

# Frank H. Hyland

## Memorial Scholarship

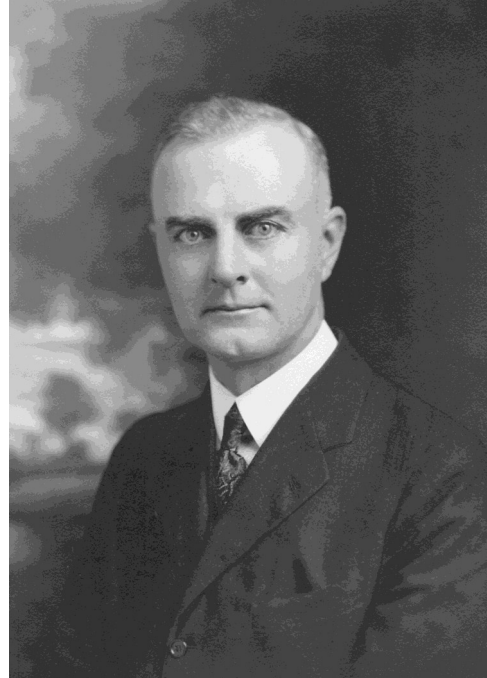
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**N**orth Dakota owes much of her greatness to the many individuals from around the country and around the world who left their places of birth to make North Dakota their home. Such a person was Frank H. Hyland—farmer, auctioneer, state senator, and Lieutenant Governor of North Dakota.

Mr. Hyland was born and reared in the state of Iowa, and he attended the Iowa Agricultural College (now Iowa State University) in Ames. Then, as a young man, he chose to settle and make his home in North Dakota. He acquired large farming interests in Ramsey County, contributing to the chief economic base of our state, but was probably much better known as an auctioneer. He practiced this profession successfully in North Dakota and throughout the Northwest. Indeed, his skills as an auctioneer were so widely respected that he was frequently invited to teach auctioneering at a school in Chicago during the winter months. The *Devils Lake Journal* reported that Frank Hyland's "*mission in crying a sale was to impress on his listeners the importance of purebred sires and better breeding methods just as much as to get the best available price for the animal on the block.*"

Mr. Hyland was also a friend of youth in Ramsey County and North Dakota, often crying sales for the annual 4-H livestock auction at the North Dakota Agricultural College (now North Dakota State University). In addition to this, he was also known as a fine starter of race horses and served as an official at hundreds of state fairs.

Frank Hyland began his distinguished political career in 1910 when he was elected to the North Dakota House of Representatives from Ramsey County. In 1912, he was elected to the



state Senate, serving there until 1922 when he was elected Lieutenant Governor of our state. In 1928, he was returned to the Senate. In 1932, he received the Independent Voters Association's endorsement for the office of Governor. He made the main issue of his campaign the defeat of the industrial program of the Non-Partisan League. (In later times, he would say that the one thing he wanted North Dakotans to remember about his political career was that he had been one of the senators aiding in the defeat of the NPL program in the 1917 legislature.) Victory in 1932, however, was destined to go to William Langer. Senator Hyland passed away in 1934.

Throughout much of his life, Frank Hyland found support from his wife, Florence, the daughter of Charles and Johanna Nelson who had come to homestead in Dry Lake Township in 1883. The young Florence attended Dry Lake and Grand Harbor schools and Devils Lake Central High School. Like her husband, Mrs. Hyland was well known throughout the state for judging at state and county fairs. Upon her death in 1974, Florence Hyland bequeathed the sum of ten thousand dollars to Lake Region State College to establish a scholarship in memory of her husband.

The Frank H. Hyland Memorial Scholarship is awarded to worthy students who demonstrate academic and leadership abilities and have financial need, and it perpetuates the memory of a man who served his chosen home state well for many years. ♦