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When the late Dr. Andrew Nerland, Alaskan pioneer, trudged to school as a youth in Molde, Norway, he had no idea that someday the building would become an exhibit in Molde's Romsdal Museum.

Today the University of Alaska learned that the city recently established this exhibit which will honor the memory of famous pupils who received their primary training in it.

The museum director required Dr. Ernest N. Patty, university president, for considerable information about Dr. Nerland. He was born in Molde on April 8, 1870, and came to the United States as a young man. He went to Dawson, Y.T., in the gold rush of '98, and his subsequent participation in Alaskan activities made him one of the Territory's leading pioneers. He became a member of the university's board of regents in 1929, and was board chairman at the time of his death, Feb. 6, 1956.

"Alaska long has honored the late Dr. Nerland for his many achievements," Dr. Patty said. "It is fitting that his birthplace should do the same."