Small guy on campus
becomes ag leader

by Barbara Weiler
Editor of Aggie

The entry beside William Strickler’s picture in the 1930 Red River Aggie yearbook is a prophecy come true, especially at the Red River Valley Winter Shows time: “The world's no better if we worry, Life is no longer if we hurry.”

If Bill worries, it's an inward worry... if he hurries, it's at a slow pace, but often from early morning until late at night or into the early morning hours.

For a decade I have walked through the Winter Shows exhibits, looked at the “Bill Strickler Arena” sign hanging high over the arena, and wondered who Bill Strickler was. Finally I met the Strickler behind the sign.

As fund chairman for a 14-county area to raise $450,000 for the Red River Valley Winter Shows building, Bill is proud that they raised the amount, and even went over their goal.

The honor of having an arena named after him is something he should also be proud of.

"It's gratifying to know people appreciate what you're doing." Then he hastily added, "That doesn't seem like enough to say. I should say more."

His interest in the adults and youth of the Red River Valley is evident in his dedication to the Winter Shows of which he is currently vice president of the board of managers.

While a student at the NWSA he was often referred to as the small guy, probably because he was barely four feet tall -- graduating before he was 16. Initiations were popular on campus at that time, but Bill recalls that he was never initiated in Stephens Hall.

"I was so small they just never initiated me."

After graduation Bill returned to the home farm near Euclid to help his father with the farming operation.

"During those first three years out of school, everything that I learned in school came back to me."

He speaks fondly of his memories of the NWSA.

"We always felt it was just a little above the local high school, although I guess it really wasn't. Even today all the (NWSA) grads I talk with are really for UMC. The ideals of the old school have transcended through the University."

As a two-year college, Bill says that if UMC continues to keep its standards up it will serve its purpose.

"It provides an opportunity for students to go both ways, either directly into business or to go on to a four-year institution for further education."

But he says there is still a need to coordinate the efforts of NWSA and UMC alumni.

Bill Strickler stopped briefly to chat about his 38 years with Winter Shows.

"That's really important."

At UMC Bill is chairman of the college’s general scholarship fund which raises $15,000 a year for scholarships and grants for UMC students.

Although he is not a person who appears to worry, he did express concern when four days before the opening of the 1981 Winter Shows, with temperatures in the 40's and 50's, he realized that the parking lot would be a total disaster. Arrangements were made to have 5,000 yards of gravel and cinders applied to the parking area.

Bill says he tries not to make any time of the year busier than another, but he does admit that at Winter Shows time he puts in many extra hours -- many 7 a.m. coffee sessions, as well as late night meetings.

"I try to coordinate the livestock activities, sort of an overseer, where I can come and go as I like."

At the same time, with a glint in his eye, he claims he is retired.

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Notes from the President

As the 1981 Northwest School reunion approaches, class leaders are busy organizing their respective classes to make it the best reunion ever. As I meet Aggies in my travels throughout Minnesota, I find there is a lot of interest in the Northwest School and how the change to a two-year college has affected it. The best thing to do is to come and see, and I'm sure you will be satisfied.

The officers of the Association have made their choices for the "Top Aggie Award" and the "Honored Faculty Member Award" for this year's reunion. The Top Aggie Award will be going to Selvin Erickson, '31 from Badger, MN. Selvin has been a leader in agriculture in northern Minnesota for many years. The Top Faculty Award is going to E.C. Miller of the Northwest Experiment Station. Mr. Miller, who has spent many years with the school and the experiment station, has been a key part of the Northwest School, Northwest Experiment Station, and UMC. It's gratifying to be President of the Association when E.C. receives this honor.

Provost's Message

Greetings to all of you from all of us at the University of Minnesota, Crookston!

It is a very special winter in Crookston this year, not only because of the unusually warm weather, but because of the many changes taking place on the campus. I am pleased to report that the construction of the new physical education building is on schedule. We anticipate the completion of both indoor and outdoor facilities by the beginning of the new school year. At the time of the reunion of the Northwest School of Agriculture Alumni, much of the work will have been completed, and we look forward to your touring the facilities.

I'm always thrilled to read items on the history of our institution, and this issue brings significant additional light to that history. The Northwest School of Agriculture served in a most important and unique way in bringing a specialized high school education to the rural youth of our area. Not only did it prepare its graduates well for life in our society, but it also prepared them to become leaders of the agricultural community. The article on Bill Strickler points out the many contributions that he has made and that is typical of many other graduates. We're proud of each of them and look forward to being a part of the Alumni Association for many years to come.

I look forward to visiting with you at the annual reunion on June 27.

Officers

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                               James Wallace '66
NWSA annual fund report

The first NWSA Annual Fund is now history, generating nearly $1700 for several key NWSA/UMC projects.

NWSA Alumni Fund received approximately 50 percent ($800) of the designated money from this fund drive. This money will be used for serving dinners and publishing the AGgie newsletter. Because this organization has no dues structure to cover expenses it is depending on UMC to pay for mailings and miscellaneous expenses. It is the hope of the NWSA alumni board that the association will be self-sustaining in the near future. Because of your generous donations for this fund it will make this dream a possibility. The annual budget of these alumni activities is approximately $3,000.

NWSA Scholarship Fund will receive approximately 25 percent ($450) of the designated fund which will be used to increase the present NWSA Scholarship Endowment Fund. In 1968 when the NWSA was phased out, all current scholarship and class funds were placed into a single account with the University. This account totaled $3,294.15 as of July 1, 1975. Each year since 1975 the interest income from the account has been used as a scholarship fund awarded to a student enrolled in the agriculture division at UMC. Awards are based on “financial need and potential for substantial growth in knowledge and in citizenship by the recipient while attending UMC.” It is UMC's hope that each year money will be added to this endowment fund to increase the number of students receiving benefit of this scholarship award.

Sculpture Fund received the remaining 25 percent ($400) of the annual fund designated money. This 30-foot granite sculpture will be constructed near the library early this summer. It is hoped that the sculpture will be completed prior to the reunion. A special thanks to the generous donors listed below. Because of your interests these projects will continue and benefit many people.

Alfred Hvidsten '14
Alma Femrite (Nettum) '16
Oscar Lund '16
*Harold Morris '18
John Swiers '20
Elmer Breidle '21
Myrtle Whittenberg (Erickson) '21
Roger Briden '22
Benneth Sharpe 25
Lawrence Philipp '28
*Theodore Peet '29
Elmer C. Johnson '29
J. A. Rynning 33
John Patenaude '37
Glennie Iverson '37
Lucille Kildal (Hedlund) '37
Alice Molnar (Hees) '38

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Lloyd Lund '40
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*Ernest Swift '62
*Paul Pederson '67
*Helen Selvig '22
Laura Austin
Nannie Hillesland
Lillian Ellis (Larson) '40

*Members of the University of Minnesota Century Council who gave $100 or more

If you had planned to send money into the NWSA Annual Fund, you may still do so by making your check payable to NWSA Alumni Annual Fund and mail to: Alumni Office, University of Minnesota Technical College, Crookston, MN 56716. If you have a particular project indicate your interest to us.

NWSA and UMC alumni dinners

Nearly 300 NWSA/UMC Alumni attended the seven community dinners. St. Paul, Crookston, Stephen, Hawley, Red Lake Falls, Roseau, and East Grand Forks were the sites of the ever popular gatherings of friends (NWSA & UMC Alumni).

The evening program usually began with Hersch Lysaker leading the now famous “Lutefisk” and “Lefse” songs. Hersch (retired NWSA/UMC coach and instructor) or Provost Sahlstrom offered comments about “UMC Today--a Comparison of NWSA & UMC.”

Those present expressed great enjoyment over the evening’s activities and opportunities to reminisce. Plans are beginning for a similar group of dinners in several local communities for next year. If you have any suggestions for the events or their locale, please contact the alumni office at UMC.

Provost Sahlstrom, Sharon Hoff, Superintendent Youngquist

In an unusual graduation setting Sharon Lee Dahlin Hoff of Oslo received a special diploma at UMC. Nearly 25 years after she was a student at the NWSA she completed requirements for high school graduation by successfully passing the GED examination. As Dr. B. E. Youngquist, superintendent of NWSA, presented the diploma, he said, “This will be the shortest commencement address in history.” UMC provost Dr. Stanley D. Sahlstrom was on hand to represent the University.
Thumbnail history and update of the Northwest Experiment Station

by B. E. Youngquist
Superintendent of Experiment Station

Farming in the late 1800's in the Red River Valley was very hazardous. Farmers, along with others, began to talk about an agricultural experiment station as early as 1880. James J. Hill gave the State of Minnesota about three-fourths of a section of land in the Red River Valley near Crookston to establish an experiment station and to later set up a school for agriculture. The legislature provided the first outstate experiment station on that land in 1895. The water management technology developed through the first research project of draining the land was adopted eagerly by farmers and local government. The school of agriculture, established in 1905 with the first classes beginning in 1906, provided a much needed answer for young men and women isolated from educational opportunities. The young people came to school October 1 on the train with their trunks, and many of them didn't get back home until school was out in the early spring at the end of March. Improved roads and the automobile changed that by the 1930's.

Reasonably good drainage near the end of the first decade resulted in crops and soils research moving ahead effectively. Early scientists at the Experiment Station gave leadership not only for the research work in crops and soils and livestock, but they were the only adult extension educators for the people on the land until the late 1920's. It took three days to travel by train from Crookston to an extension meeting in Roseau, and the train was the fastest mode of travel. Additionally, the well-educated scientists were able to teach a wide array of courses in the school of agriculture. So much so that the research effort wasn't able to keep up. In the middle 1950's it became apparent that the very successful school of agriculture needed to change it's educational thrust to a post-high school technical college built around the business of agriculture and related industry.

The school of agriculture was phased out in the middle 1960's and the College was phased in. While farmers worried about maintaining the strength of the agricultural experiment station, the University wisely established the College independently, with separate faculty and staff. The two arms--the Experiment Station and the College are today both strong and doing their job, yet sharing joint services wherever possible.

The Experiment Station began to make changes already in the late 1950's as scientists were relieved from much of their teaching in the old school. Research projects with poultry flocks and swine herds were dropped as those species were adequately researched in other parts of the state. In time, two full-time agronomists were hired--one to take care of the general agronomic work and another to work full-time with sugar beets. Two assistant scientists with bachelors degrees were hired to provide the technical help needed by the expanding program. Other technicians were upgraded. A disappointing event was that the horticulture thrust was lost in the University retrenchment of the early 1970's. Efforts are being made to bring this back on the scene. All the buildings have been either remodeled or replaced during the last 20-year period. A 100-acre tract of land joining the city was sold to developers for purposes useful to both the University and the community. Proceeds from this sale to developers has been used to purchase about 500 acres of land adjoining the northwest corner of the campus and this should provide land resources for another 20 years or more. The middle-aged to young staff includes 10 professional researchers, including the superintendent who is 65 years old and may well retire in a year or two. Research emphasis at the Station is working with the crops that are commercially important in the Red River Basin and with new and undeveloped crops. Soils work goes on continuously refining understanding of how to best manage the very fertile soils for current needs and conserve the soils for future needs. Livestock research, under the

Deep, muddy ruts, often impassable for several days, were part of every spring breakup at the main entrance to the Northwest School and Experiment Station about 1920 before there were hard surfaced roads.

Early sugarbeet research plots in 1922 were located just east of where McCall Hall and Selvig Hall are now located.

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leadership of two livestock scientists, serves the growing livestock industry located primarily on the transitional land between the prairie and the heavy forested area of northwest Minnesota.

Looking down the road, this superintendent suggests that agricultural researchers will be even more important in the future as farmers produce food for an increasingly more complex world on a shrinking land resource. No other people in the world spend as small a portion of their income for food as Americans, yet there are serious problems on the horizon of "cheap food for all Americans." Energy and transportation problems at this time overshadow other facets of food production. In spite of the significant record of high return for money invested in agricultural research, one of the great challenges to the farming industry for the future is to maintain sufficient strength within publicly financed Experiment Stations as a continuing vital factor within the food production industry of the United States of America.

Looking slightly south of east, an aerial photographer captured the Experiment Station as it is today.

Strickler's interest reaches from adults to youth

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"But I'd rather be here and busy than in Arizona doing nothing," is the basis of the Strickler philosophy.

For years the Strickler farm has been available to UMC classes, judging teams, FFA groups, and 4-H groups.

Truman Tilleras, UMC's assistant professor of animal science, brings classes to the farm to view the registered angus herd. Because the Stricklers do production testing with their angus cattle, it is a meaningful experience for UMC students.

"Bill is one of the few farmers who supplies animals for the judging classes at Ag-Arama each year," said Truman. "He'll bring in four head of cattle to use for the contests."

And it is not uncommon for a group of students to be at the Strickler farm until 11 p.m. with either Bill or his son.

Bill's son Don, a 1962 NWSA graduate and 1966 NDSU graduate, returned to the farm where the father and son team incorporated the farming operation with registered angus cattle along with 3,000 acres of certified seeds and sugar beets. Bill's daughter Marilyn is married and lives in Wahpeton.

Although most people associate the name of Bill Strickler with the Winter Shows, he was also involved with the beginning of several businesses in town, among them Jiffy Fry and Fert-L-Flow.

The Fert-L-Flow story is a brief, but interesting one.

In 1958 Bill felt that Crookston needed a liquid fertilizer operation. He and Thomas Cockran went to Cleveland for more information. Bill was sleeping in the car on the drive home and woke up as they drove through the town of Fertile.

"Fert-L-Flow. That's it," said Bill.

And the new business had a name.

Bill has been active in many church, township, and community activities. He was past president of the Euclid Development Association, succeeded by his son.

"I put those signs up myself," he says as he refers to the signs at the edge of town.

Although he has been successful in just about everything he has worked with, he does admit that his brief experience with the Massey Ferguson Agency from 1966-58 was a costly experience. With a lot of 3 a.m. meetings they disposed of the assets of that operation into Fert-L-Flow.

Bill's family is his empire. He married Jean Tiedemann, a Crookston Central High School graduate from Euclid, in 1939.

"I owe a lot to her in the development of our family. You don't raise two fine children without a lot of support. And she had a lot of the responsibility while the kids were in school."

The world's no better if we worry, Life is no longer if we hurry.

Three years ago Bill had major surgery on his intestine in Rochester, Minnesota. He was hospitalized from December to March, missing Winter Shows week for the first time in 38 years. Bill is part of a research testing group, returning to Rochester for the third time this January for more research studies.

With typical Strickler philosophy he said, "I figure they did such a good job I owed that time to the doctors and to research."

And what does he do for vacations?

"I like to visit cattle shows. And we did take a trip to Arizona."

Maybe someday they'll move to Arizona, but for now all the grandchildren are near. He beams with typical grandfather pride as he watched his three eldest grandchildren showing cattle at the Winter Shows.

Perhaps the comment made by Harlow Grove, RRVWS general livestock superintendent and also 1970 UMC graduate, could summarize the thoughts of many, "I could never go wrong if I take a lesson from Bill. He puts in a lot of time -- a tremendous amount of effort -- to put the show together, all at no profit to himself."
1911

WILLIAM RUTHERFORD
Grand Forks, ND - Married Mae Gunness '11, recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. Mae was the president of her graduating class in 1911. She also served as NWSA Alumni Associations first secretary in 1912.

1914

ROBERT RUTHERFORD

1918

NEWELL O. LEE
Baudette, MN - Farmed with father, graduate of Mankato Business College. Banking in Badger and Roseau. Farm Implement and Auto Dealership in Baudette. Closed business and was elected County Treasurer and retired in December, 1979, after 16 years.

1919

ELLA GEDDES (FOSSBAKKEN)
Grand Forks, ND - Our family interest in our beloved NWSA began when a Mr. Wilson from the University of Minnesota Agriculture School in St. Paul drove up to our Fosston home telling my father about the opening of a perfect farm school in Crookston. "That's the kind of school I want for my family" my father said. And all of us were graduates of NWSA.

1920

CARL NARVESON
Moorehead, MN - Married Sophie Krbechek '21. Writing autobiography; crafted a heritage crib to be passed around to great-grandchildren. Already blessed with two. Help raise funds for updating church seminars.

1921

MAURICE C. BURSHEIM
Hibbing, MN - B.S. Moorhead State University, retired 1971; moved to Hibbing became president of Hibbing Senior Citizens, one of 14-member board for St. Louis County Senior Citizen Council on Aging. Appointed by mayor to Housing and Development Authority for Hibbing. Finished all positions in 1981 and is now completely retired.

1922

MYRTLE WHITTEMORE (ERICKSON)
San Antonio, TX - Philosophy teacher, have been widowed since 1967. Am leading a full and busy life at 77 years. One daughter and five grandchildren.

ELMER BREDELIE
Mentor, MN - Awarded life membership for service to Farm Bureau Community and Agriculture at 62nd annual meeting of MN Farm Bureau Foundation.

1923

WILLIAM H. HOOPER
Stephen, MN - Farming since 1928, town clerk 36 years, likes curling. One son John graduated from NWSA in 1955, two daughters, 11 grandchildren.

1924

MARIE BARON (HAMRICK)
Fargo, ND - Retired from ready to wear. Three sons.

1925

MARTIN HARSTAD
Fertile, MN - Retired, farmed entire life. Served on creamery board, adult 4-H leader, member of church choir continuously since 1924. Also, sang in Odin male chorus and male quartet. Church secretary and Sunday school teacher.

1926

RUTH LUDWIG (HERMANSON)
Spokane, WA - Graduate nurse, widow, travel and music. One son.

1927

SELMER HARSTAD
Fertile, MN - Retired farmer, some gardening, active in church and music.
1927

RUBY MACDONALD (HANSON)
McGregor, MN - Married railroad man in 1943; have retired and live on beautiful Round Lake. One son and two granddaughters.

RALPH HAMRICK
Angus, MN - Retired farmer living on farm. At present, director, Agent Township Mutual Insurance Co.; director for twelve years on rural electric co-op board. Travel and bowling. One son.

1928

BENNIE BURK
Minneapolis, MN - Spent three years working in factory in Woodstock and Rockford, IL, and the rest of his life at the barber trade. Retired; singing, bowling, and hiking. Three daughters and eight grandchildren.

ISABELLE DONAHUE (DOBIS)
Bagley, MN - Semi-retired since 1975. 1962 graduate of Mayville State College; M.A. in education from Moorhead State University in 1965; special education teacher of learning disabilities in Bagley Public Schools. Three children.

LILLIAN LILLEMOE (BAKKEN)
Golden Valley, MN - Retired from library in 1975. Before she broke her ankle, she spent most of her time caring for others and visiting children in NY, CA, AL, or IL. Seven children, seventeen grandchildren, five great-grandchildren.

LAWRENCE PHILIPP
Thief River Falls, MN - Farmer, retired.

1929

EVELYN ERICKSON (BAIN)
Baudette, MN - Semi-retired. Farmed for over 40 years, 4-H leader, aid officer extension club; does child care and enjoys short trips. Two daughters, seven grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren.

OLGA KONICKSON (JOHNSON)
Plummer, MN - Housework.

EMMET OLSON (TORKELSON)
Red Lake Falls, MN - Retired 1976 from farming and aerial spraying. 1943-44 flying instructor in Army. Two sons and two grandchildren.

1930

MELVIN SODERBERG
Detroit Lakes, MN - Taught in country schools for five years; elected register deed for 14 years; real estate abstractor for 22 years in Becker County, now retired. Three children.

ALVIN DEGERNES
Gary, MN - Ex-farmer, piano tuner; went to Norway in 1980. Five sons.

WILLIAM STRICKLER
Euclid, MN - Farming, Vice President Red River Valley Winter Shows; active in church and community; president, Red River Valley Livestock Association; chairman, Fund Development Council at UMC.

1931

ANN ANDERSON (THORESON)
Hemet, CA - Pharmacy clerk, youth choir sponsor, homemaker, mother of twin girls, grandmother of three. Loves to sew, enjoys yard work and keeping in touch with many of her classmates.

JOHN H. ANDERSON
Hallock, MN - After graduation worked for International Harvester, then started farming. School board for 15 years, church council, ASCS County committee and township board. Now retired and living on farm, fishing and hunting. Two children and six grandchildren.

SELVIN ERICKSON
Badger, MN - Was farmer fieldman for ASCS for 32 years. State chairman for MN ASCS for one and one-half years. Farming since 1933, now retired.

GLADYS JACOBSON (EGERG)
Fertile, MN - Retired from Fair Meadow Nursing Home after working as a nurses aide for 18 years. Four children.

CLIFFORD KROULIK
Donaldson, MN - Retired farmer and carpenter, worked in Alaska and Silver Bay; Army WW II; traveled most of the states and Alaska before it became a state. Four children, six grandchildren.

GEORGE SCHULZ
Fergus Falls, MN - Retired, dairy farmer 20 years; insurance business 17 years; church council, Olin Corporation employee, township treasurer, now township assessor.

1932

ROBERT COULTER
Riverside, CA - Retired, transportation, hobby is fifth wheel trailer, visited 49 states, Canada and much of Mexico. Last four years have a new home base.

LUCILLE KROLAK (URBANIACK)

EDWIN MYERS

VERNON STENERSON

1933

DELBERT GUSTAFSON
Hallock, MN - Retired from MP in Hallock. Four children, son owns the MP now.

JEAN ROBERTS (NISBET)
East Grand Forks, MN - Farm wife. Four children, nine grandchildren.
1933

JAMES RYNNING
Herman, MN - Graduated from School of Dentistry, U of M, 1940; served as dentist in the infantry, five years; served in Europe from the English Channel to the Elbe River, in Germany awarded five battle stars. Retired from dentistry, 1980. One child.

ROSE SALO (NAPLIN)
Hibbing, MN - Retired after 32 years of elementary classroom teaching; gardening, remodeling and redecorating, planning trip to Alaska in May. Six grandchildren, five step-grandchildren.

THOMAS SANDEN
Sun City, AZ - General motors career of 28 years in sales and marketing—all field work. Retired 1974 and moved to Arizona 1976. Enjoying lapidary and silver smithing; also teach silver craft. Two daughters.

WILLIAM SITKO

NELDA THOMPSON (MJJELDE)
Fargo, ND - Nurse at the Veterans Hospital. Two daughters, five grandchildren.

1934

RICHARD JOHNSON
Superior, WI - Started work as brakeman in 1938 for Great Northern Railroad. Now with merger, he is conductor on Burlington. Has been conductor on passenger, freight, and ore trains.

HELEN LEE (CARLSON)
Hayfield, MN - Registered nurse, graduated in 1942. Not actively nursing at present, church organist 35 years, very active in church and community, husband spent most of adult life in wheelchair due to polio in 1937. Traveled all over U.S. with him as he was employed by American Lutheran Church as a preaching evangelist. Two children, 2 grandchildren.

LUCY LLYWELYN (HARRIS)
Carson, CA - Own my own beauty shop in Pasadena, CA, occasionally work now for a dress maker. Travel whenever possible. Last spring took a Caribbean cruise. Visited the campus in 1978. Two children.

CLARENCE WIDNER
Argyle, MN - Retired from farming in 1978. Two sons, oldest one took over the farm.

1935

CARLOS GROVE
Roosevelt, MN - Retired from farming. Collects and restores antique farm machines, loves the steam engines of yesteryear. Traveled Europe, S. America, and some of the U.S.A. Secretary of Steam and Gas Engine Association, Treasurer of Crop Improvement LOW Co. One son, three granddaughters.

CLARENCE STROMBERG
Thief River Falls, MN - Retired after 40 years railroad engineer.

ALVINA TULIBASKI (URBANIAK)
Osakis, MN - Attended night school, received dietetics degree in food and nutrition, received further training and was employed in foods and nutrition professionally. Retired after 35 years of service. Traveled for two years in South America teaching with peace corps.

1936

ERLING CARLSON
Spokane, WA - President, Carlson Machine Works, Inc. “To my knowledge there are no Aggie’s living in the Spokane area. I used to see Ed Rydeen quite often.”

OLAF DAHLEN
Willmar, MN - A.V.T.I. Auto mechanics instructor 24 years; city council, Sons of Norway, two trips to Norway, three and one-half years European Theatre WW II; retiring in 81; private pilot, hosting a tour to Scandinavian countries in June 81. “Call me.” Three children, six grandchildren.

1937

ALTON ARNESS
Fisher, MN - Semi-retired farmer, son in State Department. Traveled in Europe and India in 1975 and 76; South America in 1974.

MORRIS DAHL
Drayton, ND - Farming. Four children, 13 grandchildren. (Morris and his wife Inez were selected as Valley Farmer and Homemaker from Kittson County for 1981).

JOHN PATENAUDP
Red Lake Falls, MN - Farmer of 1700 acres of land, now retired and son is farming. Traveled to Alaska, Hawaii, Florida, Washington, D.C.; hunting and fishing are hobbies.

JAMES WELLS
Goodridge, MN - Farming on Red Lake Reservation. Enjoy hunting and trapping, member of FHA County Board. Three children, eight grandchildren.

1939

DONALD CARLSON
Crookston, MN - Welder foreman for Burlington Northern, working since 1948; Interested in sports, watch and read in them all. Two sons and one daughter, two grandchildren.
1939

M. E. ERLANDSON
Stephen, MN - Farmer and carpenter as a side line. Director on Marshall County Township Association and was a delegate from MN to its first National Township Convention held at Washing D.C. Ten states with Township government were there. MN had the largest group - 110 delegates, and Sept. 9 to 11, 1981 will have their second one. Very interesting meeting people from the various states.

M. JULIAN ERLANDSON

WILLIAM GATHERIDGE
Humboldt, MN - Farming. Active in church, masonic lodge, coop boards and township government. Four sons, one foster daughter, 18 grandchildren.

DONALD GEDDES
East Grand Forks, MN - Ex-farmer, working at University of ND for eight years as custodian.

JOYCE HAGEN (MERDINK)
Lakewood, CA - Retired secretary, voluntary church secretary. Three grown sons.

DON LAPLANTE
Hayward, CA - Material storage supervisor, East Bay Municipal Utility District, Oakland (Home of the Raiders)! EBMUD is second largest water company west of Chicago. Graduated Golden Gate College, S.F., 1948, 11 years with Hayward City Planning Comm, eight years on Library Comm, two years Board of Zoning City Hayward, 30 years with present company. Celebrating 35th anniversary in Sept. Four children, three grandchildren.

DOROTHY MOLAND (KLINER)
Estherville, IA - Nurse anesthetist, Fairmont Community Hospital, Fairmont, MN. Many hobbies, travel a lot. Three sons.

ROSAIRE MONTCALM
Milwaukee, WI - Served in the South Pacific during World War II. Discharged as a staff sgt. in 1945; worked at the station from 56 thru 64, suffered back injury; returned to school and graduated from Aakers Business College; now working for local utility as a painter foreman. Soon to retire possibly at Bella Vista. Five children.

FRANCES PEARSON
Hallock, MN - Graduated as a practical nurse in 1942 and got MN license in 1949, worked general duty at Hallock hospital most time. Seven years in TB work, spent two summers in Yellowstone Park, visited Sweden in '69 and'77. Knitting is hobby, enjoys singing. Does much volunteer work as she is not employed now.

ELMER RUEBKE
Ada, MN - Farming, grain.

DEAN YOUNGGREN
Hallock, MN - Farming, vice president, Kittson Co. Historical Society; Member, Board of Trustees Kittson Memorial Hospital. Three sons.

1940

HARVEY BLOOMQUIST

CARL GRONBERG
Clair, MN - Farming and secretary of "fastest and best growing" township Mutual Insurance Co, in Minnesota namely Vineland Huntsville Mutual Insurance Co.

CAMILLA JOHNSON (ECKLUND)
Hopkins, MN - U of M graduate of School of Nursing, employed at Methodist Hospital, St. Louis Park, on Orthopedic floor. Went back to college after 32 years. Five children (three graduates from U of M, one now attending the U and one in high school).

ERNA LACHAPPELLE (AICHELE)
Ada, MN - Worked as an aide in several facilities in this state. Presently working at the Nursing Home in Ada. Moonlight for a local restaurateur who caters parties and picnics. Makes afghans for sale. Four children and 12 grandchildren.

DONALD M. NELSON
Champaign, IL - "I wear two hats": Agricultural Economist for Portland College and accredited rural appraiser/consultant. Retired from politics - public office. Hobbies: photography (have won awards in photographic art) and concert choir - all in Latin. "Sorry to have missed the 1940 class reunion, but I was on an Agriculture expedition in the middle east at the time."

IRENE PETERSON (CARLSON)
Angle Inlet, MN - Married in 1944, had two sons, first husband passed away in 1966, remarried in 1957, been housewife and mother of five, active in community and church work.

TELFRED SLETTVEDT
San Francisco, CA - Was a member of the San Francisco Police Dept. for 28 years and retired in Oct. 79 as an inspector; golf and bridge. One daughter.

1941

ROBERT BOUCHER
Crookston, MN - Farming.
1941

EDNA MOEN (BALSTAD)

HAZEL ROBITSCH (CONOVER)
Astoria, OR - Worked three years in Chicago, moved to Oregon in 1947; married a native Oregonian, love to fish for salmon and sturgeon. "Live on the mouth of the Columbia river, as they say, where mighty Columbia meets the vast Pacific." Love to travel, have seen Mexico, Hawaii, Alaska but lots more to see. Three children, no grandchildren yet.

MILFORD ROKKE
Newfolden, MN - Farming

HELEN TANGEN (RASMUSSEN)
Duluth, MN - Occupation: teaching; grandmothering. Four children, six grandchildren.

JAMES WODAHL
Grand Rapids, MN - Millwright foreman for Blandin Paper Co., Zook Walton League President 80-81; outdoor sports, beekeeping, building birch bark canoes, outdoor writing. Five children and nine grandchildren.

1942

ARLENE GRACE (KNUTSON)
Fergus Falls, MN - Daycare operation in my home for 19 years. Active in campfire, received Wacon-Hiiteni-John Collier and Shawmeugas and Ernest Thompson Seaton Awards and Kiwanis Award for youth work. Visited brother Alton Knutson in Japan in October, 1980. Two children, one granddaughter.

VERNON T. HOPPE

ALFRED RUSTAD
Humboldt, MN - Postmaster 20 years, navy vet; Have Indian artifact collection. Four children, four grandchildren.

1943

DOLORES BENITT (LARSON)
Middle River, MN - Farmer's wife, working in nursing service. Two children, four grandchildren.

LOWELL BJELLA
Bemidji, MN - Tractor and equipment dealer, two-term Beltrami County Commissioner, past president and 25-year-member Bemidji Rotary Club. Six children and five grandchildren.

PHYLLIS JORGENSEN (GILBERTSON)
Stephen, MN - Farmer, married for 35 years. Two sons.
DONALD STEINHAUER
Thief River Falls, MN - Farmer, community activities, and public auctioneering. Hobby is raising registered Belgian horses.

GLENN CRAIGMILE
Dilworth, MN - Electric meterman for NSP Company. Two boys.

KENNETH R. JOHNSON
Stephen, MN - Farmer. Three daughters.

AVIS LISTUL (ANDERSON)
Aurora, CO - Ex-medical and x-ray technician, housewife since marriage. Four children, three grandchildren.

JOANNE STAMBAGH (ZUIGLEY)

DELORES WESSELS (THORMODSON)
Breckenridge, MN - Wilkin County Deputy Auditor. Six sons, three grandchildren.

1948

LORRAINE FLATEN (JOHNSON)
Fergus Falls, MN - Works at Woolworths, enjoys travel, especially to mountains. Five children, four grandchildren.

GILMORE KAREVOLD
Gully, MN - Farming, married LuElla Brekke '50. Four children, three grandchildren.

JEROME A. RUICH
Ft. Wayne, IN - Engineer telecommunications, artist, mini-farmer; enjoys square dancing, chess, woodworking, and gardening. Four children (twin boys) and one grandchild.

DUANE TRUHN
Warren, MN - Farmer, sold sugarbeet acreage 1980; Hawaii - twice; Florida, Korea, Japan, two years in Army where he trained scout dogs, past commander of the Warren American Legion Post 27, likes electrical work. Two daughters, four grandchildren.

ADA WAGSTROM (TORGERSON)
Boulder, CO - Runs printing press in the printing shop at University of Colorado. Active in church, and likes to camp and hike, also enjoys hand sewing. Four children and two grandchildren.

1949

MARLENE CLONINGER (BAILEY)
Ishpening, MI - Housewife, cake decorating, church activities. Six children.

PETER FEHR
Minneapolis, MN - MD '57; Medical Missionary 58-68, Cameroon, West Africa, specialty obstetrics and gynecology; Clinical Associate Professor at U of M Medical School; Moderator of North American Baptist Conference 79-81. Four children.

RAYMOND (JACK) FOLSTROM
Deer River, MN - Superintendent of Schools, private pilot. Four children.

JAMES HOLM

WILLIAM KOSMATKA
Minto, ND - Farming. Six children.

DUANE C. NELSON

ANDREW A. NIELSON
Mountain Brook, AL - U of M Medical School, 1957; Surgery 1967; retired Co. USAF 1979; medical practice Childersburg, AL. Four children.

ORVALD ROKKE
Newfolden, MN - Farmer, foreman is sugar warehouse at American Crystal Co. - Drayton, ND.

EVELYN SLOMINSKI (MESHESEK)
Ardock, ND - Germany in 1973, while son was in service there. Six weeks vacation every winter. Two children, five grandchildren.

HAROLD L. SUTHERLAND
San Jose, CA - Postal supervisor; camping, fishing, sports activities - high school booster club VP, Boys Baseball (Campbell Moreland Pony/Colt League (78-79 World Champ Pony Team). Three children.

FRANCES TRIBON (HOFACRE)
Buffalo, MO - Housewife, foster parent of two babies; active in church, child welfare advisory committee. Three daughters, three grandchildren.

1950

CHESTER C. DAWE
Stephen, MN - Farming, sings in church choir.

WILLIAM FAGERSTROM
Richfield, MN - Machinest.

GERALD M. NELSON
East Grand Forks, MN - Farmer, Township Clerk. One son.

JOYCE SATHER (EFTEFIELD)
Oslo, MN - Farmers wife; knitting, crocheting, painting, traveling, and community activities; ALCW officer, Birthday Club. Three Children.

ARDIS SEARLES (OVERGAARD)
Fergus Falls, MN - Housewife, five daughters.
ORRIS D. THUREEN
East Grand Forks, MN - Two years in Army, farming, past officer in MN Jaycees, presently on church council, member of Lions, VFW, American Legion, Elks. Three children.

1951

DORA A. PELOWSKI
Olivia, MN - Graduated from Moorhead State University with an elementary education degree, have taught at Moorhead, Virginia, Mahtomodi, Hastings and presently in Olivia.

1952

EVERETT ANDERSON
Crookston, MN - Farmer, on home farm; hobbies are gardening and fishing. Also served two years in Army 57-59 with a hitch in Germany. Four children.

RICHARD M. DONAHUE
Brighton, CO - Micrographics Field Engineer for Eastman Kodak Co.; active in Knights of Columbus, and church council, member of auto club, enjoys restoring old cars. Four children.

DAYLE KAINZ
Goodridge, MN - Farmer, sub-mail carrier, on township board, council president of church, Master of Masonic Lodge in Thief River Falls. Three sons.

1954

WAYNE MOSHER
St. Michael, MN - Commercial Artist in Minneapolis for 18 years, now self-employed in point of purchase displays throughout the U.S. Lions member, traveled to Europe for 30 days in September and visited classmate Merlin Skretvedt. Five daughters, one grandchild.

WENDELL T. OWENS
Eden Prairie, MN - Custodian for Orono Schools; fishing, camping, hunting, member of church, on Board of Trustees. Four boys.

GORDON SYVERSON
Hancock, MN - Parish pastor of two rural congregations. Live in the country, 20 acres. Raise a few sheep, some registered suffolks. Woodworking is favorite hobby.

JAMES WINKLER
Neche, ND - Farm along Canadian border; hunting, fishing, flying, golf, traveling during winter months.

1955

RON F. KARSTAD
Brooklyn Park, MN - Self-employed. Two daughters.

LERoy SONDROL
Grand Forks, ND - General foreman of auxiliary services maintenance and Director of Plant Services was honored for 25 years of service at Univ of North Dakota's Annual Founder's Day Banquet recently.

JEAN VIGNES (STROMSTAD)
Grand Forks, ND - Homemaker, employed at grocery store; bowling and church choir. Four children. One grandchild.

1956

KATHRYN MERTZ (CLEMENSTON)
Barrington, IL - M.A. in learning disabilities - 1980; Director of Elementary Education at Barat College, Lake Forest, IL, 4-H Club Leader, numerous church activities. One son.

1957

ANTON FILipi
Angus, MN - Contractor, likes to fish. Five children.

ROBERT E. HANCE
Forest Lake, MN - Presently supervisor of operations and planning for the MN DNR Division of Forestry. B.S. degree in Forest Resources Mgmt from U of M in 1964; member of the U.S. Army reserve field 1st Sgt. with the 322nd Maintenance Company; woodworking, motorcycles, powerboating, fishing, trying to keep up with three sons in baseball, wrestling, football, bowling, basketball, golf, skiing, etc.

ROGER TOLLEFSON
Married to Barbara Thureen '58, farm south of Crookston. "The lord has given meaning to our lives." Six children.

1958

DONALD L. HAGEN

LLOYD PERREAULT
Brooklyn Center, MN - Electrician; camping, snowmobiling, and boating. Five children.

ORVILLE VATNISDAL
Badger, MN - Farmed since 1969, township treasurer. Two children.

1959

CURTIS H. CARLSON
Argyle, MN - Farming. Three children.

MARY RUTH THAYNE (SAXMAN)
Sequim, WA - M.A. Degree from University of Minnesota in 1966, currently doing day care in home. Three children.

JOHN WEILAND
Euclid, MN - Farmer, small grain and dairy. Ten children.

1960

JEAN CLARK (JANousek)
Grafton, ND - Operator for Northwestern Bell Telephone. Two children.

JANE HASSE (STROMSTAD)
Swanville, MN - Homemaker and also teach 7-8 grade English. Live on farm and work it part time - raise beef and sometimes hogs. Four children.
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<td>LEROY SIKORSKI&lt;br&gt;Roseau, MN - Farming. Four children.&lt;br&gt;SYLVESTER L. ZURN&lt;br&gt;Callaway, MN - Farming since 64.</td>
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<td>1961</td>
<td>HARRY SLOMINSKI JR.&lt;br&gt;Minto, ND - Work for the postal service, belong to the Legion, past member of Jaycees. Three children.</td>
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<td>1962</td>
<td>ALLEN WOITZEL&lt;br&gt;Grandia, ND - Farmer, in Marine Corps 64-65, township officer, fishing, hunting and bow hunting, play basketball. Have traveled all areas of USA except Northeast. Two children.</td>
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<td>1963</td>
<td>LEON BITKER&lt;br&gt;Fosston, MN - Named President of Northwest MN Agricultural Association at Annual Meeting recently.</td>
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<td>1964</td>
<td>L. CHARLES BRENDEMUHL&lt;br&gt;Moorhead, MN - Farm 560 acres of small grain and soybean, feed out about 500 yead of hogs per year farrow to finish, director on the Georgetown Farmer Elevator Board. Town board and community club director, hunting, fishing, play horseshoe. Three children.</td>
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<td>1965</td>
<td>WILLIAM (BUZZ) BALDWIN&lt;br&gt;St. Thomas, ND - Farmer named ND outstanding young farmer, presently serves on Governors Council on Edible Beans, past chairman of this group; golfs in summer, snowmobiles in winter. Active in all community functions including booster club, American Legion, farm organizations. Four children.</td>
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<td>1966</td>
<td>DANIEL KASPRICK&lt;br&gt;Grafton, ND - Farmer and police officer.</td>
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<td>HILARY (LARRY) W. PETRI&lt;br&gt;Nekoma, ND - Farm operator for 17 years, operates 1780 acres, 1710 tillable. Raises hard wheat, duram, sunflowers and barley. Member of Nekoma Farmers Coop Elev and Director, Sec/Treasurer of Nekoma Fire Dept, Eagles, Elks, and West Fargo Jaycees. Does alot of traveling in U.S. This spring plans a trip to Germany, France, and Switzerland. Nominated for outstanding young farmer in 1979 for N.D.</td>
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**In memoriam**

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**On the cover**

James L. Hartney '14
Chicago, IL
August 26, 1980

Henry Reitan '12
Halstad, MN

Mrs. T.M. McCall
Chula Vista, CA
January 24, 1981
NWSA reunion
Saturday, June 27, 1981

Plans are being finalized for the NWSA Alumni reunion on Saturday, June 27, 1981, at the University of Minnesota-Crookston (UMC). A complete reunion mailing will be made to all NWSA alumni in early May.

While a number of classes are making plans for special get-togethers, the Alumni Association officers emphasize that the reunion is for all graduating classes—former students and faculty. The following classes are making special arrangements for that day and alumni are asked to contact the person listed with their class for information and details:

Class of 1916 - Berneil Nelson, University of Minnesota, Crookston, MN 56716 (281-6510, ext. 397)
Class of 1921 - Mrs. Erick (Alma Lindgren) Berg, Rural Route, Clearbrook, MN 56634 (776-3968)
Class of 1931 - Harold Olson, Beltrami, MN 56517 (926-5764)
Class of 1941 - Mrs. Odney (Joan Phillips) Flaat, 3137 E. Elmwood Drive, Grand Forks, ND 58201 (772-3762)
Class of 1951 - John Johnson, RR 2, Barnesville, MN 56514 (863-7681)

Class of 1956 - Donald Diedrich, RR 3, Warren, MN 56762 (745-5121)
- Donald Enright, 122 West 26th Street, Bemidji, MN 56601 (751-3860)
- Claude Mosher, 1034 11th Avenue S.E., East Grand Forks, MN 56721 (773-9129)

Class of 1961 - Kenneth Schuster, Argyle, MN 56713 (437-6404)
- Dave Tucker, 1407 4th Avenue N.W., East Grand Forks, MN 56721 (773-1897)

If you plan to stay overnight, you should make your motel reservations early. There are six motels in Crookston and rooms will also be available in one of the UMC dormitories for a limited number of people at a minimal cost.

Tentative schedule for the reunion calls for registration beginning at 10 a.m.; campus tours at 2:30 p.m.; class pictures and meetings at 4 p.m.; dinner and alumni program at 5:30 p.m.; and memory lane reception and dance at 8:30 p.m. Of course, the highlight of the day will be visiting and reminiscing with your old friends and classmates.

Make plans now to be with us on Saturday, June 27. We hope you will contact other alumni you know and urge them to attend with you!