Charles E. Erdmann accepts congratulations at commencement exercises

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Charles E. Erdmann, left, accepts congratulations from Montana State University President H. K. Newburn, center, and Dr. Fred S. Honkala, chairman of the MSU Geology Department, at commencement exercises at the University. Erdmann, research geologist with the U. S. Geological Survey, Great Falls, was awarded an honorary doctor of science degree by the University in recognition of his contributions to his profession and to Montana.

Dr. Honkala credits the distinguished geologist with having done more to define the natural resources of Montana and to assist in their development than any other living person. The search for every oil field discovered in the state in the last 30 years has probably started with a consultation of the structural contour map of the Montana plains co-authored by Erdmann, Honkala said.

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