitering, drunkenness and immorality. Sallie, 22, leads the same kind of life, and has just been haled into court that her child may be taken away from her to be raised in a better moral atmosphere. The fourth daughter is separated from her husband and back under the paternal ceiling. And Hugh, the fifth member of this community liability, has just been sent to jail for assault and malicious shooting; while two of his sons, not in their teens, were recently brought into court with a gang of four other kids for robbing a store and other escapades!

Judge Schwencck is busy making speeches appealing to the people to realize they are the government and the officers are just their hired men. The people must work to have good government, else the underworld will control. He says officials must have clean hands. They can't drink and carouse and then enforce the laws upon other offenders. But his strongest speeches are his fearless decisions and appeals to the patriotism and justice of the people in his court room.

That quiet-mannered young Schwencck from St. Mary's, Ohio, helped to make the O. N. U. Commencement of 1899 the most memorable of the school's history. That was the time of the civil war in the graduating class, when there were held two commencement—the regulars and the rebels. After 30 years or so it can be told and laughed over. Nobody knows all about it or why, but instead of the committee of five to make the 1899 commencement program—2 Philos, 2 Franks, 1 Adelphian—2 more Philos were added to the committee, and the Philo majority then proceeded to monopolize the commencement honors and places.

Schwencck fought it, being a nasty Frank. With him on the Franklin firing line were Negley, Tom Mateer, Grace Donaldson and Moore, the Adelphian preacher with the white necktie from Rix Mills. Harry Cottom gave them plenty of mail order backing from Pennsylvania. And dear old "Prexy" was up a tree! Philos and Franks were up in arms. The rebel Franks were to be suspended, to get no diplomas, to be kicked out, to be sent to the lowest hells of the eternal future!

One of them wasn't scared a bit—this rebel Schwencck. He faced the faculty and never batted an eye. Schwencck had figured out that the Franks weren't getting a square deal, and he just dug in and prepared to fight it out if it took all summer. That's a nasty kind of a foe. You remember the result. There was the regular commencement, and the rebel commencement of 1899. And then afterwards, all the differences were ironed out, the diplomas were granted, and everybody kissed and made up and fell on each other's neck. Almost everybody!

I bet somebody jumps onto me yet for writing this—some unreconstructed rebel or regular whose curls yet are too tender to pull.

He became a lawyer—of course! And in this West Virginia county where he lives, Fairmont, his city, he became a candidate for the judgeship. He never asked a man to vote for him, refused to make a campaign, and he is a Democrat in a Republican county. In the Coolidge election "Cool Cal" carried the county by 2,800 votes, and Schwencck was elected judge by 3,623 majority the other way!

It's an amazing story and indicates that the people believe in the honest man. He is doing a great work for Better Citizenship. The Holy Land is large in history, not because of its superior population—the Children of Israel were the same common stuff—but because Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and David and Isaiah, and Jesus of Nazareth lived there and caught the vision. Fairmont is a town of maybe 20,000 people, but it has this Judge Schwencck there, and a few more like him. Most of the population anywhere are sheep, and sheep are mighty necessary for wool and mutton. But the shepherd decides whether the sheep go to heaven or hell; the shepherd can lead them to either place. The most important thing in any community is a leader. The O. N. U. must develop leaders.

That is why meeting Schwencck is one of the big events of my life.
Dr. Walter F. Rittman, C.E. 1905

Walter F. Rittman, the subject of this article, is probably the all-time champion trombone player of the O. N. U. He never played a wrong note; in fact this trombone was so stuffy that he didn't play any notes. Back in 1903 it was decided that O. N. U. needed a good orchestra, and with his friend Durkin as leader, Rittman threw his energy into getting together an orchestra. The other members wanted Rittman in the orchestra, but Durkin concluded that his playing on the trombone was so bad that he could remain only on condition that the instrument be so stuffy that there was no danger of any notes coming out. Incidentally the orchestra was so successful that they played concerts in many of the larger Ohio cities.

Rittman played end on the 1903 and 1904 football teams, which teams made very real records. He tells with much feeling how in 1903 he played alongside Prof. Smull for O. N. U., and then how in 1904 in the O. N. U. vs. University of Michigan game he played directly opposite to Smull, who that year was playing tackle for University of Michigan. Moreover, they agree that each gave the other fellow all that was in him. Rittman was president and fight leader of the engineers in the now famous fight between the Pharmics and Engineers, in which for the first time the engineers succeeded in downing the Pharmics. The fight took on such serious proportions that the Lima hospitals suddenly received a number of new patients.

Despite his athletic and musical activities, Dr. Rittman has achieved notable success in the academic world. In 1905 O. N. U. awarded him the degree of Civil Engineer; Swarthmore College (Penn'a) awarded him the degrees of A.B., M.A., M.E. and Ch.E.; and Columbia University awarded him the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. He has duly been awarded the scholastic honors of Sigma Xi (Science), Tau Beta Pi (Engineering), and Phi Lambda Upsilon (Chemistry); and in marrying Miss Anna Francis Campbell he also acquired Phi Beta Kappa. He is on the Administrative Board of the American Engineering Council; is National President of the American Society of Industrial Engineers; is chairman of division of chemical engineers of the National Highway Association; is senior member of American Society of Mechanical Engineers; American Institute of Chemical Engineers, American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers; a fellow of the American Academy for the Advancement of Science; and a fellow of the Franklin Institute. He is a member of the Engineers Club (New York), Chemists Club (New York), Union League Club (Chicago), Duquesne Club (Pittsburgh) and the Pittsburgh Athletic Club. He is the author of more than fifty books and publications dealing with technical subjects, a number of which bear the seal of the United States Government. He was for some time Consulting Engineer to the Department of the Interior (Washington), and to the Governor of Pennsylvania; and is now Consulting Engineer for the Department of Agriculture (Washington).

Since 1921, Dr. Rittman has been Head of the Department of Commercial Engineering of the Carnegie Institute of Technology, Pittsburgh, Penna., and in addition is Consulting Engineer to a number of America's largest industrial companies. As previously stated, he is married and has three children.

Dr. Rittman is probably best known because of his pioneer researches in the "cracking" of petroleum to produce gasoline. Many will remember the wide publicity that this work received in 1915, when it was heralded throughout the world, receiving front page space in practically all the newspapers. It is of more than passing interest to state that more than four billion gallons of gasoline are now being made each year by cracking.

A Life of Dr. Lehr

Dr. Irving Garwood, Macomb, Ill., has written a history of the life of Dr. Henry Solomon Lehr, founder of Ohio Northern. The material is in manuscript form and AWAITS SOMEONE TO UNDERWRITE THE EXPENSE OF PUBLICATION. It is an intensely interesting and comprehensive production.
Dr. E. E. Helms

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Dr. Elmer Ellsworth Helms graduated from Ohio Northern in 1886. At that time each literary society elected an honorary orator for Commencement. E. E. Helms was the honorary man selected by the Franklin Literary Society in 1886.

Before entering the ministry he taught country school, was Principal of a high school and served as Superintendent of the public schools at Hutchinson, Kansas. For a time he was traveling secretary of the Y. M. C. A. After entering the ministry he was fourteen years pastor in Buffalo, five years in Wilkes-Barre and five years pastor of the Calvary Church in Philadelphia. Since 1920 he has been pastor of the First Methodist Church of Los Angeles, California. During these seven years 3,788 new members have been received, bringing the total membership to over 4,300. A grand total of two and one half million dollars has been raised by this church. The grounds cost $500,000, the church building over $1,000,000 and the pipe organ $52,000. The budget for expenses, missions and charitable contributions during the past year was $188,000. The church building seats 5,000 and is said to be the largest Methodist Church ever built. It has a paid staff of 23 persons.

In the ALUMNUS of April, 1927 was published a list of books written by Dr. Helms. His newest book, “Men Who Made and Marred History,” has just come off the press.

Meeting of New York Alumni

Dr. Thomas J. Smull, Executive Secretary, and Professor Ivor S. Campbell of the Electrical Engineering Department, were in New York City on business on November 25th and 26th. Although very short notice of their coming was received, a meeting of the New York Alumni Club was held at the McAlpin Hotel, and about thirty-five were present. Dinner was served to the group in a private section of the main dining room, and after dinner there was an informal gathering in a meeting room which was kindly provided by the hotel management.

Dr. Smull described the present day facilities and conditions at the University and furnished some very interesting information regarding new projects under way and those planned for the future. He also told about the recent endowment drive, the success of which is now a matter of history with at least the present financial requirements of the University and its membership in the Ohio College Association assured. Professor Campbell also spoke and told about the activities and aims of his department.

Questions were asked and enthusiastic talks on various subjects, including athletics and the ALUMNUS, were given by a number of those present and many helpful suggestions were received.

During the two days' visit, Dr. Smull and Professor Campbell had an opportunity to see and hear about many things that they said would be of value to them in their work. They are the kind of men that are always welcome and the best interests of the University were foremost in their conversations. It is hoped that they will visit the New York Club again and that other members of the University organization will do the same.

Mr. Harry J. Caruthers, a member of the New York Club, gladdened the heart of Dr. Smull by handing him a check for $100 to be used in sending complimentary copies of the ALUMNUS to old students who are not yet subscribers, the list to be selected by Dr. Smull.
D. D. Ewing

D. D. Ewing, Professor of Electrical Engineering, and in charge of Electric Railway Power Transmission and Alternating Current Machinery Courses at Purdue University, is an Ohio Northern graduate of the vintage of 1906.

Professor Ewing was born in 1883 near Vanlue, Ohio. Spent his early years on a farm and graduated from the village high school in 1900. After teaching in the public schools for two years, entered Ohio Northern University. In 1906 received degrees in both electrical and mechanical engineering. During 1905-6 was assistant to Professor J. B. Gregg.

In 1906 entered the employ of the Central District and Printing Telegraph and Telephone Company, the Bell Company, then headquartered at Pittsburgh, Pa. Spent several months with this company in charge of a gang of cable splicers and helpers engaged in locating and repairing faults in telephone cables. In the autumn of 1906 entered the employ of the Missouri Pacific Railroad. Was consecutively rodman, instrument-man and assistant engineer in charge of a corps on location surveys and drainage work in Arkansas and mine investigation work in the Joplin District.

In December, 1906, married Mary C. Schantz, also a Northernite. Their only child, a son, Paul Bruce Ewing, was born in 1916.

In the spring of 1907, with the Hocking Valley Railway at Logan, Ohio, was engaged in yard layout and repair shop construction work as assistant division engineer. In the autumn of 1907 returned to Ohio Northern to instruct future Northernites in engineering, remaining until the autumn of 1912 in charge of the courses in electrical and mechanical engineering. During 1912-13 attended Purdue University as a graduate student in electrical engineering, doing part time instructional work. At the end of the year became Assistant Professor of Electrical Engineering at Purdue. In 1918 was promoted to Professor of Electric Railway Engineering.

Prof. Ewing is co-author of a text-book on electric railway engineering, author of seven bulletins on technical subjects published by the Purdue Engineering Extension and Experimental Station Services, and of numerous signed articles and unsigned staff articles and editorials published in the Electric Railway Journal, Electrical World and other technical publications. He is a Fellow of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, member of the Society for the Promotion of Engineering Education, American Electric Railway Engineering Association, Central Electrical Railway Association, Indiana Engineering Society, the Research Society of Sigma Xi and the honorary engineering fraternities of Tau Beta Pi and Eta Kappa Nu; also a member and secretary of the Rail Corrugation Committee, member of the Inductive and Radio Coordination Committee, both of the American Electric Railway Association, A. I. E. E., representative on the Joint Committee on Welded Rail Joints of the National Research Council and the American Electric Railway Association, and a member of the Overhead Systems Committee of the National Electric Light Association, Great Lakes Division.

During the early part of the War he made some special studies of the transportation problems at the shipyards in the East and at the time of the signing of the Armistice was in direct charge of the instructional work being administered at Purdue to 3,000 soldiers of the Student Army Training Corps.

The Pre-Professional Courses

I have been requested by the editor to explain briefly the relation of these courses, designated in the catalogue as pre-medical, pre-dental, pre-law, etc., to the liberal arts courses. They are not different from the liberal arts courses. The schools of medicine, law, dentistry, etc., require of applicants for admission to their courses a certain amount of liberal arts work before entrance. To aid students who are expecting to enter professional schools this required work is outlined in the catalogue for each profession. No diploma or degree is given for these courses; they simply aid the student in getting in proper order and amount the credits for liberal arts work that he will need when applying for entrance to the professional schools. The work done in pre-professional courses counts toward getting liberal arts degrees here. I trust this brief statement will explain the matter.

R. H. Schoonover.
On Military Training

Editor,
Ohio Northern University Alumnus.

In the July issue of the Ohio Northern ALUMNUS there is a comment on the abolition of the military training department, also an invitation to express one's opinions pro and con. Put me down with an emphatic pro for the re-establishment of the department. My suggestions are as follows:

Military training should not interfere with athletics. I consider it far superior to many of the so-called athletics from the standpoint of physical, mental and moral development. It gives mass activities and develops team work. It calls all out for physical work. It is not commercialized as are many of our athletics. It is antagonistic to such activities as develop a few physically and the rest of the student body vocally, which is not music. Military training inculcates two very essential things of value to the older as well as to the younger generation, viz:

1. To do what they are told to do.
2. To do it when they are told to do it.

Military training encourages leadership and fellowship to a remarkable degree. We must have a citizenship skilled in fellowship if we are to have leadership, as no true leader exists who does not understand the value of fellowship. We are developing a nation of so-called leaders who have not yet developed the power to lead themselves.

Democracy demands an intelligent citizenship; a citizenship that realizes and fulfills its duties as well as clamors for its rights. Rights and duties are but the two halves of a necessary whole.

There are three leading duties that each citizen owes to his counymen and government: pay his taxes directly or indirectly; vote at all regular primaries and elections; and defend his country in case of need. If we are to continue as a free and independent nation of free and liberty loving people, then the three enumerated requirements are axiomatical. No sane person questions statements one and two, but for some reason appear to deny the right to number three, notwithstanding that our country was established and perpetuated by the exercise of a government functioning on this principle.

Military training as physical developer should not and need not bring up the question of war. It is insurance beneficial both to the individual and to the government. It stands for good fellowship and good citizenship—to every one a square deal.

No sane person can question the value of military training in case of war. They only argue that war is unnecessary and unsatisfactory. I will grant the latter, but not the former.

When all of the other countries are arming it looks reasonable that we should adopt a sane measure of sane preparedness. No government has a right to send untrained men into an armed conflict. The answer is, take out insurance in the form of preparedness. No person or class of persons opposes war with more vigor than the soldier who knows what war is, and the rank and file are unanimously in favor of some kind of preparedness.

Let me recite from personal experience three events:

1. In 1898 I was Captain of Infantry, U. S. V., serving in the Cuban campaign. After the armistice I was put in command of the Yellow Fever Hospital at Firmaux with four officers and a few non-coms and raw recruits just arrived from Chicago. The men were without any military training, knew nothing of camp life—cooking in the field and so on. Our duty was to construct a camp for some 2,000 yellow fever patients that arrived in relays covering about a week. They were to get supplies, dig latrines, bury the dead, and perform other duties too numerous to mention. Thirty of these men died of fever, 218 were sent home through the hospital, and I landed at Montauk with one officer and fifty-two men. I maintain that these men did not have a fair show. They did their work without a word of complaint. The detail should have been of trained men, but they were not available.

2. In 1916 I was on the Mexican border as a Lieutenant Colonel of Cavalry (Ill.) Many of our men were raw recruits taken in to fill up the regiment. Fortunately, we had no serious work. However, that was not our fault.

3. In 1918 I was Lieutenant Colonel, 108th Engineers, taking part in the Meuse-Argonne drive, the jump off being the
morning of the 26th of September. Our regiment prepared the way over a winding stream and swamp for our infantry to advance. The two regiments of infantry had lost heavily while on the English front and had just been filled up with replacement men. As the over-the-top was about to start, several of the men remarked to a junior officer, "How the hell do you load these damned guns?" These men were simply "cannon fodder." Did they have a square deal? I'll say they did not. Why? Because of a lack of sane preparedness.

COL. WALLACE H. WHIGHAM, '97, 3921 Addison St., Chicago, Ill.

Expenses at O. N. U.

According to the best statistics available, the actual cost for a year of thirty-six weeks at Ohio Northern ranges as follows:

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Football Scores

The Ohio Northern University football team showed considerable strength last fall, but had no outstanding stars and was not quite as well seasoned as some of the other teams in the Conference. The scores were as follows:

O. N. U. 14 Bluffton 8
O. N. U. 2 Bowling Green 6
O. N. U. 26 Baldwin-Wallace 7
O. N. U. 47 Kenyon 0
O. N. U. 6 Heidelberg 12
O. N. U. 21 Muskingum 38
O. N. U. 6 Miami 33
O. N. U. 0 Ohio University 25
O. N. U. 0 Denison 8

1928 Football Schedule

The football schedule for 1928 will be as follows:

- Sept. 22, Bluffton at Ada.
- Sept. 29, Bowling Green at Ada.
- Oct. 6, Case at Findlay.
- Oct. 13, Heidelberg at Tiffin.
- Oct. 27, Ohio at Ada.
- Nov. 2, Denison at Granville.
- Nov. 10, Mt. Union at Alliance.

Cross Country

The Ohio Northern University cross country team went to Oberlin and gained a victory over Oberlin College Cross Country varsity team. Anderson of Ohio Northern University took first place and other members of the Northern squad came in second, third, ninth and tenth. Anderson also finished first in a number of other contests with individual colleges and notably in the inter-collegiate cross country race held at Denison where there were sixty entries from Muskingum, Wooster, Oberlin, Ohio Weslayan, Case, Kenyon, Cincinnati, Denison and Ohio University.

Basketball

The basketball season is still young. In the early practice games, however, the Ohio Northern University team has shown considerable strength. The schedule is as follows:

Dec. 15—Bowling Green at B. G.
Dec. 17—Bluffton at Ada.
Dec. 29—Kenton Reds at Kenton.
Jan. 7—Capital at Ada.
Jan. 20—Kenyon at Ada.
Jan. 27—Heidelberg at Tiffin.
Jan. 28—Ashland at Ashland.
Feb. 3—Baldwin-Wallace at Berea.
Feb. 8—Muskingum at New Concord.
Feb. 17—Oberlin at Ada.
Feb. 24—Capital at Columbus.
Feb. 25—Otterbein at Westerville.

Winter Term Enrollment

The Winter quarter opened on Tuesday, November 28th, with an enrollment of 1,230, one of the largest of recent years. There are 343 students in the College of Liberal Arts, 190 engineers, 180 pharmics, 140 law students, 138 in the College of Education, 58 in commerce, 72 in music and 4 in fine arts.
LEHR MEMORIAL (left), HILL BUILDING (clock tower) AND CORNER OF BROWN.
BROWN, THE OLD CHAPEL HALL WHERE BASKETBALL IS NOW PLAYED.
The Class of ’95

The class of ’95 was the “most remarkable class ever graduated from the O. N. U.” They admitted it without argument among themselves, and the faculty told them they were commendable, as, perfunctorily, their chapter was closed that commencement season. That was a history-making epoch, as that class sincerely believed. It did, in fact, set upon the open road of achievement as strong a class as may be registered. They were let out with compliments.

Following precedent to some extent the juniors of that year felt uneasy as they noted the fusing of these crowns upon the brows of these seniors, and they attempted to get into the picture. This they did by preparing a play, en rapport, and presenting it with a great flourish.

Seeing the name W. W. Newcomer mentioned in a recent ALUMNUS prompted a mental recall reminiscently that he was one of the perpetrators of that play. With Nelson Sauvain, C. E. Crawford, and some others, now not registering, the play was written, and it was produced at the Ada Opera House, as then was, Thursday evening, July 11th, 1895.

At chapel that morning hand bills were circulated. These read somewhat as follows: SENIORS OF ’95, or the Evolution of Gray Matter; A Drama in Three Acts ... We, the Seniors of the O. N. U., will render the above named strikingly and remarkably realistic drama in OPERA HOUSE, Ada, Ohio, Thursday Evening, July 11th ... Curtain rises at 8 o’clock sharp. No reserved seats. Admission 5 cents; Seniors Free. The tickets read: Senior Roast, Admit One. The Opera House was packed that night with potential feelings, but the play was, contrary to expectations, uninterrupted.

The University Herald of July 12, 1895, makes comment along these lines quoted: They (the seniors) were afraid something would explode, and Nelson Sauvain, at chapel yesterday morning, touched off the fuse when he announced the drama ... would be presented at the Opera House Thursday evening. ... But the parade, oh my! It was tall, but not quite out of sight. ... Following the band came about one hundred and fifty fellows, many of whom were wearing plug hats ... and carried canes in a very becoming way (the seniors had secretly elected to wear silk toppers that year) ... This original drama is without doubt the finest thing of imitation ever given here. ... The Opera House was crowded and none went his way disappointed. Even the seniors were satisfied, as they expected a roast, and few were missed.

These seniors are mentioned: Stockstill, McKay, Miles, McAulty, Miss Benkard, Burris, Welty, Freeman, Hazen, Miss Nash, Drury. Whatever these, and the other stalwart members of the class of ’95, may afterward have achieved, they owe largely to “Billie” Newcomer and his gang.

“Billy” could speak pieces; “Joe” was his kid brother, and now these, I note, are selling real estate at Burbank, California.

In those days, at Ada, Billy could recite with great skill—he, I believe, called it art; could recite so touchingly that whenever he was billed for performance on his F.L.S. stage program it was, if memory serves aright, customary to post a note at the door advising whether to bring handkerchiefs or belts. If he was giving his entertainment with the portrayal of pathos, one should have his handkerchief available to wipe away the tears; but if he rendered his humorous readings, one needed a belt to keep safely assembled. Many a salty drop have I shed over Billy’s pathetic interpretations until I learned he was merely putting the stuff over in preparation for salesmanship vending these Western town lots, California particularly. I’d be afraid to park my grip at Burbank if I did not want to become a freeholder.

Billy came from the Quaker state, and is very honest, when serious, and very serious when dishonest. From 1895 to 1927 is a long call in dramatics. We are told that all the world’s a stage. The parts we play are not always in burlesque of those who march in the ranks just ahead of us. The seniors of ’95 were splendid exponents of good sportsmanship, and they that year honored the junior bunch by their presence under those complimentary “Seniors Free” tickets. Had they been less than great, they would have pouted and complained.

L. E. St. John.
The eight men featured above were assistant Editors and assistant Business Managers of the NORTHERN REVIEW in 1927. This weekly publication not only keeps the student informed regarding the trend of University activities but provides a fine opportunity for the students of English to practice what they are taught, especially those who have a natural talent for writing but a natural disinclination for public speaking. Every week there is a meeting of the Press Club and each member is given an opportunity to criticize the issue of the REVIEW published the preceding week.
DR. JOHN W. DAVISON

Of beloved memory to Northernites and citizens of Lima and Ada.
The School of English at O. N. U. is named after Professor Davison.
Home-Coming Day

Last October witnessed a very successful Home-Coming Day. A record-breaking crowd of nearly 4,000 attended the football game with Heidelberg. The Ohio Northern University team made 16 first-downs to only 5 for Heidelberg, but was unable to convert its strength on the offensive into touchdowns and the team from Tiffin was victorious by a score of 12 to 6. As usual, however, the O. N. U. band scored a decisive victory and came in for a great deal of praise from the visiting alumni. The band was honored by the presence of Dr. Ralph H. Woods of La Salle, Illinois, who graduated in 1898. He has composed a number of selections in the field of band music. Prizes were awarded for the best decorated fraternity house, the best decorated rooming house and other features.

We might mention many men and women of prominence who have lived under the shadows of Ohio Northern University aside from our candidates for President of the United States, members of the United States Senate and others high in the realm of statehood. Not the least of these is Ira D. Marshall, world's champion corn grower for three successive years, who gets his mail on the rural route east of town, and produces his tons of corn just a few miles from the corporation line on State Route No. 81. His yield for 1927 is 1677.7 bushels of shelled corn for ten acres. It is a rather remarkable coincident that his son, Glenn, should be the second highest producer of corn during this period. Mr. Marshall's average for the past three years has been 1625 bushels per year.

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The treasurer's office has been buzzing with activity during the Christmas holidays getting out statements calling for the first payment from the thousands of subscribers to the endowment fund. The greater percentage of these subscriptions are small, yet many of them represent a real sacrifice on the part of those making these pledges. The members of the Methodist Church of the West Ohio Conference, many of whom have never seen Ohio Northern, have certainly issued a challenge to the alumni by the splendid response they made in what was unquestionably the darkest hour in the history of Ohio Northern. And the end is not yet. It is often harder to remain in an organization than it is to get into it. The increasing demands upon educational institutions makes this proposition particularly true with them. Ohio Northern's intangible values have increased many fold during the past decade.
Dr. Bailey, Vice President O. N. U., was in charge of the Endowment Drive under the auspices of the West Ohio Conference. He has been President Smith's right hand man in the administrative phase of Northern activities and has submitted his resignation to the Board of Trustees to take effect simultaneously with that of Dr. Smith.
When I was suffered to attend the O. N. U. in the late 90's I also suffered, and was greatly alarmed about many measures and men around the campus and along the wooden old sidewalks of Ada, U. S. A. Somehow the specifications of learning were impressive, and they did the thing differently in those days, both respecting measures and graduating men.

The faculty looked to me as scarcely qualified to appreciate the true measure of effort I was anxiously putting forth (nor the necessities that urged me to put) sufficiently to make my dreams come true, by putting its stamp of approval, and setting me across the line where a student ceased to be one and the world opened its arms to embrace a "self made man" so fashionable in that period of history.

As I neared the limit of what I hoped would mark that line, I more and more was conscious that some one should do something about it or some one was going to perpetrate a disastrous hoax upon the waiting world. I was wondering whether my faculties blunderingly beating against the council denominated the faculty was going to turn the trick that should release me properly credentialed for the trial trip.

'Twas an honorable body, that faculty.

There was august Warren Darst, a member of it, of such ethical rectitude he was the Q.E.D. personification of the beatitudes of learning as I dreamed my dreams. Darst taught me all of ethics I ever learned, and he taught it by his sparkling force of example as he aimed his guns of wisdom adown that old, rambling, long, ram-loading Chapel Hall. This is intended as a tribute measure of my esteem for Darst's ability to impart knowledge. Not that he knew less than he imparted to me, but that he could shoot so much into me—capacity measure, no doubt—and do it smilingly in good humor and with that wonderfully fine stage presence always at command.

He edge-u-cated me. Elementally dull, I sorely tried his grit, as I sat in his presence on the edge of one of those old antiquated (but not antique) discomforting seats, to look up at and to listen to this pedagogical fount of practical ethics—the sweetest and most delightful flow of instruction under which it was ever my good fortune to hold my cup.

Then, too, there was Park, who parked his grammatical wisdoms into narrow spaces while he twisted his head a bit quizzically a little to one side as he bent his brush o' chin whiskers up to tickle his nose for English notions, thus anointing wisdom with the emoluments of humor. In cherished memories, we still can see him! He left his stamp upon each of us, not always as A-gramaricus, but certainly as B-alumnus.

Maglott was the impersonation, no, the incarnation, of the glory of astronomical precisions. Ancient History was back-door lumber with him, and glibly he cut—chopped—it up to fit it into wooden spaces otherwise void; Geography was a matter of pleasant pastime to him as he held in his hand his "trump cards," and in the shuffle of them called one after another to stand and recite upon how many yellow pumpkins were essential in the ultimate mix to make Thanksgiving pie in Darke county for a family of six, all boys, or some other interrogation of equal statistical meaning and importance.

Why, Maglott told the stars! What he told them I never learned, but that he counted them I saw with my own eyes. In some obscure Book, little read anymore, I had learned that any incomprehensible multitude was wont to be figured in the summation "innumerable as the stars in the heavens that cannot be counted." But Maglott knew their number, their measure, and their impossible nomenclature, and why it was all so. For he told us with such positive, staccato affirmations, I verily believed that he, himself, had counted, measured, and christened them obligingly.

In my ventures into the subject of Astronomy (as I now recall, I then was wont to spell it with ss) it was thrilling to be invited by this dear romantic professor to meet, en class, with him out upon the campus at some holy hour of moonless nocturnal clearness to learn the position and the names of the stars,—perchance to keep through that old megaphone belonging then to the faculty there, and give the moon a loony salute. At his call, I was present. This worthy instructor with his face turned heavenlyward and his rod pointing to celestial wisdoms and wonders, so late, or so early,
under the witcheries o’ night, was the innocent instrument of affording to me great adventures. This time and means of instruction were not altogether lost upon me. I held the dear trusting hand of some timid co-ed, and looked—gazed deeply—for the twinkle of stars far more entrancing than those this kindly man was assuring us were so very far away we’d all be dead before one of them, caring to wink coquettishly at us, would register its simple, flirtatious tale. I never got very far in astronomy, but the learning of it was engaging.

But I digress. I would speak of Minnie Dickinson, of Miss Myers, of Prof. Gregg, Mrs. Maglott, Mrs. Hickernell, Willis, Fess, and of others, and memorialize the traces they left on the heart however slight they may have registered learning upon the indexes of mind.

Fess; Willis! Page these. The editor of ALUMNUS warned us to not mention them. I seem to have lost them. In the late 90’s they were men, men such as college youth sought out to be able to sit on the other end of the log for the mere democracy of watching them, one at a time, at the other end whittling upon the hard knots. They are lost to us forever, as a personality marching up and down in high places before a nation’s view in the vestments of grave dignity and toppers, is not Fess, not yet is it Willis, expending energy whittling some tough knot of material into the passing image of God while, as a labor of love, he speaks words that would enlarge the natural endowments for the true standards of spiritual living.

Over all these was Lehr, the venerable author of the Old Nebular Universe that liberated worlds in the raw, and who found ways and means for making fair dreams come true. Men, women—alumni, worldwide, now revere his saintly memory, and must pause reminiscently in salute, and turn aside improved in spirit.

Nearing the finish line under the administration of these earnest, kindly men and women, then the faculty, I failed clearly to see any wide open spaces out in the world where I could dash in a running start, sky-rocketing upon a career, nor was there any sign post registering a well-defined want for such stuff as I was—veneer over.

In those final adjustments and anxieties I was wont to seek consolations, and encouragements, by comparisons. I looked up all the grads I could find, notably Parlette & Snyder, publishers of the University Herald—Herald of the Universe!—that were still sticking around, and, measuring myself and my stature with these, after allowing for “swelling in delivered packages,” I was able to be in a measure comforted by the thought that if these were let out, I might either be set out to wither up, or dropped out at the back window to float about in a void having no landing sands for me to settle upon.

That was long—a quarter of a century ago, and I still am floating somewhat erratically, like a feather in the field, seeking some hoped-for port, post, or porridge, preferably all of these. How I got out I do not now well know, but do know it was with a very distinct limp. This was overlooked by the faculty, for, as I have said, they were a kindly council.

—NHOJ TSEL.

How Ada was Named

Ada, Hardin County, was called by Gov. Chas. Foster “The biggest town of its size in Ohio.” To grasp fully Mr. Foster’s estimate, it is necessary to take into account the main “industry” of the town, the Ohio Northern University, which has turned out among its alumni during a half century, more men of prominence in state and national affairs than any other similar institution in the entire country. Ada received its name from a niece of the postmaster general under President Lincoln. The settlement engaged in sawing the primeval forest into planks used to call it Johnstown. The post office department decided, however, that some other place had a prior claim on that name. The unimaginative forefathers could not agree on a substitute so they left it up to the postmaster general. He christened the infant with the name of his favorite relative.—Toledo Blade.
New Trustees: Taft, Lorenz, Hartley and Patterson

At the mid-year meeting of the Board of Trustees of Ohio Northern, John H. Taft and Frederick A. Lorenz, both of Chicago, and both graduates of Ohio Northern, were elected to membership-at-large on the Board.

Mr. Taft, who recently gave the university $50,000 for the construction of the new gymnasium, is a former Ohio man whose great business career was recounted in an article in a recent edition of The ALUMNUS. He is also a member of the board of trustees of Cornell College, Iowa. Mr. Lorenz, a well-known insurance man of Chicago, was born in Ohio and has for some years taken active interest in the affairs of Ohio Northern and in the Ohio Society of Chicago. He was given an honorary degree by Ohio Northern University in 1916 and by Lincoln University in 1926.

Two other men were elected to membership-at-large on the Board of Trustees of Ohio Northern at the time of the election of Mr. Taft and Mr. Lorenz. They are E. C. Hartley, of Dayton, and Grove Patterson, editor of the Toledo Blade and author of the daily syndicated feature, “The Way of the World.”

THE LAW FACULTY, AND A FEW LAW STUDENTS, 1927

Last Spring the law students had their photographs taken in several groups, the faculty appearing in each group. Above is one of the groups. The four boys in the front row, sitting on the floor, are law students. In the second row of seven are the members of the law faculty. In the center is Dr. William Price Henderson, Dean of the College of Law. At his right are Professors Petitt and Weber; on his left, Professors Underwood and Smith. The interest of the law students is stimulated through the argument of various questions in Moot Court every Tuesday. Last year the law association, which includes all of the law students, enjoyed special lectures by Judge Clark of Canton, Ohio and other prominent speakers.
SUBSCRIPTION RENEWALS

Nearly 800 subscriptions expire with this issue, which also completes Volume I of the ALUMNUS. The subscriptions during the first year have approximately balanced the cost of producing the magazine. If there is a deficit, it will be negligible. In this connection, however, we want to thank Mr. Frederick Spooner, manager of the Rickstanner Printing Company, for making this result possible. As a special favor to us he has co-operated to the extent of printing our magazine at cost without the usual allowance for overhead, etc. If he had not taken a personal interest in co-operating to this extent, there would be a deficit of several hundred dollars. We hope subscribers will show an equally worthy spirit of co-operation in renewing their subscriptions. If you will sign the accompanying subscription blank, the sales cost for the second year will be very small. If, however, it is necessary to print sales letters and send them to you as we did last March, there will be a considerable sales expense. We should like to receive 800 of these subscription blanks during the month of February.

THE FACULTY

One morning after chapel, the photographer rounded up the members of the faculty who were present and the above photograph is the result. The faculty has considerably increased as compared with twenty years ago. We do not know the exact figures, but we believe there is one faculty member to every twenty students at the present time.
ALUMNI NOTES

Cleveland District

L. H. Gardner, who went to Atlanta, Ga., last June, has returned to Cleveland and will make his headquarters here.

J. M. Patton (L.L.B. '01) is engaged in law practice at Berea, Ohio.

Mark A. Patterson (L.L.B. '14) is an attorney with his office in the Williamson Building.

H. J. Prudent (Eng. '21) is engaged in contracting work at Bedford, Ohio.

Earl Porter (M.E. '21) is an engineer for the Arco Co.

Ray Quigley (E.E. '20) is with the Land Title Abstract & Trust Co.

C. L. Robertson (Scientific '08) is an accountant with the Murray Ohio Manufacturing Co.

John L. Reinheimer (L.L.B. '23) is in the Legal Department of the Cleveland Railway Co.

Mae Ray (Commercial '08) is bookkeeper at the F. W. King Optical Co.

Della C. Ringle (Scientific '85) lives at 11400 Lake Avenue.

L. J. Russell (Pharmacy '21) is with the Standard Drug Co.

D. R. Rice (B.S. '15) is Superintendent of Schools at Mentor, Ohio.

Hugh Runkle (Commercial '25) is a stenographer for the Van Sweringen Co.

Wallace F. Schott (E.E. '15) is a mechanical engineer for the Swiftout Co.

Ruth Shank (A.B. '22) is teaching in the Cleveland schools.

D. J. Schaefer (Classical '96) is instructor in Chemistry at East Technical High School.

Floyd D. Shook (A.B. '37) is a general insurance agent with offices in the Keith Building. (Contributed by R. E. Duff.)

Chicago District

The Chicago Chapter held its fall meeting at the Hotel La Salle on November 29. The principal feature was the presentation of a watch to John H. Taft in recognition of his gift of $50,000 for the new gymnasium at Ohio Northern, reported in the October issue of the ALUMNUS. The watch was given by individual members of the Chicago alumni. President Smith and Executive Secretary Smull made a special trip to Chicago for the occasion. The meeting was in charge of the new president, Alden M. Elliott. Community singing, led by Bill Dormand, of Evanston, and accompanied by Tony Prince, a professional musician, provided the lighter side of the program.

F. F. Barth ('98) sales manager for the newly organized Indian Trails Country Club, with offices at 20 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, has returned to his office after spending several weeks in a hospital.

C. B. Burnside (C.E. '20) is a designing engineer with the Board of Local Improvements, with offices in Room 532 Burnham Building, 160 North La Salle Street, Chicago. He lives at 3938 North Lawndale Avenue, Chicago.

Miss Sophia C. Gleim (A.B. '15), living at 48 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago, is now teaching in the public schools of that city. Her permanent home address is Wheelersburg, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Kemp have moved from their former address in Montrose avenue to 525 Cornelia Avenue, Chicago.

H. L. Maurer (C.E. '06) is with the American Bridge Co. at Gary, Ind. His residence address is 405 Bridge Street, Gary.

E. J. McElroy (95) is on the Federal prohibition enforcement staff of Chicago. His office address is 725 Transportation Building, 608 South Dearborn Street, that city.

Lester R. Minion (A.B. '25), lately a student in Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, Ill., is now living at 5918 Parnell Avenue Chicago. He has a pastorate at the Adriel Methodist Episcopal Church, at South Keeler Avenue and West 35th Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Herier, living at 2127 Maple Avenue, Evanston Ill., are both graduates of Ohio Northern in the class of 1927. Mr. Herier graduated from the Liberal Arts Department and Mrs. Herier from the Department of Education.

Arthur Sherwin (C.E. '24) is with the American Bridge Co. at Gary, Ind., and lives at Riverside Hall, in that city.

Dr. Daniel Stecker is living at 423 Eighth Street, Wilmette, Ill. a residential suburb in the North Shore section of the Chicago area.

E. R. Tilton, a graduate of Ohio Northern, is an Assistant Cashier of the Bank of America, formerly Greenbaum Sons Bank, at 9 South La Salle Street, Chicago. He lives at 2531 Jackson Avenue, Evanston, Ill.

The Chicago Chapter regrets the loss of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Dobbins, who moved to Cleveland on January 1. Mr. Dobbins (E.E. and C.E. '15) is employed by the American Telephone and Telegraph Co. and was transferred to the Cleveland office of that organization. Mrs. Dobbins (E.D. '14) was known to her classmates as Valeria Barnhart, then of Lafayette, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Dobbins never failed to attend the fall and spring meetings of the Chicago Chapter, and Mr. Dobbins was a regular customer at the weekly luncheons. Officers of the Cleveland Chapter will do well to connect up with them and put them to work. (Contributed by Norman M. Stineman.)

New York District

H. J. Carruthers (C.E. '14) is engaged on structural engineering work and resides at 54 Columbus Avenue, Arlington, N. J.

H. B. Coleman (Eng. '06) resides at 41 Roosevelt Avenue, Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

Richard D. Fine (C.E. '26) attended Northern during the period from '08-'10 and received his degree in 1926. Mr. Fine has a consulting engineering practice in New York City, specializing in steel work for buildings. His home is at 466 W. Franklin Avenue, Ridgewood. N. J.
Miss Hazel Fry (Law '26) is practicing law with her father, Albert H. Fry, whose office is at 19 So. La Salle St., Chicago. Her residence address is 1327 Cuyler Ave., Chicago.

Warren F. Hickernell ('08) is the author of two volumes on "Financial and Business Forecasting," recently published by the Alexander Hamilton Institute, New York.

V. H. Strombach ('10) resides at 70 Park Avenue, Maplewood, N. J.

L. V. Lyle (C.E. '12) resides at 235 East 178th Street, New York City.

D. W. R. Morgan (M.E. '13) resides at 218 Dickinson Avenue, Swarthmore, Pa.

F. H. Tacey (Ph.G. '13) is located at 1207 South Street, Utica, N. Y.

Agnes C. Moran (Com. Sc. '15) is employed with the Liberty National Bank of New York City.

L. F. Snyder, a former student at Northern, is with the Conde Nast Publishing Co. and is also a member of the Advertising Staff of "Vogue." Mr. Snyder, who will be remembered by many as Dorothy Ames (Music '19) is now assisting Alberto Jonas under whom she studied after graduating from the Chicago Music College in 1921. Mr. and Mrs. Snyder were former AIA people, but are now residing at 2985 Botanical Square, New York City.

Geo. A. Hair (Ch.Eng. '21) resides at 153 Cliff Street, Naugatuck, Conn.

Daniel A. Proner (M.E. '21) is connected with the Sales Department of the J. C. Rochester Co., handling iron and steel products. Mr. Proner resides at 2274 Grand Concourse, Bronx, N. Y.

A. Demeroto (C.E. '22) is employed in the Engineering Department of the City of New York and resides at 10 Dixon Avenue, Amityville, L. I.

John Wells (Eng. '22) resides at 2732 Bainbridge Avenue, New York City.

Ivan Bolton (Law '24), formerly with the Guaranty Trust Co., New York City, has informed us that he has opened an office for the practice of Law at 312 Spitzer Building, Toledo, Ohio. Toledo Alumni please note.

C. F. Lowe (E.E. '27) is at present with the Brooklyn Edison Co. His address is 357 Ninth Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

John W. Woodward, a former student at Northern, is employed with the Standard Shipping Co., a subsidiary of the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey, 26 Broadway, New York City. (Contributed by J. J. Pilliod.)

Oregon, Washington

C. R. Seaborne of the Class of 1911 is now located at Longview, Washington. Mr. Seaborne has long been identified with the pulp and paper industry in Canada and Wisconsin and is now Chief Engineer in charge of construction of the Longview Fiber Company's plant at Longview.

E. R. Walsh of the Class of 1911, who is secretary of the O. N. U. Alumni of Oregon, is President of Brown and Brown, Inc., Forest Engineers, of Portland, Ore. Mr. Walsh has been located in Portland for the past ten years.

W. J. Cottrell of the Class of 1910 is located in Portland, Oregon, and is engaged in the electrical supply business.

MISCELLANEOUS (ALPHABETICAL)

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Ramon M. Bendeyro is in business at Gertrudis 20, Entre 2 y 3, Havana, Cuba. His firm, Bendeyro Y Hoo, are engaged in the merchandising business on a commission basis and accept accounts on consignment.

C. O. Brown (C.E. '14) is Vice-President of Fairfield Eng. Co. of Marion, Ohio.

Parker Buckwalter (C.E. '12) is representative of Vibilithic Company with offices in Dayton, Ohio.

C. A. Cole (Phar. '12) is located in Columbus, Ohio, on High Avenue near Broad.

T. M. Freeman (E.E. '13) is located in Columbus, Ohio, where he is a dealer in road machinery.

Mrs. Eda Freeman Lane (04). In the new school auditorium at Unionville Center, Ohio, on Friday evening, October 21, 1927, Mrs. Lane presented an original program, "A Forest Fantasy," enacted by nearly fifty of her pupils.

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Byron Moorhead (C.E. '12) is now in Australia erecting the new plant of the Goodyear Rubber Company.

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Robert Poole (E.E. '10) is assistant electrical engineer of Truseon Steel Company of Youngstown, Ohio.

D. R. Rice (B.S. '13) is Superintendent of Schools at Mentor, Ohio.

L. A. Roberts (E.E. '12) is representative of Clark Controller Company of Cleveland, Ohio.

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R. W. Thompson C.E. ('11) is chief engineer of Standard Tank Car Company at Sharon, Pa.

Martin B. Urich (C.E. '12) is now heating and ventilating engineer at Goodyear Rubber Company, Akron.

A Mediterranean Cruise

The Rev. David G. Wylie, D.D. LL.D., of New York, has been invited by Mr. Frank C. Clark, who for many years has successfully conducted tours to Europe and around the world, to accompany him with a select party on the Mediterranean and Norway trip next summer. The line Cunard steamer Lancastria, 17,000 tons, has been chartered for this cruise and the vessel will sail on June 30th, 1928, and will return the last of August. Those who would be interested in securing literature are asked to write. A $10 deposit will secure a tentative reservation. Address Dr. David G. Wylie, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York City.