Milton E. Mohr (1915-2000) was described in his lifetime as "...engineer, inventor, entrepreneur, corporate leader" and was instrumental in providing key leadership to young adults. In 1938 he graduated, highest in his class from UNL with a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering, and in 1959 UNL awarded him an honorary doctorate of engineering.

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