

Clarkson Graduates 316 as Adger Johnson Speaks in Arena

"For best results, an industrial organization must be a team working together, and this cannot be accomplished unless there is an appreciation on the part of every member that each is important as a human being and in his contribution, whatever that may be."

So spoke Adger S. Johnson, president of the National Carbon Company, before 316 graduating seniors, trustees, faculty members, parents and guests Sunday at Clarkson College's 59th annual commencement. Because of rain the ceremonies Sunday were held in Clarkson arena rather than Shell Field.

Mr. Johnson told the graduates, "You and others graduating from technical schools throughout the nation share the tremendous responsibility of guiding this country and this world to a better destiny."

Warns of 'Welfare'
The speaker handed the graduates tips on life in the industrial world. He warned, "You are all familiar with the trend in this country today towards what has been defined as cradle to the grave protection. Much is published today about pension plans and much consideration is given to other old age benefits, unemployment insurance and similar protective devices. Many of our laws would appear to be directed towards limiting a man's working time. I speak for example, of the wage and hour law."

"While I do not take exception to some of these things, I do take strong exception to the attitude of mind which they may, in some cases at least, bring about. Really, you gentlemen are highly privileged to be entering this free enterprise system of ours where with your own abilities, your own energies, your own perseverance, you have such a great opportunity to make your own future, to dictate your own pension plans and insurance. In this business and industrial world, brains surely count, and, incidentally, all of us are not endowed with the same quantity, but I venture to suggest that here in America, attitude can be even a more important factor in personal success."

Outlines Philosophy
Answering his own question, "What would be my own philosophy," if he were "a young graduate now entering the industrial and business world," Mr. Johnson outlined it:

- 1 - Learn "just as much as possible" about my company and its business.
- 2 - "I would realize that any business I might enter had most probably been running along quite well without me for some time. Hence, I would be diplomatic in my zeal and desire to revise the entire set-up overnight."
- 3 - "I would try to be the man who is always looking for more work than can easily be accomplished."
- 4 - "I would try to assume responsibility just as quickly as possible—realizing that I would make mistakes."
- 5 - "I would learn as fast as I could to make decisions, but certainly would not stick my neck out too far."
- 6 - "I would not be afraid to change my mind or reverse my decision if another side were presented or any facts brought to light which appeared to exert sufficient influence on the situation."
- 7 - "I would try to remember, too, that all of us love our own ideas and that the other fellow thinks his idea is just as good as mine is."
- 8 - "I would try to keep abreast of current events, including politics and sports, as well as the latest developments along my professional and business lines."
- 9 - "Finally, I would try to realize that I would be doing the best for myself and my career when I was serving my company best, in whatever capacity, at whatever location, my superiors thought I could make a contribution."

Area Men Graduate
Among the graduates were the following men from the Potsdam area:

Harold M. Bilow, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Bilow, 55 Leroy St., bachelor of civil engineering; Samuel H. Clarke, son of Mrs. Charles J. Clarke, 5 Cottage St., bachelor of civil engineering; James R. Fadden, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. I. Fadden, bachelor of business administration; Richard F. Fadden Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Fadden, 113 Market St., bachelor of business administration; Henry R. Hodge, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry R. Hodge, 21 Pleasant St., bachelor of chemical engineering; Robert A. Hoxie, son of Mrs. Elias L. Hoxie, RD 4, bachelor of mechanical engineering; Richard H. Jello, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hiram L. Jello, 7½ Cottage St., bachelor of mechanical engineering; Robert D. Manfred, son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Manfred, 6½ Garden St., bachelor of

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SECTION TWO

THURSDAY, JUNE 5, 1952

Clarkson Confers Honorary Degrees On Johnson, Greenfield, B. M. Reynolds

Clarkson College of Technology conferred honorary degrees on three men at the 59th annual commencement exercises here Sunday.

Recipient of the honorary degree of doctor of science was Adger S. Johnson, president of the National Carbon Company and speaker at the commencement. Albert M. Greenfield, financier, received the honorary degree of doctor of humane letters, and Blythe M. Reynolds, Potsdam native, 1916 Clarkson graduate and vice-president of engineering and purchasing for Merck and Company, was honored with the doctor of engineering degree.

Each recipient was presented to Dr. William G. Van Note, president of the college, for the conferring of the degree by a member of the college board of trustees who read the citation.

Luther E. Olson, senior vice-president of Gillmore-Carmichael-Olson Company of Cleveland, Ohio, cited Mr. Johnson as follows:

Cites Johnson
"Adger Smyth Johnson—distinguished industrialist, dynamic executive—educated as a chemical engineer at Virginia Polytechnic Institute, you joined the National Carbon Company on graduation. Through the years, as you served in both this country and abroad, you grew in stature and responsibility, advancing in this organization to duties as plant superintendent, vice-president, to your present position as president."

"You contributed in a major way to our final victory in World War 2 by your work in the development and manufacture of improved communications equipment which permitted closer liaison among our troops in the field."

"Modest though you are of these high attainments, your record of accomplishment speaks for you—and it truly says, in the words of our college motto—Here is 'a workman who needeth not to be ashamed.'"

Damon Presents Greenfield
Mr. Greenfield was recommended for the honorary degree by Ralph S. Damon, president of the Clarkson board of trustees and president of Trans World Airlines, Inc., Kansas City. Mr. Greenfield's citation was:

"Albert Monroe Greenfield—eminent financier, far-seeing civic leader, outstanding citizen—yours is an enviable record of accomplishment. As chairman of the board of Bankers Securities Corporation, City Stores Company, Loft Candy Corporation, Bonwit Teller Company, and as a director of numerous other organizations, you have an honored career as a statesman of the business world."

"Your deep interest in mankind is expressed in the many civic activities in which you participate. Recipient of the National Human Relations Award for 1950, chairman of the board of the Chamber of Commerce of Greater Philadelphia, vice-chairman of the National Shrines Park Commission, vice-president of the World Affairs Council, vice-president of the United Fund of the City of Philadelphia—all of these, and many more, reveal you as a tireless worker with a great readiness to serve

chemical engineering; Joseph T. Reilly, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph F. Reilly, 51 Leroy St., bachelor of business administration; and Warren E. Ritchie, son of Mrs. Rena Ritchie, 7 State St., bachelor of business administration.

Douglas A. Crouch, son of Mrs. Arthur Crouch of 35 Park St., Norwood, received his degree of bachelor of mechanical engineering.

There were 89 in the graduating class who received degrees of bachelor of business administration; 12, bachelor of science in chemistry; 45, bachelor of chemical engineering; 44, bachelor of civil engineering; 60, bachelor of electrical engineering; and 80, bachelor of mechanical engineering.

Six received master's degrees. Of these, one was a master of civil engineering; two, master of electrical engineering; and three, master of science in chemistry. One man received the professional degree of chemical engineer.

Sonderman Named Tech Term Trustee

Gerhard E. Sonderman of New York, 1925 Clarkson College graduate, was named alumni term trustee at the Clarkson alumni banquet at the Roman Gardens Saturday night. He replaces Douglas M. McBean, '28, consulting engineer of Rochester, who completes his five-year term this month. He was elected to the position by mail ballots.

Mr. Sonderman is a partner in the firm of Singmaster and Breyer, chemical and metallurgical engineers. He has been a member of the New York Clarkson alumni section since 1925 and served as president of that section in 1948.

Graduated in 1925
After he was graduated from Clarkson in 1925 with the degree of bachelor of science in civil engineering, he spent two years doing structural and mechanical designs for steam, hydro and diesel electric power with the General Engineering and Management Corporation. In 1928 Mr. Sonderman was employed by Day and Zimmerman of Philadelphia, Pa.

"In your professional career, these qualities led you to greater responsibilities. As vice-president of the Hayden Chemical Corporation and in your present capacity as vice-president for engineering and purchasing of Merck and Company, you gained the respect and confidence of your associates through your wise counsel and high competence."

"As an active member of numerous professional societies you have demonstrated the high im-

portance in which you hold the engineering profession. "Your Alma Mater regards you highly as a good and true friend."

The following two years, he designed high-pressure steam power plants for Electric Management and Engineering Corporation.

Mr. Sonderman was assistant superintendent of construction of a steam power plant in Saskatchewan in 1931. He also was design engineer in charge of special problems for the Pennsylvania Railroad. For five years, 1931-36, Mr. Sonderman was employed by Gibbs and Hill as a mechanical engineer on industrial power reports. He was mechanical engineer on high pressure steam power plants specializing in piping, valves, pumps and heaters, and was in charge of the mechanical design group of the American Gas and Electrical Service Corporation from 1935-42.

Becomes Partner
In 1942, Mr. Sonderman joined Singmaster and Breyer, chemical and metallurgical engineers. Three years later he became a partner in this organization and took charge of engineering and design groups on metallurgical and chemical plants.

Mr. Sonderman has developed improved joints for high pressure piping and special valves for high pressure; he has patented an improved check valve. A member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, he is the author of numerous public service papers on high pressure piping and valves.

6 Men Receive Their Master's From Clarkson

Six men received master's degrees and one, the professional degree of chemical engineer at the 59th annual Clarkson College commencement Sunday.

Recipients of the degree of master of science in chemistry were Henry Friedman, Brooklyn, Merle L. Hampton, Roselle, N. J., and Donald E. Tuites, Rochester. Howard E. Lechler, Chicago, Ill., received the master of civil engineering degree, while Robert E. Jamieson, New York, and Darius Surenian, Teheran, Iran, received their master of electrical engineering degrees. The professional degree of chemical engineer was conferred on Edward Grahl, 1945 Clarkson graduate. All except Mr. Grahl have held graduate fellowships at Clarkson during the past two years.

Mr. Friedman was graduated from City College of New York

with the degree of bachelor of chemical engineering in 1950. That same year Mr. Hampton received his bachelor of science degree in chemistry from Brown University. Mr. He is a member of Sigma Xi, scientific research honor society and is also a veteran of three years in the Army.

Mr. Tuites, who has a bachelor of science degree from the University of Rochester, is also an Army veteran. After his graduation from Rochester in 1949, he was employed as a control chemist for the analysis of products by Distillation Products, Inc. of Rochester.

A 1948 Clarkson graduate, Mr. Lechler received the degree of bachelor of civil engineering with high honor. While a Navy trainee, he also attended St. Lawrence University and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. Before returning to his alma mater, he was structural designer with Holabird and Root and Bungee, architects in Chicago. He is the husband of the former Miss Eileen M. Wiley of Potsdam.

Mr. Jamieson was graduated from Rensselaer Polytechnic Ins-

titute in June 1950 with the degree of bachelor of science in electrical engineering. He also attended the University of Pennsylvania and Mohawk College. Mr. Jamieson served three years in the Army. His professional experience includes a position as junior electrical engineer with the board of transportation in New York. With a special interest in folk music, he was field recorder of folk music for the Library of Congress in 1947.

A native of Iran, Mr. Surenian was graduated from Syracuse University in 1950 with the degree of bachelor of electrical engineering. He is a member of Tau Beta Pi, national engineering honor society.

Now employed in the industrial division of Foster Wheeler Corporation in New York, Mr. Grahl received the bachelor of chemical engineering degree from Clarkson in 1945. Four years later he earned his master of science degree with a major in industrial management from New York University. He is now doing work for his master of chemical engineering degree from Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute.

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