

Editing test

- * **correct punctuation, spelling, and grammatical mistakes**
- * **correct inconsistencies/mistakes in Chicago style (e.g., capitalization)**
- * **check consistency of facts**
- * **use dictionary, Chicago style guide, and Rutgers editorial style guide as resources**

Benjamin E. Joss, Treasurer Emeritus, Dies at 101

Benjamin Ernest Joss, age 100, Bates College treasurer emeritus who served the school for 44 years, died Oct. 1, 2000.

Joss, a 1922 Bates alumni, was known for careful management of Bates' financial resources, personal devotion to Bates community life, and his civic work in Lewiston Maine.

"Ben Joss was the kind of man that was always ready to help. He served Bates when the college was comprised of just 10 buildings", said Bates President Donald H. Harward. "His work insured Bates's strength. Now Bates has over fifty buildings on it's campus, that are all examples of practicality and beauty."

Joss was born at the end of the 18th century, in Kennebunkport on August 7, 1898, the son of Avery Stone and Florence Benson Joss. He was graduated from Biddeford High School in 1917 and entered Bates that year. Commissioned as a second Lt. when WWI was underway, he served as a Director of the Student Army Training Corpse at Worcester Polytechnical Institute. He returned to Bates to earn his B.S. bachelor's degree.

"I compare him with the great men of the Bates millenium," said Rev. Peter Gomer, Minister in the Memorial Church at Harvard. "As a college of under 700 students, Ben helped make Bates strong. He was accomodating to everyone, and one of the most stanch supporters of Bates."

In 1924, Mr. Joss was appointed Assistant Bursar at Bates and in 1928 became burser and superintendant of grounds and buildings. Joss retired after 54 years at Bates, in 1968, and was

awarded an honorary master of arts doctorate from Bates. He was famous for being in his Roger Williams office at 7 a.m. in the morning.

His interest was peaked by anything regarding the finances of Bates. "Ben Joss set a model that many followed: A person who made Bates' his life-long work and love," said Bill C. Hiss, vice-president for External and Alumni Affairs at Bates and a 1966 alumni of the college. "He often joined my staff and I for lunch, every Saturday evening."

Joss, who also served as trustee of Central Maine Medical Center, was as watchful when issuing examination bluebooks to faculty as when overseeing college building projects. He personified the Bates tradition of thrift, even trekking to Presque Esle in 1946 to buy a military-surplus potato peeler."

In 1924, he got married to Marjorie Hillsbury Joss, a 1923 Bates alumna. He was a familiar figure at Bates athletic events, enjoyed football and served as a volunteer Track Official at Maine college meets for many years. In a 1978 interview with The "Bates Student" newspaper, Joss said, "Bates has truly come to be my school. I'm so involved with the college that anything that benefits the school, in a sense, benefits me." .