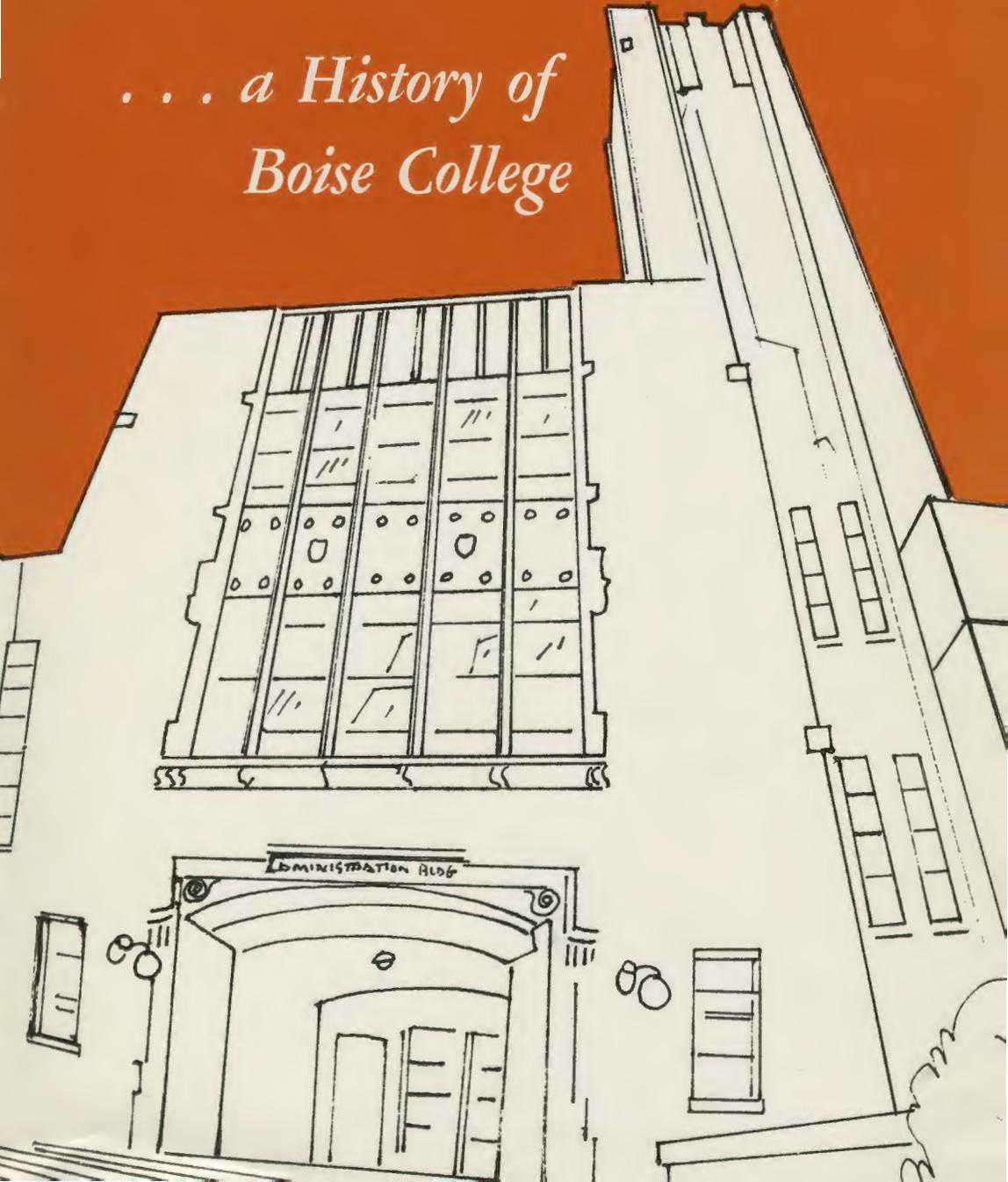


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Introduction

The writing of the history of Boise College resulted from the meeting with the Board of Trustees immediately after my return from a six months sabbatical in Europe, June 1, 1967. The Board was unanimous in the request that this be the major effort of my new position of Chancellor. The writing of such a story offers the possibility of either too much subjectivity or too much objectivity when one considers that I have been President of the College for 31 years and Chancellor for almost 3 years.

There is, of course, the fact that I know personally the problems and events that moved through the growth of this college. I lived Boise College from its inception in 1932 until the arrival of my successor in June of 1967. Few have ever experienced a more challenging period and enjoyed more thoroughly the crises and growth that took place during such a period. My only absence was from June 27, 1942 until my return from World War II on the 15th of September 1945.

I have not trusted my memory but have amply studied the accounts of the College in Board of Trustees Minutes, the Idaho Statesman files from the spring of 1932, student and faculty publications, and the Minutes of the Boise Chamber of Commerce. These sources have been supplemented by numerous letters from Bishop Barnwell, many students and faculty, and from a large number of conversations in my office with these and others who have visited with me over the events of Boise Junior College and Boise College.

The responsibility for accuracy is solely that of myself, the author. My wife, Lois, and faculty members have assisted me much through proofing and criticizing my material. Especially I want to offer my appreciation for the work done by Mrs. Ada Yost Hatch in offering suggestions.

There are many I owe thanks to; two of whom are (1) my secretary, Mrs. Claudine Green, for the painstaking work of typing and studying the copy and (2) Franklin Carr for making available to me many pictures and photographs contained in this volume.

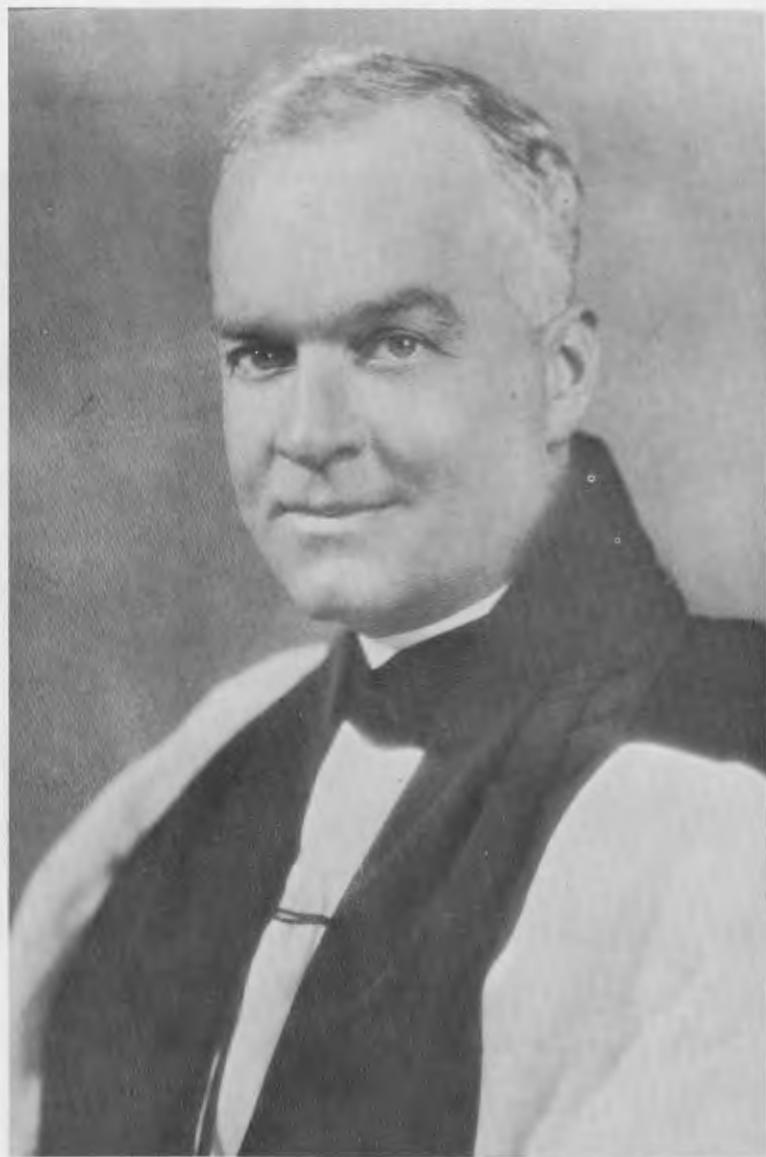
I wish to acknowledge the support of my wife, Lois, in this period of moving away from my life as President to the one of retirement that I am now entering. The twin experience of writing and retiring has had its moments of frustration.

I cannot close this introduction without expressing my thanks to the people of Boise, to the Boards of Trustees, and to the faculty and students of Boise College for the satisfying opportunity of working with this college for the past 38 years.

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Student body and faculty at opening of Boise Junior College 1932



BISHOP MIDDLETON S. BARNWELL, President 1932-1934

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