



CLASS OF

1888

GEORGE A. HUGHES

George A. Hughes (1871-1944). When the capital moved to Bismarck, George's father, as the Attorney General of the Territory, moved the family to the new political center. George graduated from Bismarck High School and continued his studies at the University of Minnesota.

George founded the Hughes Electric Heating Company in Chicago. In 1910, he introduced the "electric cook stove" which was the first to integrate burners and ovens into a single, free-standing major appliance. His company later merged with Hotpoint Electric Heating and the heating device section of General Electric to form the Edison Electric Appliance Company. He was named its first president. In 1940, he was awarded the Modern Pioneers Award for the invention of the electric range.

The class of 1888 wrote this on George's time at Bismarck High School: "Congratulations to one who has achieved so much. Hughes has made an impact in creating ease and comfort into the kitchen and into the homes of the nation."

