Music circles still keep me busy, too. I am still singing bass in the Trinity Lutheran choir and play the clarinet in three different bands—the Kern Temple Shrine Band, Grand Forks Elks Band, and the Ninth District American Legion Band; these activities give me a lot of conventions and festivities to attend and you would be surprised at the number of Northwest School Aggies I run into at these various events. This is my 16th year as business manager of the Ninth District American Legion Band (only district band still in existence in the U.S.A.) and I am busy now raising $16,000 to take the band to the national convention in Boston next August. Wish me luck!

Looking back now, the most difficult thing for me to do was to give up my coaching assignments. The first year after leaving coaching, I couldn’t stand to watch practice sessions without my stomach doing flip-flops.

Esther and I consider ourselves very fortunate to have had the opportunity to be associated with such a great group of people at the Northwest School and UMC these past 36 years. You know, it seems just like yesterday when I changed coaching jobs from Crookston Central to the Northwest School.

You just can’t help but have strong emotional feelings for all the students and parents you worked with covering over half of a lifetime. It has been a great privilege for me. My wife tells me the good Lord put us in the right spot at the right time. The Northwest School campus was a wonderful place to work, live and raise a family.

I’m looking forward to seeing many of you at our 1980 NWSA Alumni Reunion on Saturday, June 28. PUT THAT DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR—RIGHT NOW! Our alumni reunions have been getting bigger and better every year and you should try your very best to attend this year’s reunion.

My kindest personal regards to all of you.

Herschel H. Lysaker
Notes from the President

The big year for the classes of '30 and '55 is here. This is the year they set aside to lose weight, hide the gray and try to remember names and faces. It'll be a day to reminisce about the time spent at the Northwest School and to keep friends up to date on what's been going on since you've last seen each other. It'll be a time to page through the "Aggie" and look closely at each picture. There'll also be pictures of children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren coming out of pockets and purses. It'll be a time to stop, look and smile with fond memories of days passed. You'll be surprised how quickly your memory comes back once you get on campus, look around and see familiar faces. It'll be a day to remember and cherish.

As you can tell, we are gearing up for the annual Northwest School of Agriculture alumni reunion. Special get-togethers are being planned for the classes of '20, '30, '40, '50, '55, and '60. The date is June 28th.

The officers of your alumni association have the responsibility of choosing a "Top Aggie" and honored staff member. The "Top Aggies" for 1980 are Mr. and Mrs. Donald (Harlene Hagen) Overgaard, from Roseville, MN. They are both graduates of the Class of '55. Harlene has been teaching for twenty years and is presently attending graduate school at the University of Minnesota. Donald has recently started his own business in the Twin Cities.

Our honored staff member will be Dr. Bernie Youngquist. Dr. Youngquist has for many years been superintendent of the Northwest Agricultural Experiment Station and was the last Superintendent of the Northwest School. Bernie has maintained a very close working relationship with the Northwest School Alumni Association. Bernie is a leader who has devoted many years to the Northwest School, experiment station, University of Minnesota Technical College–Crookston and to agriculture. People who have been associated with Bernie (no matter what the situation) have acquired a deep respect for him. I would like to ask each and every one of you to stop by on the 28th and greet him.

If you have some bits of little known information or a story you would like to pass along, just drop a note to me. My address is: Paul D. Pederson 9054 Taylor St. NE Blaine, MN 55434

For the past several years, we have had a series of winter gatherings for alumni of the Northwest School and UMC. They have been well attended and the majority of those attending have been Northwest School alumni. They've been getting bigger and better every year. If you haven't already attended one, try to make a point of going to one in your area this coming winter.

The new food service building is coming along as scheduled and will be open for dining by the date of our reunion. It'll be a real plus, a needed addition to meet the ever increasing demands placed upon the campus.

The names of Aggies not receiving the Newsletter have been coming in, as have donations. Whatever amount you feel you would like to contribute to whatever cause you may stipulate will be deeply appreciated.

Well, that's it for this newsletter. I hope to see and visit with each and everyone of you on June 28th. Until then, God be with you.

Paul Pederson, '67

Provost's Message

I extend a special invitation to each of you to return to the campus for the annual alumni reunion on June 28. We're especially pleased that we'll have the opportunity to use the new HRI classroom and food service building for your next meeting date. It's been an exciting year in 1979-80 on the campus with the completion of that building, as well as opening the new library in Kiehle building. Incidentally, there was an open house for the library and Learning Resources Center on May 3. A cornerstone laying for the HRI building will take place later this year. If it's possible for you to join us for the laying of the cornerstone, we'd be pleased to have you.

In addition, the construction of the new physical education complex began in February. A groundbreaking ceremony was held for that facility on May 6. It is going to be an exciting year as the construction of the gym, as well as the outdoor facilities takes place. I hope each of you share with us in the excitement of a growing institution, both in terms of number of students enrolled and in terms of physical facilities under construction.

I have just returned from Saudi Arabia where I served as a consultant on behalf of the United Nations for the development of post high school technical education in agriculture. It will be a pleasure for me to share some of my experiences when I see you at the reunion, June 28.

Provost S.D. Sahlstrom
To Be Honored

Dr. Bernie Youngquist

The honored staff member will be Dr. Bernie Youngquist. Dr. Youngquist is Superintendent of the Northwest Experiment Station and the last Superintendent of the Northwest School of Agriculture. He has maintained a very close working relationship with the NWSA Alumni Association.

"Top Aggies" for this year are Mr. and Mrs. Donald (Harlene Hagen) Overgaard, from Roseville, Minnesota. Harlene and Donald graduated in the Class of '55. Harlene (Hagen) Overgaard was originally from Gatzke, Minnesota, and her husband, Donald was originally from Dalton, Minnesota.

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Mr. and Mrs. William Hoper receive a plate from Provost Sahlstrom during the UMC-NW School alumni gathering on January 18 in Stephen.

Herschel Lysaker presents Paul and Clarice Billberg with a UMC alumni plate during Roseau’s UMC-NWS alumni gathering.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Bitker from Fosston receive our ox cart from “Hersh” Lysaker for travelling the farthest distance to attend the Red Lake Falls UMC/NWS alumni gathering.
Approximately 25 people turned out at Hawley on November 9, 1979, to reminisce and visit with one another about the good old days at the Northwest School.

Provost Sahlstrom awards Mr. & Mrs. Omundson an alumni cup during the East Grand Forks alumni gathering.

Ed Widsath introduces himself and reminisces about the "good old days" at the Northwest School ... at the alumni party in the Twin Cities earlier this year.
Elderhostel 1980

This summer, Elderhostel programs will be available on twenty Minnesota campuses. The University of Minnesota - Crookston (UMC) will host three weeks of Elderhostel offering the following courses:

June 15-21, 1980

Ecology of the Red River Valley and Adjacent Areas (Wendell Johnson)

Principles of ecology studied in the classroom, laboratory, and field. Examine aquatic, terrestrial, and forest communities. Consider agricultural practices and their impact on these communities.

Horticulture: Plant Propagation, Houseplants, and Home Landscaping (Bruce Beresford)

A greenhouse course. Specifics include foliage, flowering, succulents, cacti, bulbs, and exotic plants; propagation, leaf and stem cuttings; soil temperature, light, watering, fertilizers, soil mixes, pest problems. Rooted cuttings will be potted and may be taken home. (Content will vary from that offered in 1979.)

Rosemaling (Jackie Klokseth)

A Scandinavian art/craft style of decorative painting of rustic, colorful designs primarily on wood. Designs in rosemaling are a blend of motifs. Colors used are bold in contrast and effect. The base colors are most often an orange-red, green, or blue (very strong colors). Oil paints in tube colors are used for the designs. When first used in Norway in early 1700, rosemaling was used on walls and ceilings as well as on corner cupboards, trunks, ale bowls, and serving trays. Individualized instruction will be offered.

July 20-26, 1980

Horticulture: Plant Propagation, Houseplants, and Home Landscaping (Bruce Beresford)

See week of June 15-21.

Natural History of Northwest Minnesota (Max Parich)

Items of interest to be covered are: history of geology of the Red River Valley, land features left by glacial Lake Agassiz, land features changed by man, management of wildlife areas, wildlife and plant recognition and identification problems of succession. Areas to be visited include: Pankratz and Pembina Trail Preserves, Fertile Sand Dunes, Nature Conservancy Land, Checag Wildlife Management Area, Pembina Wildlife Management Area, and UMC Natural History Area. The program will include outdoor field study.

American Humor (Alice Moorhead)

Course participants will examine and discuss American humor and comedy and the critical role humor plays in American literature and American culture, from colonial times to the present. Through a variety of media including TV sitcoms, silent movies, cartoons, stand-up comedians (burlesque and vaudeville), records, radio, and theatre, the functions of three basic characters in humor (the wise fool, the storyteller, and the little soul) will be defined and illustrated.

August 24-30, 1980

Horticulture: Plant Propagation, Houseplants, and Home Landscaping (Bruce Beresford)

See week of June 15-21.

The Shifting Sands of the Desert (Richard Christenson)

The kingdom of Saudi Arabia is highly visible in the media, but essentially unknown to many of us. Together, we will explore the history of the country and trace its development over the past four decades. By means of personal experience, slides, and other media, we will focus on people, politics and religion, education and economic development as it has emerged during the 1970's in this "kingdom of the desert."

Quilting (Loena Wilkens)

Through this course you will learn about the history of quilting and quilting techniques and principles that can be used for pillows, wall hangings, chair covers, and toys. Step-by-step instruction will be given on choosing material, accurate pattern making, marking, cutting, sewing and assembling of patchwork pieces, and methods of finishing quilts.

For more Elderhostel information and registration, contact:

Steve Kraatz
University of Minnesota-Crookston
Crookston, MN 56716
(218) 281-6510, ext. 243

or

Minnesota Elderhostel
206 Westbrook Hall
77 Pleasant Street SE
Minneapolis, MN 55455
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## NWS Alumni - Where They're At

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<td>Semi-retired - farming prior to 1972, Baudette, MN (30)</td>
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<td>George H. Schulz</td>
<td>Assessor for township, retired, living on farm in Fergus Falls, MN (31)</td>
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<td>Janet (Klava) Dutcher</td>
<td>Own and publish the Olivia Times Journal newspaper and Renville County Shopper, MN (66)</td>
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<td>Lucille (Hedlund) Kiital</td>
<td>Part-time clerk at Post Office - elementary school teacher for many years, Shevlin, MN (38)</td>
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<td>Mary (Perkins) Yearous</td>
<td>Helps husband run a home-based business and is a homemaker. Cottage Grove, OH (39)</td>
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<td>Lois (Haug) Otson</td>
<td>Housewife and part-time office work, St. Thomas, ND (38)</td>
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<td>Herbert and Betty (McVeety) Nisbet</td>
<td>Farming, East Grand Forks, MN (30 &amp; 37)</td>
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<td>Donna (Miller) Swan</td>
<td>Housewife, church choir director, 4-H leader, Balaton, MN (55)</td>
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<td>Rosaire Montcalm</td>
<td>Painter foreman for local utility, Milwaukee, WI (40)</td>
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<td>Ellen (Ahlm) Ferguson</td>
<td>Homemaker (Did work at the Interstate Commerce Comm) Washington, D.C. (20)</td>
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<td>Darwin L. Ferrier</td>
<td>Retired - 20 years as manager for Peoples Natural Gas, Div. of Northern Gas Co., Pitt, MN (43)</td>
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<td>Dorothy (Evans) Christensen</td>
<td>Homemaker, weaving teacher for St. Paul and Minneapolis YWCA's, Control Data Creative Learning Center and Stillwater Community Education, Asst. Supt., Creative Activities Dept. of Minnesota State Fair, St. Paul, Minnesota (38)</td>
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## In Memoriam

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<td>Mrs. Ray Erickson</td>
<td>(nee Majorie Hunter) New York Mills, MN (1940)</td>
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<td>Passed away March 10, 1970</td>
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<td>Iver T. Onstad</td>
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<td>Clarence A. Norum</td>
<td>Hallock, MN (1939)</td>
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<td>Passed away April 12, 1980</td>
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<td>Wilfred Brunelle</td>
<td>Yakima, WA (1916)</td>
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## Visitors on Campus

Robert Schol - Class of 1962 (Feb. 28, 1980)  
2362 20th Ave. So.  
Fargo, ND 58102

Tim Kazmierczak - Class of 1954 (Feb. 28, 1980)  
Route No. 1  
Thief River Falls, MN 56701

. . . Dennis Vasek (Class of '64) is working for Gaffaney's in Crookston. His present address is Route No. 2, East Grand Forks, MN 56721.
Aggies, We Need You!

All of us on the NWS Alumni Board are concerned about the Alumni Association. If you would like to continue receiving the Aggie Newsletter, we need your support and membership in order for its continuance. Without it our association will not be as effective as it should be.

The NWS Alumni Association has decided to initiate a fund raising program to help defray expenses that we are incurring. With over 1700 members, if everyone donated $10, $25, or $50, this would help to cover expenses. Also, a donation would go a long way in meeting the cost of UMC's sculpture. Any amount donated to the NWS Alumni Association is tax deductible.

Below is a form for you to fill out and return to the NWS Alumni Association.

Please detach this portion and return!

MAIL TO: Don Cavalier, Alumni Relations, Dowell 119, University of Minnesota Technical College, Crookston, MN 56716

I am enclosing my donation to the Northwest School Alumni Association in the amount of: $10 $25 $50

I am enclosing my donation to the Sculpture Fund in the amount of: $

In order to include you in the alumni news and also update our address records, we need the following information:

NAME ___________________________________________ GRADUATING CLASS __________________

Maiden Name ___________________________________________

PRESENT ADDRESS ___________________________________________

WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

__________________________________________________________________________

SOMETHING ABOUT YOURSELF - ACHIEVEMENTS, ETC.

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FAMILY

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If you know of other Aggies not receiving a newsletter, please list their name and address below.

Name __________________________________ Address ____________________________

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