

FRANK ANDERS (1875-1966)**College Professor, Coal Mine Manager, and Medal of Honor Recipient**

One of the first white children born in what is now North Dakota attended a reception in the White House given by President John F. Kennedy on May 2, 1963. During those 88 years, Frank Anders received the Medal of Honor for his bravery during the Spanish-American War, taught mathematics at the North Dakota Agricultural College (now NDSU), served as Fargo's city engineer, managed a coal mine in Zap, and was construction engineer of the commission in charge of the building of the new state capitol in Bismarck.

JOHN BAER (1886-1970)**Famous Cartoonist & Youngest Man Ever Elected to Congress From ND**

The youngest person ever elected to the U.S. Congress from North Dakota later became a famous political cartoonist. John Baer began his cartoon drawing with the Nonpartisan Leader newspaper and is given some of the credit for the rapid growth of the Nonpartisan League (NPL) in North Dakota. After he was defeated for reelection to Congress in 1921, Baer "rose to become America's most widely known labor cartoonist." One of his cartoons inspired Franklin Roosevelt to name his 1932 Presidential campaign slogan the "New Deal."

NORVAL BAPTIE (1879-1966)**Nation's Greatest All-Around Skater**

North Dakota was the home of the greatest all-around ice skater of the early twentieth century and, perhaps, of all time. Norval Baptie won approximately 5000 ice skating races in the 25 years he competed, and held 10 professional speed records. Baptie is often credited with creating figure skating, and he and his wife became the first to popularize pairs skating. He also created "ice shows" and became one of the two charter members of the Ice Skating Hall of Fame.

AARON BEEDE (1859-1934)**North Dakota Missionary, Author, Judge, College President & Farmer**

A man in North Dakota was an author, poet, playwright, judge, minister, college president, farmer, and one of the most active missionaries among the Native Americans during the first 15 years of the twentieth century. Dr. Aaron Beede was a principled man of convictions, and this trait not only enabled him to do remarkable things, but also cost him positions in life.

GEORGE BLACK (1881-1972)**North Dakota Merchant Who Originated the Nation's First "One-Cent Sale"**

The "one-cent sale," which was the sale of one item at the regular price plus a second identical item for a penny, likely began in North Dakota. The concept was created by George M. Black, who was also responsible for the construction of the tallest building in North Dakota, prior to the state capitol. The Black Building towered over all structures in Fargo for a number of years.

HENRY BOLLEY (1865-1956)**Major Grain Developer Who Introduced Intercollegiate Football to ND**

The person most responsible for making flax a major crop in North Dakota and the U.S. also introduced football, as an intercollegiate sport, to the state. Henry L. Bolley, the first quarterback at Purdue University, was an original faculty member of NDAC (North Dakota Agricultural College), now NDSU. While at NDAC, his research led to major discoveries to control weeds and plant diseases, which improved the production of flax, potatoes, oats, and wheat.

LEE BROOKS (1908-1965)**Clarence Darrow's Protégé & North Dakota Legislator**

In 1934, a young North Dakota attorney was hired by Clarence Darrow, the most famous trial lawyer of the 1920s and 30s. Some people credit Lee Brooks' successful work with Darrow in helping to bring about the enactment of the national minimum wage law in 1937. Brooks later had a successful law practice in North Dakota and served ten years in the state legislature.

ANDREW BURKE (1850-1918)**Orphaned Onto Streets of New York He Rose to Become Second Governor of ND**

One of the state's most remarkable stories is about a person who rose from dire poverty to become governor of North Dakota. Andrew Burke was orphaned at the age of four and left to fend for himself on the streets of New York City. Yet, through hard work and seizing opportunities, he rose to become the second governor of North Dakota.

LANE CHANDLER (1899-1972)
Cowboy Movie Star

A man born in North Dakota became a major motion picture star at Paramount Studios until he was replaced by Gary Cooper. Lane Chandler was the male lead in movies made by Paramount in the late 1920s. However, when they decided to go exclusively with Cooper in their action films, Chandler was forced to go to minor studios and find starring roles. He later became one of Hollywood's most dependable character actors, appearing in over 300 movies and countless television shows.

JOHN CREAN (1925-2007)
Founder of Largest Company of Mobile Homes & Tractor Trailers

A man born in North Dakota built a multi-billion dollar industry and co-hosted a popular cooking show on television. In 1950, John Crean established Fleetwood Enterprises, which became the nation's largest producer of manufactured homes, motor homes, and travel trailers. From 1992 to 1998, he also co-hosted the televised cable cooking show "At Home On the Range."

GIL DOBIE (1879-1948)
College Football Coach Who Went Eleven Seasons Before Losing a Game

The record for the most consecutive undefeated seasons by a college football coach had its beginning in North Dakota. Coach Gil Dobie's teams had gone undefeated for eleven years before one of his teams suffered a loss. His first two years, with no defeats, were at the North Dakota Agricultural College (now NDSU). He then went to the University of Washington where his teams went undefeated for another nine years. By the time Dobie retired in 1938, after 33 years of coaching, his teams were 179-43 with 15 ties for a .780 lifetime winning percentage, one of the best in the history of college football coaching. He is also a charter member of the 1951 college football hall of fame.

GEORGE ELLSBURY (1840-1900)
Noted Magazine Illustrator & Founder of Tower City & a North Dakota College

A noted American artist and illustrator founded a city, established a college, and helped organize a railroad in what is now North Dakota. George Ellsbury established Tower City and Tower University and was instrumental in organizing the Dakota and Great Southern Railroad. During the Civil War, Ellsbury was an illustrator for Leslie's Illustrated Magazine and Harpers, two national publications noted for their fine illustrations.

WILLIAM H. FORBES (1815-1875)**A Founder of St. Paul, Minnesota & First Agent of Devils Lake Indian Agency**

The first agent at the Devils Lake Indian Agency was one of the people who laid out the original property plots for what would become the city of St. Paul. William H. Forbes was also one of those whites targeted in the Dakota Conflict of 1862.

HANS FOSS (1851-1929)**First North Dakotan to Write a Popular Novel**

The first popular novel written in what is now North Dakota was not in English. The author, Hans Foss, also owned and edited the most popular Norwegian newspaper in the state, helped North Dakota come into the Union as a dry state, and was a candidate for the U.S. Congress.

MARTIN GAINOR (1915-1959)CHUCK GAINOR (1916-1996)**College All-Stars Who Played Professional Football**

Two brothers from the small town of Milnor played professional football. During the 1930s Milnor was a powerhouse football team because of Martin and Charles Gainor, sons of George and Nellie (Grover) Gainor.

PATRICK HAGGERTY (1914-1980)**Genius Behind Hand-Held & Pocket-Sized Electronic Devices**

The man most responsible for hand-held and pocket size electronic devices was born and raised in North Dakota. Pat Haggerty, as director/president/CEO of Texas Instruments, pioneered the manufacturing of the transistor pocket-sized radio in 1954, the 10-ounce computer in 1961, and the hand-held calculator in 1971.

BEVERLY HANSON (1924-)**Champion Female Golfer**

One of the best female golfers of the 1950s was born and raised in North Dakota. In different years during that decade, Beverly Hanson won the U.S. Women's Amateur Golf Championship, the Ladies Professional Golf Association Tournament (LPGA), and was the top female money winner. The amateur golf tournament was the first pro golf tournament in which she ever competed and the LPGA was the first ever held.

FRED HOVDE (1908-1983)**College Football All-Star, Rhodes Scholar, Rocket Expert, & College President**

A Devils Lake native led the Big Ten in scoring in football, was a Rhodes Scholar, headed up the top-secret rocket program during World War II, and served as president of Purdue University from 1946 to 1971. Fred Hovde was a remarkable person with the ability, intelligence, ambition, and personality that enabled him to be a success in many wide-ranging endeavors. When Hovde was profiled in Time magazine on September 3, 1945, he was described as, “A good-natured, beer-drinking, chainsmoking, bridge-playing educator.” Hovde was a person of average appearance whose achievements were far from average.

A.C. HUIDEKOPER (1845-1928)**Owner of Large Horse Breeding Operation Helped Build Southwestern ND**

One of the largest horse breeding operations in the U.S., at the turn of the twentieth century, was located in North Dakota. In 1885, A. C. Huidekoper organized the Little Missouri Horse Company in what is now southwestern North Dakota. At one time, “he had 12,000 horses running on hundreds of miles of open range.”

STANLEY HUNTLEY (1845-1885) FLORENCE HUNTLEY (1860-1912)**Former Bismarck Tribune Editor Who Created a New Genre of Popular Comedy**

A former editor of the Bismarck Tribune was made an honorary medicine man of the Teton Sioux after saving the life of Little Knife, a noted Hunkpapa warrior and close friend of Sitting Bull. Stanley Huntley also created a fictional married couple in the 1880s that became the prototype for many popular radio and television couples, including the Kramdens on *The Honeymooners* and the Bunkers on *All In the Family*. Friends of Huntley claimed that he revolutionized the look of newspapers, and critics stated that he lacked all moral convictions. The latter claim was compounded because Huntley bragged about his drinking prowess and poker playing.

WOODY KEEBLE (1917-1982)**North Dakota's Most Decorated Soldier**

North Dakota's most decorated soldier had more than 30 citations. Woody Keeble saw extensive action in both World War II and the Korean conflict, and his extraordinary bravery was finally recognized when he was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor on March 3, 2008, over twenty five years after his death. Keeble was the first full-

blooded Sioux to receive this honor.

LILLIAN KLAUDT (1906-2001)

Sitting Bull's Great Granddaughter & Nationally Acclaimed Gospel Singer

One of the most renowned gospel singers was a great granddaughter of the Sioux medicine man, Sitting Bull. Lillian Little Soldier Klautd, along with her children, formed the group the Klautd Indian Family, which was popular from the later 1940s to the mid-70s. In 2004, three years after her death, Lillian was inducted into the Southern Gospel Music Hall of Fame at Dollywood in Tennessee. With her husband Reinhold Klautd, they were also productive evangelists/missionaries, planting churches in the Dakotas, Montana, Minnesota, Colorado, Washington, and Nebraska.

FLO KLINGENSMITH (1904-1933)

North Dakota's First Female Pilot Competed With Men in Airplane Races

North Dakota's first licensed female pilot was killed in 1933 while competing in an airplane race against the best male pilots in the nation. Florence Klingensmith was in fourth place at the international air race in Chicago when fabric from a wing ripped loose, causing the light weight air ship to nose dive into the ground. At the time, Klingensmith was a national celebrity, having set the women's record of loops in an airplane.

P. W. LANIER (1885-1958)

Prosecuting Attorney Who Convicted Governor William Langer

North Dakota had four governors in one year, and Memphis, Tennessee had four mayors in 24 hours. These are both national records, and one man was a major catalyst for both events. P. W. Lanier was an attorney who temporarily brought down the Crump Machine in Memphis and derailed Governor William Langer in North Dakota. Lanier was also heavily involved in North Dakota politics. He was the candidate of the Democratic Party for attorney general in 1928, Congress in 1930 and 1954, and the U.S. Senate in 1932.

LEROY MASON (1903-1947)

Western Movie Villain

A man who plotted the demise of John Wayne, Roy Rogers, Gene Autry, and many other cowboy stars was born in Larimore, North Dakota. LeRoy Mason was one of the best Hollywood western villains during the 1930s and 40s. As a character actor, he was in such demand that he appeared in over 150 movies in the last 15 years of his life.

JOHN MILLER (1843-1908)
North Dakota's First Governor & a Bonanza Farm Manager

John Miller, the first governor of North Dakota, managed a bonanza farm prior to being elected. Miller was born October 6, 1843, one of twelve children of Archibald and Isabel (McKellar) Miller, recent immigrants of Scotland. Archibald operated a farm near Dryden in southcentral New York. John attended a public school in his elementary years and completed his high school education at what became known as the Dryden Seminary.

MONTIE MONTANA (1910-1998)
World's Greatest Trick Rope Artist

The world's greatest trick-rope artist, who was also a celebrated rider in the annual Tournament of Roses for over 60 years, lived in North Dakota. Montie Montana performed before millions of fans between 1925-1995 and, for a time in the mid-1930s, was groomed to be a cowboy movie star.

STEVE MYHRA (1934-1994)
Kicker of Game-Tying Field Goal in the Greatest Game Ever Played

"The greatest game ever played" occurred because of a field goal from a player from Wahpeton during the concluding seconds of regulation play. On December 28, 1958, Steve Myhra, of the Baltimore Colts, kicked a field goal, with seven seconds remaining, to tie the New York Giants in the NFL championship game. It resulted in the first ever NFL game to go into sudden death overtime, which was eventually won by the Colts 23-17.

ARTHUR NAFTALIN (1917-2005)
Minneapolis Mayor & a Major Architect of Minnesota's DFL Party

The chief architects of the Democratic and Farm Labor Party (DFL) of Minnesota were born and raised in the Dakotas. The DFL began in 1944 and, for over sixty years, has been a major political force in Minnesota. Hubert Humphrey, from South Dakota, and Arthur Naftalin, from Fargo, worked to bring the Farm Labor Party and the Democrat Party together into one powerful political party. Humphrey became an influential U.S. Senator and U.S. Vice-President. From 1961 to 1969, Naftalin served as mayor of Minneapolis.

ED PATTERSON (1864-1945)**Former Boxer Who Became a Major Hotel Owner and Political Kingpin in ND**

Aside from the capitol, most political decisions affecting North Dakota, from 1895 through World War II, were made in Bismarck hotels owned and operated by one man – Ed Patterson. The fact that he was a chief lieutenant of political boss Alexander McKenzie may have had a tremendous impact on many important decisions affecting the state. Patterson, as owner, was able to provide services and favors for the legislators that, at least, impressed them. At most, it made some lawmakers beholden to his wishes, and not all of these services and favors were legal.

ARTHUR PETERSON (1912-1996)**First Star of Longest Running Dramatic Series on Radio & Television**

The first star of the longest running dramatic series of all time was born and raised in North Dakota. The Guiding Light debuted on radio on January 25, 1937, and was aired on television until September 18, 2009. It originally centered on the widowed Reverend John Ruthledge, who ministered to his congregation at the Church of the Good Samaritan in Five Points, Illinois. The “guiding light” referred to a lamp Ruthledge had in his study that always remained lit for his parishioners and anyone seeking comfort. Ruthledge was played by Arthur Peterson, who was born and raised in Mandan, North Dakota. Peterson’s acting career lasted over 50 years on radio, television, movies, and the theater.

EARL REINEKE (1893-1965)**North Dakota Radio & Television Pioneer**

North Dakota had one of the first radio stations in the nation. When WDAY in Fargo went on the air May 22, 1922, it was the first radio station in the Northwest and one of the first 100 in the nation. The man behind this accomplishment was Earl Reineke, a technology wizard who left school before completing the eighth grade.

JOSEPH ROLETTE (1820-1871)**Pembina Fur Trader Prevented Removal of Minnesota State Capital from St. Paul**

A man from Pembina prevented the removal and relocation of the Minnesota state capital from St. Paul to St. Peter. “Jolly Joe” Rolette was a fun-loving, educated fur trader who also organized the first caravan of Red River carts to carry animal skins from Pembina to St. Paul. He was later elected to serve four terms in the Minnesota territorial legislature, filed the first homestead in what is now North Dakota, and made a fortune in

the fur trading business, but died in poverty at the age of 51. The city and county of Rolette are named in his honor.

JOHN SINCLAIR (1857-1914)

Scottish Nobleman Who Operated a Large Dairy Enterprise in North Dakota

The Marquis de Mores was not the only nobility to live in what is now North Dakota. Lord Berriedale of Scotland owned and operated a 3040 acre grain and dairy farm in Nelson County from 1884 to 1905. With the death of his father in 1891, he also inherited the title Earl of Caithness, traditionally the ruling family of northeastern Scotland and the Orkney Islands. Caithness is the peninsula county of northern Scotland that juts into the North Sea. Most of the friends and neighbors of Lord Berriedale in North Dakota knew him simply as Mr. J. S. Sinclair, a respectable, yet humble, farmer/businessman in the community. The New York Times wrote he was “a modest man, who held the titles as dross (worthless) and preferred to live as one of the plain people of the earth.”

CORA SMITH (1867-1939)

North Dakota's First Female Doctor & National Champion of Women's Rights

The first licensed female doctor in North Dakota was also a state and national leader in helping women obtain the right to vote. Cora Smith was a driving force in trying to get suffrage extended to women in Dakota Territory, and also in North Dakota when it was about to become a state in 1889. Although her efforts here were unsuccessful, she was a leading force in helping to obtain women's right to vote in the state of Washington in 1910 and in the U.S. in 1920.

WILBUR STEELE (1844-1917)

Founder of Steele Attempted to Have Capital Moved From Bismarck to His City

Steele, North Dakota was once in contention for becoming our capital city. The man who led this movement founded the city of Steele and was later involved in the country's most sensational murder trial in the first decade of the twentieth century.

LARRY STEINBACH (1900-1967)

New Rockford Farmer & First From ND to Play in the NFL

The first National Football League (NFL) player born in North Dakota was later given offers to own two different NFL franchises. Larry Steinbach turned down those offers, preferring to operate his farm near New Rockford.

CY TAILLON (1907-1980)
World's Greatest Rodeo Announcer

The world's greatest rodeo announcer was born and raised in North Dakota. When Cy Taillon died in 1980, newspapers "canonized him as the 'dean of rodeo' and compared him to John Wayne."

JOSEPH H. TAYLOR (1844-1908)
First Non-Indian Burleigh County Resident & Early Local Historian

The first permanent non-Indian resident of Burleigh County was also a Civil War veteran, an author of four books, and a newspaper editor. Joe Taylor spent many years on the fringes of civilization as a hunter and trapper and later drew on these experiences for his books and articles.

FRANK VOGEL (1888-1951)
William Langer's Chief Political Advisor & Patriarch of N.D. Political Family

William Langer's chief political advisor became the patriarch of three generations of statewide officeholders in North Dakota. Frank A. Vogel was a teacher and banker who served as tax commissioner, highway commissioner, manager of the Bank of North Dakota, and floor leader of the state house. He also ran for the offices of lieutenant governor and governor. His son, Robert Vogel, was U.S. attorney and a justice of the North Dakota Supreme Court. His granddaughter, Sarah Vogel, when she was elected in 1988, became the first female state commissioner of agriculture in the U.S.

HOMER WALLIN (1893-1984)
Man Who Salvaged Sunken Ships after Japanese Attacked Pearl Harbor

The man in charge of salvaging the ships sunk and damaged after the Japanese air strike on Pearl Harbor was from North Dakota. Homer N. Wallin, from Washburn, was the U.S. Navy Battleforce Materials Officer at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941 when the attack occurred. He was put in charge of assessing the damage and filing the report to the commander in chief of the Pacific Fleet. Since the entire U.S. fleet had been transferred to Pearl Harbor eighteen months earlier, the damage was staggering to the U.S. Navy. Its ability to defend the U.S. from an aggressive adversary was severely limited. Wallin needed to salvage as many ships as possible so that they could be put back in action quickly. For his work, Wallin received the Distinguished Service Medal.

WILLIAM WASHBURN (1831-1912)**Founder of Wilton & an Owner of General Mills & Pillsbury Milling Companies**

The man who founded Wilton, North Dakota was a U.S. Senator, part owner of the world's largest flour mill, a founder of the Minneapolis Tribune, president of the third largest railroad in North Dakota, and owner of the mine near Wilton that was the largest lignite mine in the world. William Washburn entered the record books in 1879 when he became the fourth brother to be elected to the U.S. Congress. What made this feat even more remarkable was that all four brothers represented different states: Israel Jr. was elected in Maine, Elihu was elected in Illinois, Cadwallader was elected in Wisconsin, and William was elected in Minnesota.

LAWRENCE WELK (1903-1992)**Mr. Champagne Music**

The most enduring musical television show of all time was hosted and fronted by a man born and raised in North Dakota. The Lawrence Welk Show began on television in the fall of 1955 and was carried for 17 years every Saturday night. When it was cancelled by ABC in the spring of 1971, it was soon picked up for syndication and remained on the air until 1982. In that year, public television purchased repeats of the shows, and it has remained on the air ever since.

LOYD WHEATON (1838-1918)**First Commander at Fort Pembina Who was Later Awarded Medal of Honor**

The man who was the first commander at Fort Pembina was a Medal of Honor winner during the Civil War. He was also awarded a medal by Queen Victoria for putting down an invasion into Canada and was widely acknowledged as a hero in the Philippines during the Spanish-American War. For Loyd Wheaton's later exploits, two film documentaries were produced commemorating his action.

THOMAS WHELAN (1895-1977)**North Dakota Potato Farmer & U.S. Ambassador to Nicaragua**

In 1951, President Harry Truman, a Democrat, appointed a Republican from North Dakota as ambassador to Nicaragua. Thomas E. Whelan had served two terms in the state senate, ran for the U.S. Senate in 1940, and was state chairman of the Republican Party from 1940 to 1948. When Truman made the appointment, he said, "I don't know why in the hell I'm giving you this job, when there are so many good, deserving

Democrats who would like to have it.” The reason was, according to Time magazine, that Truman owed William Langer, the U.S. Senator from North Dakota, a big favor.

DEWEY WILLIAMS (1916-2000)
Catcher for Last Chicago Cubs Team to Win a Pennant

A player on the last Chicago Cubs team to appear in the World Series spent the last 46 years of his life in North Dakota. Dewey Williams was an outstanding defensive catcher. When he was signed by the Chicago Cubs in 1944, the press reported, “Dewey Williams throws so swiftly and accurately from a squat that he is the best catcher since Gabby Hartnett.” Hartnett was a hall of fame catcher with the Cubs during the 1920s and 30s. After Williams' career in organized baseball was over in 1954, he signed with the Williston Oilers in the ManDak League. He later went to work in the Williston oil fields, got married, raised a family, and became involved in Williston civic activities.

PAUL YODER (1908-1990)
Dean of American Band Composers

The “dean of American band composers” and, at one time, “the most popular composer/arranger of band music in America” was raised and educated in North Dakota. Paul Yoder published over 1500 compositions and arrangements, and, because of his work in other countries, was called “America’s musical ambassador” and the “father of the Japanese band movement.” If a person was a band member in high school or college from 1950 on, chances are he/she played compositions and arrangements by Paul Yoder.