

Friday's Trivia Question

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Of the eight young men in the Maplewood class of 1922, five became workers for the church – which one became a missionary to Mongolia?

Answer:



Otto Christensen, son of Danish immigrants, grew up in Mahtowa, losing one eye when working in a lumber camp. Despite his handicap, he graduated from Maplewood Academy in 1922 and attended Emmanuel Missionary College where he met his wife, Dorothy. Like his older brother Herbert, he pastored in Minnesota and then became a missionary.

He was the Director of the Mongolian Mission for a decade in the 1930s where he became fluent in several languages, developed a publishing operation, established two outpost missions and assisted with translating the Bible into Mongolian. He remained Director when the Mongolian Mission merged into SaiPei Mission. When World War II broke out, the family returned to the United States; Otto later obtained a doctorate and taught at Andrews, Southern and Oakwood. Some may recall Otto's sister, Olga, a member at Duluth until her death one month short of her 100th birthday in 1988.

