

RENO ODLIN

Reno Odlin is one of the outstanding leaders in the State of Washington as well as in the Nation. He was recognized by the Treasury Department for his 25 years of leadership in the sale of Treasury Bonds, particularly during war time. He was also recognized by his peers when he was elected President of the American Banking Association, and traveled extensively during the year of his presidency.

Reno Odlin has been a very dedicated person in community affairs. Because of his leadership and outstanding business acumen and direction, many community activities were made financially feasible and successful.

He is exceedingly well liked, except by his competitors for he has been a very sharp banker and businessman. He has a wonderful sense of humor; is an excellent speaker--a man who can tell stories with a real verve which are always well received. He has been very much interested in the Tacoma Little Theater and I remember seeing him take the lead in Thornton Wilder's play, "Our Town."

I have appreciated very much his personal friendship; and on many occasions, I discussed with him the affairs of the University, the possibilities of people who might be able to benefit the University financially; and many times he suggested the names of various people who might have an interest in the University.

I have visited him a number of times when he has been in Tacoma General Hospital and I have visited him in his home. He is an omnivorous reader, and

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his personal library is one of the largest in the area. His advice and counsel have been sought by legislators, by congressmen, and from time to time by banking leaders in the Nation.

We were exceedingly pleased to have him interested in the development of the University of Puget Sound, and his impact in the history of the University will be long enduring.

R, Franklin Thompson

*Steinway Piano
Hugh W. Hanford
" Mrs. Paul
see Odlin interview*

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