



Brynhild Haugland

ELECTED TO 26 TERMS (52 YEARS) AS A REPRESENTATIVE
IN THE NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATURE
1938 - 1990

Miss Brynhild Haugland, the longest serving state legislator in the United States, has donated her personal papers from 52 years of public service to Minot State University. They will benefit future research of North Dakota's legislative process and history.

An exhibit on the main level of the Gordon B. Olson Library honors Miss Haugland, who was born on a farm near Minot where she now lives in retirement after a lifetime of service to the people of North Dakota.

The exhibit highlights the school years of Brynhild Haugland who entered Minot Model School on its opening day, September 30, 1913, and completed her Elementary Certificate at Minot State Normal School in 1924. She has been a board member of MSU's Alumni Association since the 1940s.

In 1938 her long career in the Legislature began. She would successfully work for progress in the Human Services and Public Health Departments, adequate funding for education at all levels, economic and industrial development, agriculture and the dairy industry, cooperatives, transportation, zoning, environmental concerns, the State Water Program, clean air, the North Dakota Extension Service, the UND Medical School, the State Prison Farm, accessibility for the handicapped to all public buildings, and state parks and tourism.

Miss Haugland has been a steady supporter of MSU. She worked in the Legislature for 10 new buildings on the campus from Memorial Library (1958), McCulloch Hall (1960), Crane Hall (1960), Student Union (1966), Cook Hall (1966), Hartnett Hall (1974-1976), the Dome (1978), Campus Heights (1984), Lura Manor (1986), to the Gordon B. Olson Library (1989-1992).

Named Minot's Woman of the Year three times, in 1956, 1971, and 1989, Brynhild Haugland holds a special place in the heart of Northwestern North Dakota. She has worked to "... serve the best interests of all people ..." with caring and patience as stated in her oft repeated motto:

*"Most any good thing can be accomplished eventually
if you are not particular who gets the credit."*