

M. Clare Mundell, BS '28, MS '39

As recipient of the UW Medallion Service Award, Dean Emeritus M. Clare Mundell of the UW College of Commerce and Industry is to receive one of the highest honors the University of Wyoming can bestow.

He was named a Distinguished Alum of the University in 1969, and his dedication and support of UW has continued unabated. Only a handful of people have ever received two such awards, and across campus, the state of Wyoming, and the nation you will find many, many people who wholeheartedly and with pride applaud his being selected Medallion Service Award Recipient.

There are very few people who have contributed as much of their lives and energy, love and dedication to the University as Clare Mundell. He served as Dean of the College of Commerce and Industry from 1949-1971 and had the major role in developing the college into a first-rate institution.

He has touched the lives of all his students, often providing support far beyond what is normally expected of a classroom professor. A teacher, a scholar, and a gentleman, Dean Mundell is held in high esteem by his students, colleagues, and all who have the privilege of knowing and working with him.

He was born January 6, in Jamesport, Missouri and graduated with a BS with Honor in Commerce (Accounting) from UW in 1928. He obtained the MS degree in Business Administration from UW in 1939 and has done further advanced graduate work. He obtained the C.P.A. certificate in Wyoming in 1949.

From 1935 to 1949 he progressed through the academic ranks of instructor, assistant professor, associate professor and professor. He was promoted to dean of the College of Commerce and Industry in 1949 and was named Dean Emeritus upon his retirement in 1971.

It was during his tenure as Dean that the facility that now houses the College of Commerce and Industry was constructed.

While at the University as a student, Mundell was active in Phi Kappa Phi (an honor society in economics), and was president of the Commerce Club. The Commerce Club later became Alpha Kappa Psi, a national fraternity in business, and Mundell was a charter member of its Beta Nu chapter.

He married Edith Elizabeth Morgan on September 5, 1927. She is also an alum of UW, graduating with a BA in 1928.

During World War II he volunteered for Navy service as an officer and reached the rank of Lieutenant Commander. He was assigned to the Bureau of Ships at Washington, D.C., and was recalled for his expertise during the Korean Conflict in 1951-52.

The list of his personal accomplishments and the achievements of the College of Commerce and Industry under his leadership is long and impressive. During his tenure as dean, student enrollment in the college tripled. Other accomplishments include:

—In cooperation with the C&I college faculty, he planned the present College of Commerce and Industry building. Plans were developed in 1959 and the facility was completed in 1962;

—He began the annual Recognition Dinner of the College of Commerce and Industry which recognizes student achievements, awards scholarships, presents a plaque for distinguished service to business in Wyoming and names distinguished alums of the college;

—He originated the Institute of Business Management Services which conducts research as requested by business and government and assists Wyoming organizations to solve current problems (Business and Government Consultant Program), supplements a student's formal education with practical work experience (Wyoming Development Student Intern Program), and provides management development seminars, workshops and conferences for managers throughout Wyoming;



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—The C&I Development Fund was initiated by Dean Mundell. It is a system for soliciting funds from alums and friends of the college for grants-in-aid to students, supplements for faculty projects and travel;

—The Air Force Minuteman Graduate Program at F.E. Warren Air Force Base in Cheyenne offered for the first time a program leading to a Master's degree in Business at an off-campus site;

—Dean Mundell organized the College Student Advisory Council which advises the Dean on improving communication among the administration, faculty and students.

In addition, Dean Mundell has been active in a variety of civic and community projects ranging from serving as chairman of the Salvation Army Board, a member of the elders and Board of Trustees of the United Presbyterian Church, to serving as director of the Laramie Chamber of Commerce.

He is a past president of the Western Bankers Association Managers composed of 13 western states, and a past chairman of the State Division of the American Bankers Association.

He has been on the Board of Directors of the First Interstate Bank of Laramie since 1964 and was named executive vice president of the Wyoming Bankers Association in 1972. Upon his retirement in July of this year, he was elected Honorary Vice President of the Wyoming Bankers Association.

The Wyoming Bankers Association is a trade association of which all banks in Wyoming are members. The Association now makes substantial contributions to education in Wyoming via scholarships to the University of Wyoming, discretionary funds to the C&I college, scholarships to the seven community colleges in the state and an annual contribution to the 4-H Foundation. All are a direct result of Dean Mundell's long association with the University.

Mundell has been active in the state's 4-H Foundation and has been honored as past chairman and for his organizational and promotional efforts, leadership and assistance to the 4-H in Wyoming.

It is a rare honor to receive the Medallion Service Award, and Clare Mundell is a rare individual. The University is proud of its graduate that stayed to teach and gave it so much.