

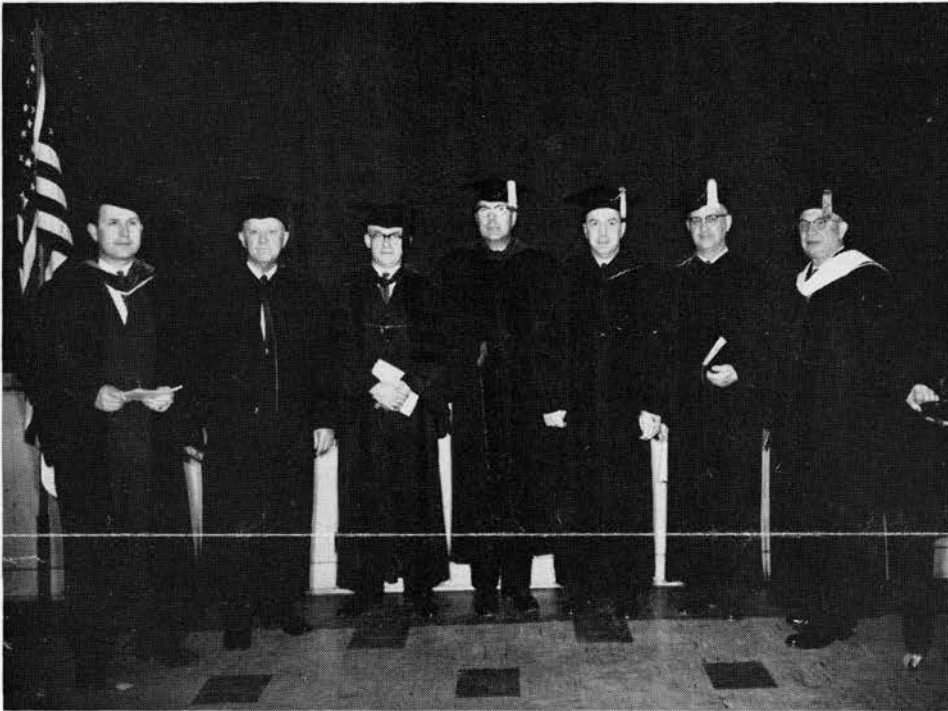
# The Morningsider

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## Inauguration



Dr. Charles Mason, Mr. David W. Stewart, Bishop Ensley, Dr. Howard Palmer, Dr. J. Richard Palmer, Dr. Harley Farnham, and Dr. John Gross.

Dr. J. Richard Palmer was inaugurated as the 10th president of Morningside College in an impressive ceremony on the evening of May 3rd in the First Methodist Church in Sioux City.

F. Gerald Ensley, resident bishop of the Methodist Church in Iowa gave the inaugural address on the theme "The Marks of a Christian College."

Dr. Palmer's response, which followed the inaugural ceremony, was on the Christian College and the Community, their relationship.

The processional of 175 representatives of educational institutions and societies, the board of trustees and the faculty, all in scholastic garb began the ceremony. The invocation was pronounced by the Rev. Charles Mason, pastor of First Methodist Church. Scripture was read by the Rev. Harley Farnham of Grace Methodist Church.

The Morningside College Choir, directed by Dr. Robert Larson and accompanied by the brass ensemble, sang the anthem, *Jubilate Deo* by Gabrielli.

Following the address by Bishop Ensley, Mr. David W. Stewart, president of the board of trustees of the college, formally installed Dr. Palmer with the Rev. John O. Gross, general secretary of the educational institutions of the Methodist Church helping to give the charge. Dr. Earl A. Roadman gave the prayer of dedication.

Following Dr. Palmer's address, the benediction was given by Dr. Howard Palmer, district superintendent of the Sioux City district of the Methodist Church.

A reception was held in the Social Parlors of the church immediately after the ceremony.

## Commencement 1957

Dr. Harold F. Carr, president of the Iliff School of Theology, Denver, will give the address at the Commencement exercises on Monday, May 27, at 10 a. m. in the George Allee Gymnasium.

Eighty three seniors will receive their degrees. Twenty students will be graduated from the two year elementary course.

Honorary degrees will be presented to Herbert L. Dunham, of Phoenix, Morningside graduate of the class of 1915, Earl A. Roadman of Reinbeck, Iowa, Louis H. Preul, district superintendent of the Algona district and Leland D. Case, editor of *Together* magazine.

Baccalaureate services will be held Sunday, May 26, in Klinger Forum. Dr. Harley W. Farnham, pastor of Grace Methodist Church, will deliver the sermon.

Saturday, May 25, many alumni are planning to return to the campus for the Class Reunion luncheon, which will be at noon in Dimmitt Hall and the Alumni Dinner at 6:30 p. m. in the Sioux City Auditorium.



Dr. Harold F. Carr

## From the President's Pen

The humbling and challenging experience of the Inauguration is now a part of Morningside history. Bishop Ensley's stimulating address entitled "The Marks of A Christian College" made us all rejoice as we became increasingly aware of his concern for Christian Higher Education.

For me the most impressive moment came with the reading of the charge by Mr. David W. Stewart, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, and Dr. John O. Gross, General Secretary of Educational Institutions of the Methodist Church, followed by the prayer of Dedication by Dr. Earl A. Roadman, President-Emeritus of Morningside College. The Charge and the Prayer of Dedication are printed below.

Charge:

Mr. Stewart: The Trustees of Morningside College, being mindful of the special needs of this institution and the special gifts which the chief officer ought to possess, have elected you, John Richard Palmer, to the office of President of the College. Hear now these words of scripture: "Have I not commanded thee; be strong and of good courage, be not affrighted, neither be thou dismayed, for the Lord Thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest". Take courage in these ancient words.

President: I will do so, the Lord being my helper.

Dr. Gross: Your appointment as President of Morningside College has been confirmed by the Methodist Church. As an institution of the Church, Morningside College is known for its compelling Christian challenge to young lives, for its broad and liberal principles and for its world wide service to humanity. As head of an academic community, you will have responsibility for maintaining the highest standards of scholarship and learning, in service to the God of Truth. Therefore, thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy mind.

President: I will do so, the Lord being my helper.

Dr. Gross: As head of the Morningside family, you will be responsible for the condition of its religious life. Your spirit will govern its unity, its spiritual progress, and the security of its central convictions. Therefore, thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart.

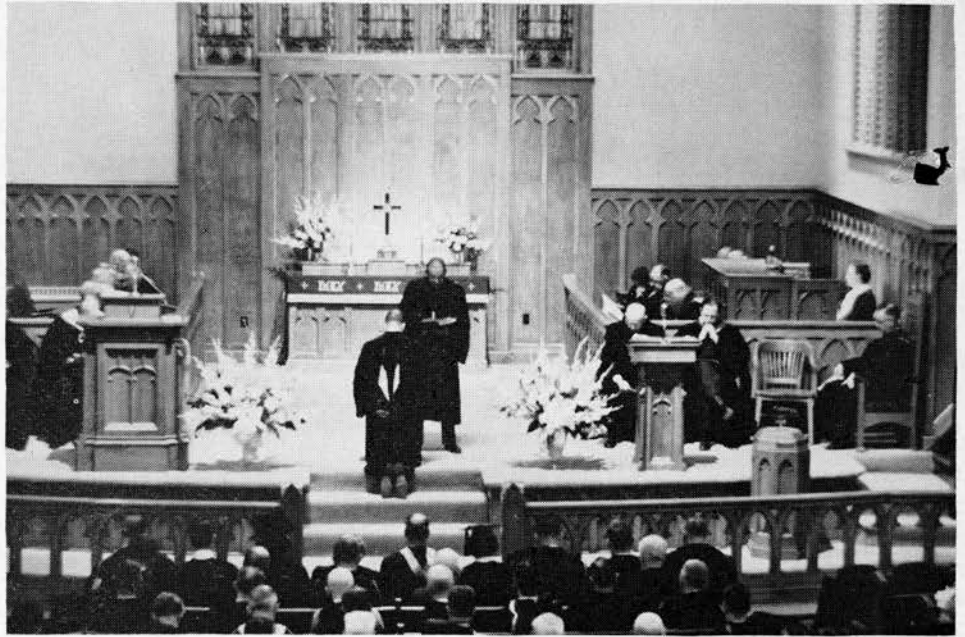
President: I will do so, the Lord being my helper.

Mr. Stewart: As chief administrator of the College, you will need to govern wisely. Remember the charity that tempers justice and the patience that tempers zeal. You will also need to govern with integrity and firmness of character. Therefore, thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy strength.

President: I will do so, the Lord being my helper.

Mr. Stewart: As chairman of the Board of Trustees of Morningside College, and in the name and by the authority of the Board of Trustees, I hereby declare you duly installed as President of Morningside College, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Alumni office has extra programs of the Inauguration, and will mail them to those who wish them.



### THE INAUGURATION PRAYER

O Lord, Creator and Father of mankind; Thou who art all power, all knowledge, all vision and all love, we acknowledge our dependence upon Thee. We believe that we have been called to this event by the circumstances which Thou only couldst have perceived and directed. We believe that this is indeed Thine own moment and that only Thou canst motivate and direct our words, our deeds and our purposes.

We believe that Morningside College is Thy place and Thy purpose within Sioux City and the Conference of the Methodist Church for the training of youth and for an experience of Christian unity and purpose. We therefore come seeking a full awareness of Thy presence and will today. We seek to consecrate and dedicate John Richard Palmer, whom Thou has abundantly blessed in his labors of the past. We raise him up in our midst and before Thee to be renewed and rededicated for his future tasks.

We pray especially that Thou will ever stimulate him in his mental acumen and motivate him in his moral courage. We realize, O Lord, that he dare not ask for a light and easy course, but may he constantly find Thy light and guidance in the dark and difficult moments. May he help Morningside College to teach the love of God, the love of man, the love of life and the deep undying love of society. May he find the pulse of Goodness in Sioux City. May he never forsake the quest of Goodness in students and may the church trust and nourish him in the nobleness of his efforts.

We cannot incorporate within our prayer even a small part of our hopes and dreams, but we thank Thee for Dr. Palmer's vigor of youth, his ardor of mind and the intensity of his zest. We commit him and ourselves to Thy care and leadership. May he ever preserve the sanctity of the Search for Truth.

Earl A. Roadman  
President-Emeritus  
Morningside College  
May 3, 1957



Miss Lillian Dimmitt, Mrs. David Stewart, Mrs. Thomas Tweito, Mrs. Earl Roadman and Mrs. J. Richard Palmer at the Inauguration.

## Buckingham Public Relations Head

Al Buckingham has been appointed to create and direct a public relations program for the college.

"Buck", athletic director and head basketball coach for the past twelve seasons, has dropped his coaching duties, but will continue as director of the athletic department in addition to his new position.

Under Buck's tutelage the Maroons won three North Central conference titles, three Iowa district N. A. I. A. championships, and went to the national N. A. I. A. tournament five times.

## Obye Named Basketball Coach

Chuck Obye '46, former Morningside athlete, has been named head basketball coach at the college to succeed Al Buckingham. Buck will continue as athletic director and will head the Public Relation department.

Chuck has been basketball coach at Wayne State Teachers for the past eight years, his teams having been in the upper division for six of those years. He was also acting athletic director, line coach in football and track coach. Following his graduation from Morningside he was assistant coach for two years. He then took his work for a master's degree at the State University of Iowa.

Mrs. Obye is the former Ferne Dunn '44, daughter of the Rev. George Dunn '21. The Obyes have three children, Carole Ann 8, Douglas Homer 6, and Marilyn Joyce 3.

## Gordon Metcalf Promoted

Gordon M. Metcalf, class of 1929, was recently elected vice president in charge Sears, Roebuck and Co.'s Midwestern Territory.

Metcalf, who graduated with an A. B. degree, served as president of the student body in his senior year. He was also president of Phi Sigma Fraternity during his last year at Morningside.

Mr. Metcalf first joined Sears in 1933. He subsequently handled retail and parent office assignments including store managerial posts in Sioux City and Decatur, Ill., retail zone officer in Kansas City, Mo., and the president's assistant in charge of retail administration. He was appointed manager of the Chicago retail group in 1948.

The Midwestern Territory that Metcalf will supervise includes 2 mail order plants, 237 retail stores and 184 catalog sales offices located in 12 states.



Mrs. Morton Phillips

## Alumni Dinner Speaker

Mrs. Morton Phillips '39 of Burlingame, California will be the featured speaker at the annual Alumni dinner on May 25. Mrs. Phillips writes a syndicated column which is published in more than 80 daily newspapers under the pen name Abigail Van Buren.

The dinner will be served at the Sioux City Municipal Auditorium at 6:30 p. m. Charles Dirr '44, president of the Alumni Association will preside. Miss Mildred Pecaut '18 is in charge of dinner arrangements.

Ira Gwinn '22 and Ray Toothaker '03 will conduct the ceremony of initiation of the 1957 senior class into "The Tribe of the Sioux".

All alumni and former students of the college are invited. Reservations may be made in the Alumni office.

Mrs. Phillips will be a guest at the Reunion Luncheon to be held in Dimmitt Hall at 12:30 of Alumni Day, May 25. A reception and tea in her honor will be held in the Sheraton-Martin hotel from 2 to 4 in the afternoon with the Journal Tribune Company as hosts.

## Olsen Named Consultant

Elwood Olsen '38, business manager of the college, has been named a consultant with the National Association of College Business Managers. The consulting service is financed by a grant made by the Ford Foundation with the view that colleges might be materially aided in the setting up of efficient operating practices and procedures. Mr. Olsen, who was chosen for the position because of his record of successful experience in college business management, will continue in his present capacity at the college.



President Palmer receiving the congratulations of President Emeritus Roadman.

## Mrs. Roadman Honored

Mrs. Earl A. Roadman, wife of the president emeritus of the college, was chosen Iowa Mother of the Year by the 1957 Mother-of-the-year committee of Iowa.

Governor Herschel Loveless of Iowa presented the citation at a ceremony which followed a reception and coffee hour honoring Mrs. Roadman at Sioux City's new Y. M. C. A. on Saturday morning, May 4.

Mrs. Wesley Christensen (Erma Petersen '32) of Sergeant Bluff, president of the Sioux City Council of Church Women, presided as general chairman of the event.

Dr. and Mrs. Roadman will be in New York City for the events which will precede the naming of the 1957 American Mother of the Year.

Morningsiders will heartily endorse Iowa's choice for that honor of the gracious woman who for twenty years was the 'first lady of the campus'.

## HONOR MRS. STEWART

Mrs. David Stewart, wife of the president of the board of trustees of the college, was honored by the Sioux City Business and Professional Women's club as one of four outstanding women of the year. She was chosen for her outstanding contributions to club and community life.

## CLASS NOTES

A group of Morningside graduates, former students and members of their families met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Brown and enjoyed dinner together at a Deland Florida dining room, March 31st. The former Morningsiders had attended the college in the period of 1903 to 1915. Those present included Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Pierce of Crescent City, Florida and Larchmont, New York, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Pierce and son, Herbert of Minneapolis, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Hudson of Titusville, Florida, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Walchter and daughter Ruth, of Orlando, and Mr. and Mrs. Brown.

Hal H. Buntley '29, supervisor of music in the Sioux City public schools, will retire at the end of the present school year.

Miss Jane Harris '26, supervisor of physical education and health activities for the Sioux City public schools, was honored at the annual convention of the central district health and physical education and recreation section of the National Education Association which was held in St. Louis in April. Miss Harris was cited for the excellent program she has developed in the Sioux City schools.

Lowell Crippen '30 is relinquishing his coaching duties at Leeds High School in Sioux City, and will devote full time to teaching. Mr. Crippen has coached at Leeds for 15 years and has made an impressive record. Before that he was coach at Merville, Mapleton and Harlan. While a student at Morningside he was North Central conference quarterback in 1928 and all-conference guard in 1929 in basketball.

Ralph '32 and Sylvia Sorenson Porter ex-32 of Waterloo, Iowa were campus visitors recently. Their daughter Karolyn, a high school senior, won a Merit Award in the National Merit Scholarship test this spring.

Harold Decker '34, formerly at the University of Wichita, has been appointed head of the department of choral music at the University of Illinois.

The doctoral thesis of Howard Robson '33 has been revised to book form and published by the University of Wyoming in cooperation with the Kellogg Foundation under the title "Success and Failure of Small School Superintendents."

Don Goetschuis '38 was granted a degree of Doctor of Education by the University of Wyoming on August 18, 1956. In September he joined the faculty of State Teachers College at Kearney, Nebraska.



Louis Croston

### Croston Admissions Counselor

Louis Croston '30 of Sioux City was appointed a counselor in the admissions department of the college and began his duties on April 22.

Mr. Croston is a former president of the Alumni Association and has served as a member and as chairman of the Living Endowment Fund of the Alumni Association. He has been a member of the board of Grace Methodist Church, and is lay leader in the church. He is well known for his work with the Boy Scouts.

Mrs. Croston (Hazel Surber) is a graduate of the college, as is their son Don. Another son, Craig was graduated this year from high school.

Mr. Croston was one of the recipients of the Alumni Achievement Awards in 1955.

Chief Warrant Officer John H. Norris ex '39, Great Lakes bandmaster, was appointed officer in charge and master of ceremonies of the tour of "Shipmates Varieties", the 1957 edition of the United States Navy Recruiting Services' All-Navy Review. Mr. Norris was selected on the basis of his fine record with the Great Lakes Band. The tour has scheduled 45 cities and will run from May 6 — June 25.

Mrs. Paul Severance '28 as been elected vice-president of the Omaha branch of A. A. U. W. and will be a delegate to the national A. A. U. W. convention, which is to be held in Boston in June.

Mrs. Ella Dawson (Ma Dawson), house mother at the Phi Sigma fraternity house

in the 20's and 30's, celebrated her 91st birthday on May 4th. Mrs. Dawson is living at the Ingleside Nursing Home in Sioux City.

Dale Halstrom ex '46 has been home recently, after five year as a missionary in Japan.

Don Allen '47, director of the Rock Rapids high school band, took the band on a spring concert tour. They performed at Hawarden, Wall Lake, Early, Linn Grove, Milford and East Junior of Sioux City.

Paul W. Peterson ex '47 of Ames, Iowa was granted a Doctors degree in Applied Mechanics by Iowa State College in January 1957.

J. C. DeMaine '47 was granted a master's degree in Physical Education by the University of South Dakota in January 1957.

William Collopy '49 received a master's in Education from the University of South Dakota in January.

Roger Miller '53 was granted the degree of Master of Science at the winter quarter graduation of Iowa State College.

Bob Burtness '53 is assistant manager of the Montgomery Ward store in Watertown, South Dakota.

Dick Clements '53 of St. Louis, former Maroon football star, is a juvenile probation officer for the state of Missouri.

Lt. Charles M. Sheldon ex '53 is in Japan. He is attached to a hospital as veterinarian in charge of 100 war dogs. He also supervises a small animal clinic.



Mrs. John Adamson

Mrs. John Adamson (La Vonne Wertz ex '42) has been elected to the office of president of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Tulare County Medical Society in California.

Doug Delzell '57 will be assistant coach at Ida Grove, Iowa for the school year 1957-58.

Maurice Lewis '52 will receive his M. D. degree from the medical college of the State University of Iowa in June, and will intern in a hospital in Lima, Ohio.

### Alumni Join Sorority

Fourteen Kappa Zeta Chi alumnae of Morningside College have been initiated into Delta Zeta sorority since the national sorority was formed on the campus in November of last year.

Former "Ze's" who have become Delta Zetas since the sorority moved from the local to the national status are the Misses Dorothy Brown, Virginia Harper, Carolyn Heaton, Elsie Muller, Marilyn Reynders, Pat Smith, Ruth Wedgwood, and Connie Jones all of Sioux City; the Mesdames E. Theodore Bauer, Ethel Coomer Bolton, V. T. Gerkin, Don Watson of Sioux City, Margaret Rorapough Spencer of Marietta, Pennsylvania, and E. E. Gingles of Onawa, Iowa.

An initiation will be held May 18 for Kappa Zeta Chi alumnae who wish to be affiliated with Delta Zeta. Further information can be obtained by notifying Miss Marilyn Reynders, 119 South Helen Street, Sioux City, Iowa.

### Spring Band Concert

The College Band under the direction of Robert Lowry, presented the spring concert in Allee Gymnasium on Monday night May 6.

Mr. Alfred Reed of New York, editor of Hansen publications, a composer, conductor and arranger was the guest conductor. Mr. Don Jacoby, trumpet virtuoso, who is at present on the staff of the Columbia Broadcasting Company, was guest soloist.

A clarinet solo written for and dedicated to Robert Lowry was performed by him. A number "Toot Sweet" composed by Ira Schwarz '52 was performed by Mr. Jacoby.

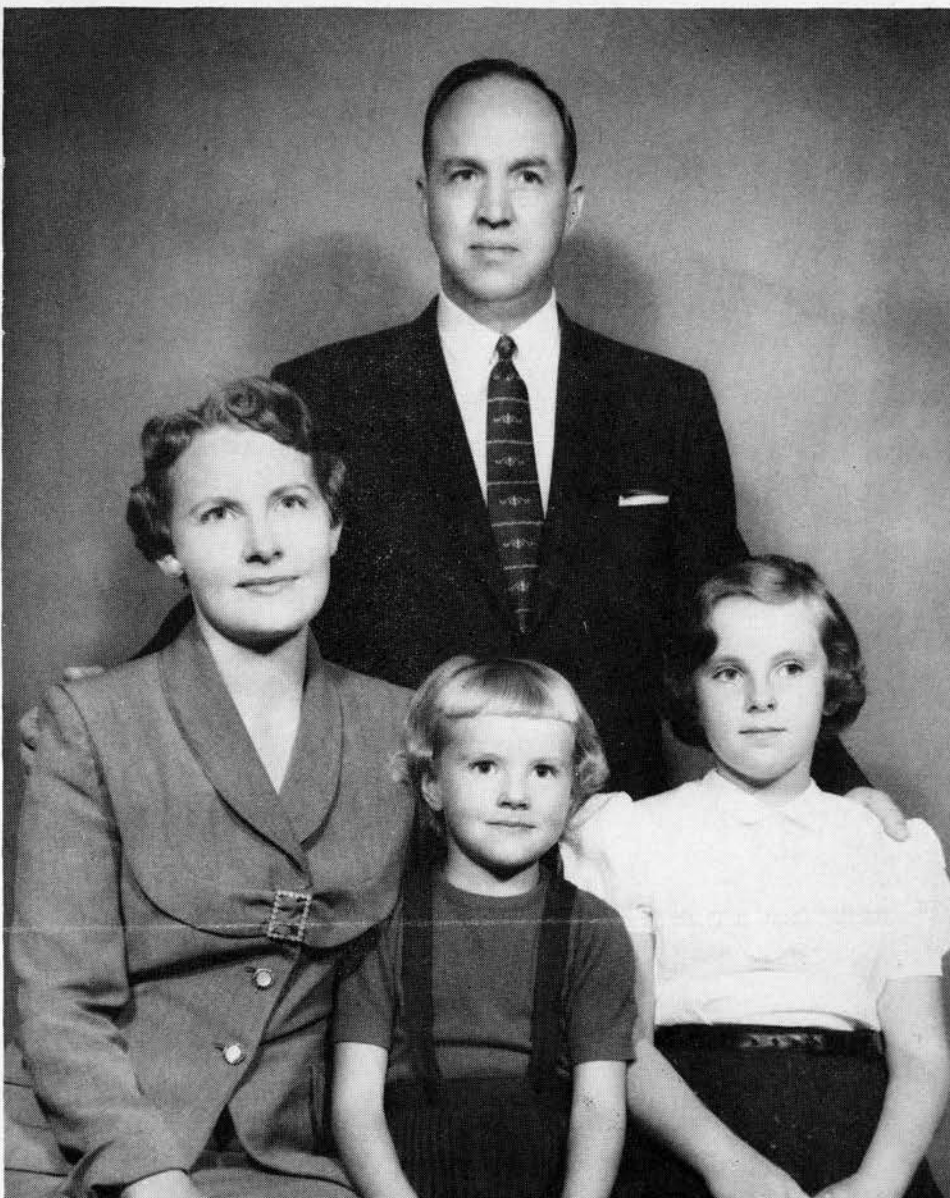
### Trustees Set Budget

At the meeting of the college board of the trustees on May 3, the largest budget in the history of the college was adopted.

The budget as presented by Carrol N. Smith, finance committee head, totaled \$942,640. Among the increases is one of \$50,000 for faculty salaries, part of it to go for new faculty member and part for salary increases to present faculty members.

Repairs and improvements are planned by the building and grounds committee, of which Dr. R. J. Harrington is the chairman.

Mr. David W. Stewart was re-elected president of the board.



Dr. Palmer with Mrs. Palmer, Kathleen and Patricia

### Appointed Resident Head

The appointment of Mrs. Robert Phelps as resident head of Dimmitt Hall for next year has been announced by Dr. J. Richard Palmer.

Mrs. Phelps received her master of arts degree in student personnel and work administration from Syracuse University in 1955. She was resident head and counselor at St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota for years. She came to Sioux City after her marriage to Robert Phelps '53.

Mr. and Mrs. Phelps and daughter, Margaret Helen, will begin their residence in Dimmitt Hall in June.

### Faculty and Former Faculty

Leo Kucinski of the Conservatory faculty was selected as one of 12 conductors throughout the country to attend an opera workshop in New York City from April 10 to 24. The workshop, sponsored by the Rockefeller Foundation in co-operation with the Julliard School of Music, was directed by Max Rudolph of the Metropolitan Opera Company.

Mr. Thomas Canning, former conservatory faculty member and now a member of the composition faculty of the Eastman School of Music, has composed an entire musical chapel service for Hope College, Holland, Michigan. This was presented by the music department of that school. Two members of the Hope College music faculty were students in Mr. Canning's classes at Morningside, Anthony Kooiker and Juanita Holleman.

Homecoming  
October 19



# WE MORNINGSIDERS

To Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Bolie (Birdie Mae Slothower '39) of Gordon, Nebraska, a son, Scott David.

To Mr. and Mrs. Walter Youds (Nancy Cline '53) of 2842 South Coral, Sioux City, March 15, a son, Robert Emery.

To Don '55 and Mrs. Kurtenbach of 6106 Ellis, Chicago, January 10, a son, Jeffery Alan.

To Ronald and Betty Graham Dirks ex '58 of Sioux City, February 25, a daughter, Robin Kathleen.

To Robert '50 and Constance Havighurst Roemer '47 of 2124 West 3rd, Sioux City, February 8, twin daughters, Janet Carol and Nancy Emilie.

To the Rev. Burton Passer '49 and Mrs. Passer of 393 Steepleview Road, St. Paul, March 4, a daughter, Catherine Elizabeth.

To Lester and Kathlyn Kolp Menke, both of the class of '40, of Calumet, Iowa, march 16, a daughter, Sarah Francis.

To Bob '53 and Thora Phelps of 3311 Indiana, Siou City, April 14, a daughter, Margaret Helen.

To Bob '50 and Ruth Eldredge of 2920 Washington, Sioux City, April 9, a daughter, Susan Jean.

To Ken '57 and Mrs. Bohlke of 1202 Paddenm, Austin, Minnesota, March 30, a daughter.

To Lyle '49 and Mrs. Couture of Pochontas, Iowa, April 12, a son.

To Wendell ex '50 and Caroline Rensink of Boyden, Iowa, April 12, a daughter, Melanie Sue.

To Mr. and Mrs. Linfield Taylor (Marjorie Manning ex '50) Hartley, Iowa, October 6, a son, Kevin Dean.

To Verlyn (Red) '54 Heuton and Mrs. Heuton of Eglise, Rivera, California, April 25, a daughter, Cheryl Ann.

To Marvin '32 and Mrs. Burgess of Allen, Nebraska, March 24, a daughter, Jeanette Marie.

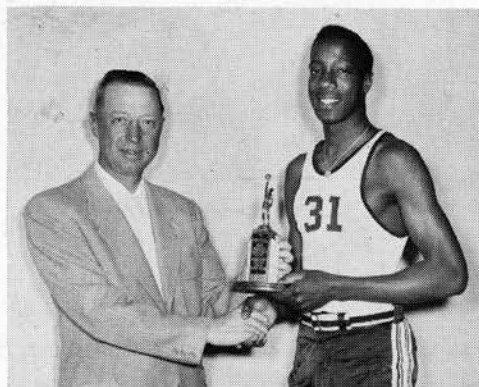
To David '46 and Carolyn Wolle Cox '47 of Box 153, Rt. 1, Duxbury, Massachusetts, May 1, a 4th son, Lindsay Down Cox. Lindsay has four former Morningsiders as grand-parents. Bill and Vivian Down Wolle and Ray and Ruth Lindsay Cox.

## Music Workshop

The Morningside College Workshop in Elementary Music will be held at the college June 17 to 21. Dr. Robert M. Larson, director of the Conservatory and Miss Lois Grammar, head of the Music Education department are directors of the Workshop.

Miss Josephine Wolverton, associate professor in the School of Music of Northwestern University and supervisor of Elementary School Music in the Evanson public schools, will be the visiting instructor.

The Workshop in Church Music will be held from June 24 to 28 in the Student Union. Dr. Larson is the director and Austin C. Lovelace of Evanston, Illinois, is the visiting instructor. Dr. Lovelace is an organist, choir director, composer, lecturer and recitalist. He received his Master's and Doctor's degrees in Sacred Music from Union Theological Seminary and he studied organ with Clarence Dickinson and Hugh Porter. He is at present Minister of Music at the First Methodist Church and Associate Professor of Church Music at the Garrett Biblical Institute at Evanston.



Whitey Rosenberger, president of the M Club presenting the award for the basketball player showing the most improvement to Dick Yates of the '56 squad.



## IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. Nellie Hobson Long, member of the Board of Trustees of the college for over 25 years, died on March 28, at the age of 92. Mrs. Long had been a teacher. She married J. G. Hobson, in whose honor the Hobson school and Hobson Hall of the Wall Street mission in Sioux City, are named. After his death she attended Morningside College, graduating with honors in 1929. In 1932 she married Mr. C. F. Long, who died in 1945. At the Commencement exercises in June, 1954, Mrs. Long was awarded an honorary degree of doctor of humane letters.

The Rev. John H. Engle '14 died February 28, in San Diego, California. Memorial services were held at the Trinity Methodist Church of San Diego which he had served for six years, 1935 to 41. Rev. Engle had retired from the southern California-Arizona Methodist conference in 1955. For the last 25 years of his ministry he had served only three churches. Survivors include his widow, who lives at 3110 McKinley St., San Diego, two daughters, a son, Myron, pastor of the Brawley Methodist Church, and a brother, Irvin Engle, a 1910 graduate of Morningside, of 1958 Curtner Ave., San Jose, California.

Mrs. Roy Helfens' ein (Harriet Bass '11) died May 1 at Daytona Beach, Florida. Survivors include the widower, Dr. Roy Helfenstein, three daughters, Mrs. Dorothy Kingsboro of Shelby, Ohio, Mrs. Charlotte Warner of Philadelphia and Mrs. Janice Ryder of Norwalk, Ohio; and a brother, William Bass '12 of Marcus, Iowa.

Harold S. Freeman '19, state superintendent of public instruction of the state of South Dakota, died in a Pierre hospital on May 7 after a long illness.

Dr. Freeman had been head of the state department since 1949 and before that had taught in South Dakota schools for 29 years.

He was graduated from Morningside college in 1919 and was awarded an honorary degree in 1950.

Survivors include the widow of Pierre, and a daughter, Mrs. R. B. Leathers of Nashville, Tenn.

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