Distinguished Alumni

FOUR FORMER STUDENTS of the University won Distinguished Alumni Awards at Homecoming this year. They are Velma Linford, Floyd E. Dominy, Harold F. Newton, and Thurman Arnold.

Miss Linford, educational consultant for the Federal Extension Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture, was Wyoming State Superintendent of Public Instruction for eight years. Until recently she was consultant for the overseas school program, U. S. Department of Defense.

Born in Afton, daughter of Star Valley pioneers, Velma grew up on a dairy farm and was graduated from Star Valley high school. She received her bachelor's degree from the University in 1930 and her masters in 1935. She taught school in Wyoming for 23 years and also taught at the University as a graduate assistant, in the Army ASTP program, and in various adult education programs.

During her teaching career and later as school superintendent she served on numerous state and national education committees. She represented Wyoming on the board of directors of the National Education Association and served on the executive committee. She was national president of the Department of Rural Education. For 12 years she was a member of the Wyoming Education Executive committee. Last year she received the Gold Key Award for distinguished service to Wyoming education.

Highly acclaimed as a lecturer and author, she speaks on Wyoming laws, resources, industries and lore. Her published works include articles on education, the theatre, early newspapers, mining, the fur trade, Swiss cheese, and teaching. Her history of Wyoming is widely used as a text in Wyoming schools.

Floyd E. Dominy, who received a bachelor's degree in economics from the University in 1932, has since devoted his professional career to land water resources.

As Commissioner of the United States Bureau of Reclamation, he has directed the operations of this federal bureau not only in the Western States, but in its international operations. Within the past 14 months he has participated in two scientific and cultural exchange missions to the U.S.S.R.

Following graduation from the University, he taught agriculture in Wyoming high schools and entered the extension service as county agent in Campbell County. He took over as field representative for the western division of the Agriculture Adjustment Administration in 1938. During the war as a lieutenant in the Naval Reserve, he was responsible for agricultural programs for the islands of the Central Pacific.

After the war he joined the Bureau of Reclamation as chief of the allocation and repayment branch and assistant director of the operation and maintenance division. In 1953 he was named director of the operation and maintenance division. Next he was chief of the irrigation division, then assistant bureau commissioner, in 1958 associate commissioner, and in 1959 was named commissioner.

A native of Hastings, Nebr., he and Mrs. Dominy (Alice M. Creswell, ND’33) have three children, one of whom attended the University of Wyoming.

Harold F. Newton was born on a stock ranch near Cody, attended the University of Wyoming and was graduated with a degree in agriculture in 1927. He is a member of Kappa Sigma social fraternity and Gamma Sigma Delta, agricultural honorary.

Since graduation he has been associated with the dairy industry, having worked for and managed creameries in the Middle West and South. He purchased the Jersey Creamery in Sheridan in 1941. This business has grown to be the largest independently-owned creamery in Wyoming with branches in Buffalo, Gillette, Casper, and Hardin, Mont.

Always deeply interested in education, he was one of the five original founders of Sheridan College and served as its third president. He was appointed to the University of Wyoming board of trustees in 1951 and was elected president of that body in 1963.

Newton has served as president of the Wyoming Dairy Association, the Dairy Council of Wyoming and on national committees of dairy organizations. Past
president of the Sheridan Lions Club, Sheridan Chamber of Commerce and the Executive club, he has served on the advisory board of the Mountain States Telephone company since 1958.

He and Mrs. Newton (Ruth Erwin, ex '29) have three children—two daughters, Virginia and Janet now attending, and a son John who has attended.

Thurman W. Arnold, Washington D. C. attorney, is best known for his antitrust legal work during the administration of President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Born in Laramie, he is the brother of the late Carl Arnold, dean of the University of Wyoming Law College. He attended the University during 1903-07 and received his bachelor's degree from Princeton, his master's from Yale, and his law degree from Harvard. He served in the first world war and returned to Laramie afterward, where he practiced law and entered politics. He served in the Wyoming legislature in 1922.

After being called to Washington in 1932, his first act was representing the Agriculture Adjustment Administration in the first case involving the constitutionality of that act. This case he won. In 1938 he became assistant attorney general in charge of the anti-trust division of the Federal Justice Department. Because of the large number of cases he won in this position he gained his reputation as a "trustbuster."

In March 1943 he was appointed an Associate Justice of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia and served in that capacity until 1945, when he resigned to enter private practice. He is the author of numerous books on law and government.

He has been practicing law with the firm of Arnold, Fortas and Porter in Washington since 1945. In 1961 he was honored with a testimonial dinner by his friends and former colleagues in the anti-trust division of the Department of Justice.

Homecoming 1963

Old Grads Make Annual Fall Trek Back to Campus

What tells the story of Homecoming best? Homecoming is many things, but most of all it is people. People meeting people, people smiling at people, and especially people who are experiencing a feeling of close fellowship because of a common bond. So we have chosen a picture of people obviously enjoying themselves with other people to convey most accurately to you what Homecoming is all about.

This particular picture was made at the Homecoming reception in the Student Union lounge. It shows only a small part of the many people who attended and enjoyed mingling with old friends. All during the long weekend people met other people in many places—at luncheons, dinners, in fraternity houses, in hotel lobbies, in some one's home, at the football game. And although the many events made the weekend a memorable one, it is the friendliness of UW people that is the true essence of Homecoming.