Changes are necessary, but hard to accept

An Interview With Dick
And Clarice Widseth
By Barbara Weller

"Don't build on my mall," was the
lovelorn tirade of many NWSA alumni. As
Dick and Clarice Widseth reminisce they are
deeply touched by memories of the
mall.

"It is almost in our old times to have
a building extend onto our mall," they said.

"Our mall" was for many NWSA
students in the 40s the dating mall. After
supper the boys would walk the girls back
to their dorm and depending on how well
they liked each other, they would take the
long— or the short—way around.

Both Dick and Clarice graduated from
the advanced class in 1940. Dick continued
for another year and then moved to the
University of North Dakota where he
obtained his degree in civil engineering in
1944, one year after he and Clarice were
married.

After a series of engineering jobs in
Minnesota and Iowa, Dick accepted the job
as Crookston city engineer in 1964.

"It was a choice between Crookston
and Lincoln, Nebraska, and Crookston won
out," laughed Dick.

In Crookston he opened a branch office
for a North Dakota engineering firm and
along with two partners, Don Nolting and
Howard Smith, bought out the operation in
1975. Since then, Widseth, Smith, Nolting
and Associates, Inc. has expanded to
Alexandria and Bemidji.

Business flourished for a decade, but is
now experiencing the slump affecting
most areas of businesses because of
federal and state cutbacks.

"As funds are cut back, municipalities
also must cut back on engineering ser-
vices," said Dick.

An astute businessman, Widseth is now
expanding his engineering firm to include
architectural services.

After Clarice graduated, she attended
Concordia College for two years and then
entered the medical technology program at
Swedish Hospital in Minneapolis. Upon
completion of that program she worked at
the Grand Forks Clinic for two years.

When their first child was born, Clarice
decided to stay at home to raise their
family—Cindy, now 27; Tami, 29; Jenni-
fere, 25; Jeff, 19; and Greg, 14.

Dick and Clarice argued about the age of
one child.

"They keep having birthdays," said
Dick. "If they didn't do that it would be
easy."

In 1978, six years after they moved to
Crookston, Clarice opened the Stretch and
Sew store, which she was co-owner of for
six years.

"Then I built a house. No," she
corrected herself, "we built the house—I
worried."

With the house completed, Clarice went
back to work because she said she was
being over-energized, spending as many
as 40 hours a week in volunteer work.

It seems fitting that Clarice is now
director of volunteer services for Rive-
view Hospital. But still she continues to
volunteer.

She was chairperson of a subcomittee
for the Crookston School District Task
Force, a group of 18 citizens who met for a
year to make recommendations to the
school board regarding changes in the
school system. She is currently a task
force for Highland Middle School, the only
charter member still active on the Valley
Crossing Arts Council, and is involved with
professional volunteer organizations.

Dick is a member of Rotary, Minnawa
Country Club, and several professional
engineering organizations. They are both
members of Trinity Lutheran Church in
Crookston.

In this political year the Widseths are
concerned about the cutbacks in state and
federal funds. They are concerned about
the impact these cutbacks will have for
hospital services, business, and education.

Both Dick and Clarice grew up on farms.
Dick in Gonvick, Clarice near East Grand
Forks.

It was natural for Dick to attend NWSA
because his father was a NWSA student, as
were five of his uncles. And for Clarice,
three older brothers also attended NWSA.

Dick jokes about graduating three
times— as a third-year student, with the
advanced class at age 16, and then an
extra year.

As high school students on the campas,
Dick was active in sports, football and
basketball while Clarice's interests were
in music. They both have good memories
of the dorm life and of the friendships

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Here's The Reunion Schedule

June 26 is the date set for the NWSA Reunion at the University of Minnesota,
Crookston. Registration will begin at 10 a.m. in the Food Service Building and will
continue throughout the day. Cost is $8 per person, which includes coffee, punch
and cookies available all day; buffet dinner; evening entertainment (band) and refresh-
ments.

A full day of activities is planned. Attend all day or specific events. Remember—
all alumni are invited, but honored classes are especially encouraged to attend.
A limited number of UMC apartments are available for Saturday night only. Cost is
$6 per person with two couples per apartment, or $7 per person with one couple
per apartment.

Motel reservations must be made by calling:
Best Western Motor Inn
Country Club Motel
J-H Motel
Golf Terrace Motel
All Seasons Motel
Rainbow Motel

SCHEDULE
10 a.m. Registration begins (continuous until 5) in Food Service Building
2:30 p.m. Campus Tours
4-6 p.m. Class meetings and pictures (Make special effort to arrive for your class
picture; $27 color pictures for sale for $3.50)
6 p.m. Buffet Dinner
7 p.m. Alumni Program: Presiding, Paul Pederson; Greetings, S.D. Sahlstrom,
UCM Provost, and D.E. Youngquist, Experiment Station Superintendent; Memorial
Tribute, Special Honors—Top Aggies; Awards—Paul Pederson; Election of NWSA
Alumni Board.
9 p.m. Memory Lane Reminiscing in Bed Ballroom and Student Union until
Midnight.
A letter from the president:

The 1982 summer reunion is approaching fast. Classmates with special gatherings are preparing to make this the largest reunion ever, not only for special classes, but for all.

Everybody who attends finds somebody he or she knows. The honored Aggies this year are Bonnie and Charles Holmquist and Allan Dragseth. I would like to congratulate them. This newsletter also highlights two other prestigious alumni—Dick and Clarice Wiseth, 1949 graduates.

The NWSA truly produced many outstanding people, including YOU.

I hope everybody enjoyed the winter dinners. Those I've talked with say they had enjoyed it. It's a way of keeping contact with old friends and meeting new ones. Another thing I like about the dinners is that they bring the Northwest School alumni and UMC closer together while still maintaining separate organizations.

With the state's financial crisis, institutions of education are feeling the budget pinch. UMC, in attempting to carry out the NWSA traditions, is no exception. The cuts not only have had an impact on the departments within UMC, but also on the availability of scholarship funds for students. I would ask you to consider the Northwest School Scholarship Fund where scholarships are given to agriculture students to help fund their college education at UMC. It's a worthwhile fund—consider contributing to it. I'll be seeing you this summer.

Paul D. Pederson

Opening the new varsity shop

On the cutting edge of today's labor force, preparing individuals to enter the wholesale and retail trade job market, is UMC's Retail Operations Practicum.

In keeping with the college's hands-on approach, the business division, under the direction of instructor Sue Bironson, operates the Varsity Shop (formerly the Model Store) which is staffed and run by students.

In early winter, the Varsity Shop moved from Dowell Hall, where it had been housed since 1972, to its present location in the new bookstore-model store addition to Bede Hall. The cost of the Z-shaped building amounted to $136,000 for 2,300 square feet.

In the new facility, the instructional aspect of the Varsity Shop is fulfilled. Students are able to apply knowledge learned in the classroom to an actual business experience.

Students move through a rotating sequence in the Retail Operations Practicum, holding no more than two jobs per quarter. They begin as employees, move on to become department managers responsible for promotion, merchandise, control or personnel, and finally to the highest level—store manager.

There is no text on the market for use in a model story, according to Bironson. Last year, she revised the text originally written in 1976 by Larry Christiansen, Tom Bloom, and Bironson's husband Bruce.

"The model store concept, although used for instructional purposes, directly relates to the ability of a student to enter the job market. The experience the student gains in the store makes for an easy transition into the business world," Bironson said.

From the provost

It's a special privilege to share accomplishments and challenges with you alumni. For all of us associated with agriculture, this time of year is exciting as the snow begins to disappear and we see a reawakening of life around us. It's an annual occurrence that never fails to give me a great spiritual awakening as I observe the inexorable passing of the seasons and the great plan that guides all of us who are a part of this wonderful world.

The University of Minnesota at Crookston has faced some major challenges and opportunities this year. The state financial situation has necessitated a thoughtful review by all of us in public education, as well as all other state institutions where monies are appropriated by the legislature. Over its first 16 years of existence UMC acquired an excellent reputation for service to the basic industries of Minnesota—agriculture, business, hospitality and human services. As a result, there has been ample support both at the state level and within the University. This college and the Northwest Experiment Station are strong, viable institutions serving the people of the state. However, it is essential that retention take place as less state funds are available in the months and years ahead. The cutbacks that will be made at UMC will be primarily in the plant services and support areas. I assure you that the quality of instruction offered to the students who study here will not be damaged.

The reputation for high-quality technical collegiate education must always remain a hallmark at UMC.

In addition to the cutback of state funds, there has also been a marked reduction in financial aids provided at the federal level to assist needy students through their college careers. Without those funds, it is essential that we expand our development efforts in raising additional scholarship funds. Those who participate in such a program can take great pride in assisting worthy students to attain a college education.

Congratulations to Bonnie and Chuck Holmquist and to Allan Dragseth for being selected for Top Aggie awards this year.

My best wishes to each of you.

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Varsity Shop in new location

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"But you have to realize why the school was here. It allowed farm kids to get to school at a time when there was no bus transportation and because classes were held for only six months, students could go to school for six months and remain on the farm the other six months," said Dick.

"Now the combination of better public school transportation and more mechanization on the farm has contributed to the death of the ag school." Nostalgia was apparent in their faces as they talked.

"We feel sorry about it, but it's like a kid growing up," said Clarice. "We would not wish to have it any other way."

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New sculpture’s a campus ‘beauty’

By Darrel Koehler
Herald Staff Writer

All that remains to be done on the large outdoor sculpture on the University of Minnesota campus in Crookston is the installation of electrical lights.

The yet unnamed sculpture is the only large-scale piece in northwestern Minnesota.

We have to install the lights which will illuminate the sculpture at night. The interior fountain is already working,” said Barbara Weiler, UMC spokesman.

Lights had arrived earlier, however, UMC officials said they wouldn’t work so others have had to be ordered.

Weiler said the idea of the sculpture, located on the northwest corner of the campus near the Library and Dowell Hall, began about five years ago when students began clamoring for a campus sculpture.

“It was actually the students which started the project. Later they were joined by the UMC faculty, staff and alumni. There were also private donations and we received a grant from the Minnesota State Arts Board for the sculpture,” she said.

Weiler said the art work cost a total of $30,000, none of it tax monies.

“The main portion of the sculpture cost $20,000 with another $10,000 for grading, electrical and plumbing work, the sculptor - and other fees,” she said.

The sculpture consists of about 30 tons of Minnesota granite. The gray granite flecked with black was quarried at Cold Spring, Minn., near St. Cloud.

Dr. O. Johnson, associate art professor at the University of North Dakota, was the sculptor.

Johnson is well known for his brotherhood sculpture in the University Center, his communications sculpture in the Chester Fritz library, the memorial to Old Main and a similar 18-ton granite sculpture on the banks of English Coulee by Smith Hall, all on the University of North Dakota campus.

The sculptor began work on the project two years ago. After the plans were approved, it was fabricated out of granite by the Cold Spring Granite Co.

The finished granite pieces, all carved from a single huge block, were finished in the summer of 1980 and were then trucked to UMC. During the winter, the granite pieces were stored in a wooden shelter.

The work sits on a 14-foot concrete base. The plumbing was installed in time for the fall student arrival.

Johnson explains the philosophy behind his design.

This sculpture represents to me the idea of self-development in that the form begins with a defined body of material and progresses in upward stages of refinement to the maximum height attainable. It shows productive activity with the waterfall and internal light.

This is not too different from the development of an individual toward becoming a professional in his chosen field. The rough corners are trimmed and shaped. The inner glee begins and confidence flows to pass security to others.

“If everything continues to work, his or her light penetrates further, and with more inspiration, to more people,” said Johnson.

FORMER INSTRUCTORS AT NWSA

HELEN SELVI


ANNE SIMLEY

(Instructor 1882-1900)

Madison, Wi—As a teacher at NWSA for eight years, developed a great love for the school and for the students. Still hears from many of them and many have visited her. Three former students became fellow alumni of Carlton College. Three became her students again at Hamline. “As I write this, I am within a few days of my 91 birthday, but I am well and busy and enjoying life.”

DR. ORIN C. TURQUINST

(Instructor 1845-46)

Farmington, MN—Professor of Botanical Science and Extension Horticulturist at University of Minnesota, retired June 28, 1949, after 37 years. Enjoy retirement, keeps busy with some teaching, consulting, and writing. Wife has traveled extensively to East and West Europe, Mexico, Caribbean Isles, and South America.

Education division gets new name...

As UMC expands in enrollment, course offerings and services, evaluation of existing programs is required. A recent result of change and evaluation is the title change of the general education division to the Division of Arts & Sciences.

According to Division Chairperson Dr. Richard Christenson, “I felt this division represented people whose backgrounds and expertise were far more diverse and professional than general in nature. The name, general education, did not reflect the professional status the faculty represent.”

Another advantage of the new name is its consistency with similar areas of study in other colleges and universities. Both students and counselors will more readily understand the course offerings and method of instruction.

Christenson hopes the title change will bring more recognition to the division and its faculty.
TOP AGGIES — Top Aggie awards at the 1982 NWSA reunion will go to Chuck and Bonnie Holmquist and Allen Dragseth. Chuck and Bonnie are both 1962 graduates. Chuck is general manager and co-owner of WIC Inc., a farm implement distribution and marketing firm with offices in Halstad, and Bonnie is director of the medical records department at Riverview Hospital. The Holmquists have five children age 16 to 26. Allen Dragseth, a 1957 graduate, is a small grain and sugarbeet farmer near Crookston. He and his wife Jody have four children age 12 to 21.

New class a ‘first’....

Interior Design Technology course began this fall at UMC.

The program is the first of its kind in the area, as it presents an interdisciplinary venture between the home and family services division and the business division. Students in the program will graduate from both divisions.

"The primary reason for establishing the interdisciplinary approach to interior design is to bring together and identify the need for a well-rounded professional, qualified to handle both design and business questions while at the same time maintaining good client communication," said Colleen de Martin, instructor for the course.

Interior design is a specialized sales and service career area that deals with understanding the wants and needs of individuals. The option will prepare students for business activities including retailing, accounting, salesmanship and management as well as providing an understanding of the technical interior design and specialty areas such as history, furniture construction and drapery. The new program will replace Housing and Home Furnishings within the home and family services division and Interior Furnishings Merchandising within the business division.

Hersch Lysaker, left, presents Albert Kopecky with an alumni prize for being the oldest Aggie attending the East Grand Forks alumni dinner.

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‘39 Student gets diploma

In an unusual graduation setting Howard Bushee (center) of Grand Forks received a special diploma at UMC. A 1939 student at the Northwest School, he completed requirements for high school graduation by successfully passing the GED examination. Presenting the diploma to Bushee were Dr. Stanley D. Sahltrom (right), UMC provost, and Dr. B.E. Youngquist, superintendent of Northwest Experiment Station. Bushee is a custodian for Squires Cafe at the University of North Dakota.

HIGH SCHOOL AGRICULTURE YOUTH AT UMC—Osman Gureri, UMC exchange student from Turkey, helped with UMC's Ag Activities Day. Over 1,200 high school students and advisors from Minnesota and eastern North Dakota attended the thirteenth annual event this winter. Sponsored by UMC's agriculture division, judging contests and workshops were held in the areas of crops, dairy cattle, general livestock, horses, agriculture mechanics, dairy products, farm management, wildlife, horticulture, meats, soils, and forestry.

AT THE ARGYLE ALUMNI DINNER—Mr. and Mrs. Marville Magnusson received a UMC pennant from Dr. Stanley Sahltrom, left, and Dr. Bernie Youngquist, as parents of the youngest child.

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Retta Bede Memorial Fund

We have received $80 for the Retta Bede Memorial Fund. This money will be used as many of you indicated to restore the 1920 and 1940 films which are in desperate need of reprocessing. The importance of these films is that they are the only permanent record of the dedication of the road. The films are shown every year at the summer reunion. Thanks for your gift and remembering Retta Bede.

LIMOUSINE AND ROADSTER— are seen moving through a flag-waving crowd at the entrance to campus.

SEVERAL DIGNITARIES ARRIVED— for dedicatory ceremonies with local Indian chief (center foreground) and other Chippewa tribe members on hand to observe historic proceedings.

CARAVAN OF CARS— followed the paved road to the Northwest School gates. More than 100 automobiles of the day reportedly took part in the parade.

WORLD WAR I COMBAT VETERAN— blows taps on his trumpet at the site where the Northwest School soldiers' and sailors' memorial was dedicated that day. This granite memorial still stands near the main entrance of UMC.

Thanks

In March, NWSA Alumni were called asking for financial support to assist the NWSA Alumni Association, scholarship fund, or instructional support. With only two nights of calling over 300 Alumni said "YES" and pledged over $5,000. OUR SINCERE THANKS! Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

If you were not contacted and are interested, send your check to NWSA Alumni Fund, 217 Selvig Hall, University of Minnesota, Crookston, MN 56716.

About the Station's future

By Bernie Youngquist

Experiment Station Superintendent

The staff and superintendent of the Northwest Experiment Station are doing their best to meet the economic squeeze at this time in history. The economy of the nation, state, and each community is such that cutbacks cannot be avoided.

We're going to do our best to make the adjustments in such a way that the Experiment Station will still have flexibility to take on new problems in a timely manner. Too, we're aiming at continuing as much strength in the future ag research mission for northwestern Minnesota. There's no way in which the retrenchment can be approached without cutting some programs.

Hopefully this can be done without generally reducing the quality of research mission at the Northwest Station.
Here's news about former classmates:

1912
WILLIAM A. LINDBERG - Warren, MN - Operated a creamery in Warren for 14 years; 24 years as county commissioner, and 2 years as city assessor.

1913

1916

1917
SAM C. ANDERSON - Altoona, MN - Retired from farming in 1978. Still enjoys helping with farm work and operating farm tractors.

1919
NEWELL O. LEE - Baudette, MN - Retired; graduated from Mankato Business College. Worked in Badger and Baldwin banks, purchased International Harvester agency in Baudette in 1935; county treasurer in 1963 for Lake of the Woods county for 16 years.

1929
ELLEN FERGUSON (AHL) - Washington, D.C. - Married for 52 years; active in church and fraternal organizations. Travel to Florida each year.

2019
State: WILLIAM G. ANDERSON - Lake School of Business; of Anderson of Florida "farm at Breckenridge; elementary school; for Fertile auditor; of Sauk, MN - Postmaster of Sauk for 43 years, retiring in 1978. Owned and operated Wolden Store. Still owns and manages a 800 acre farm.

1992
VIOLET CHRISTENSEN (SOLOMONSON) - Fargo, ND - Married a farmer, who later took Bible training and entered the mission field: South America in 1968. Followed by 20 years as a pastor in Minneapolis and Fargo. Sang in church choirs for 20 years. Has two sons, six grandchildren. Enjoy sewing. Have traveled extensively with a mission organization.

1982
WALTER DORSEY - Clear Lake IA - Retired, worked for Northrup King and Company for 35 years. One son. Travels in spare time.

2019
ARVIN GORDON -Greenbush, MN - Farmer, single. Church council several years, traveled to Chicago, West Coast, Alaska. Hobby is clock and watch repairing. Has rented out farm at present time.

1982
ELEANOR HEM (TORRELL) - Sun City, AZ - Retired registered nurse; graduated from Deaconess Hospital in Grand Forks; Navy nurse corp WWII and Korean conflict. Lived in bay area, California, for 29 years. Retired in 1977 and moved to Sun City, Arizona.

2019
LUICILE KROLAK (UBIANAK) - Gatzke, MN - Farming, worked 12 summers on construction in Minnesota, Wisconsin, 1 children; grandchildren. Active in church work and church council.

1954
HELMAN SIMMONS - McIntosh, MN - Rural school teacher, farmer, fishing, boating, reading. Spends time at his cabin during summer, reading, music, and traveling; traveled the states and has been to Norway twice.

1957
ERNIE STRANDERSON - Bismay, MN - Retired farmer, four daughters, one son, seven grandchildren; church trustee, Ottertail farm association director. Helps son farm, does woodworking, fishing, and trapping; Spends one month out west a year.

1948
RUBY STRANDLUND (EDEEN) - Duluth, MN - Belonged to elementary school, junior class; junior citizen band; likes roses, gardening, crafts, such as knitting, crocheting, and sewing; also fishing, boating, and have traveled through many states.

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1923
DELBERT GUSTAFSON - Hallock, MN - Recently sold implement business to son, now in partial retirement. Taken many interesting vacations with wife. Three daughters, one son, eight grandchildren.

1948
JAMES RYNNING - Herman, MN - Retired, graduated from the University of Minnesota, School of Dentistry. One daughter.

1978
THOMAS SANDSEN - Sun City, AZ - Retired in 1974 after 28 years with General Motors. Worked 17 of those years in management (sales). Moved to Arizona in 1976. Hobbies include lairdiy and silvercraft and teaching silver clays at the community college.

1973
JOHN STROMSTAD - Beltrami, MN - Retired, still lives on farm and helps son who does farming. Three children, fifteen grandchildren, six great-grandchildren. All three children graduated from NWSA.

1938
HELEN LEE (CARLSON) - Hayfield, MN - Married Paster Lee, widowed in 1980. Registered nurse, graduated in 1942 from Asbury Methodist, Minneapolis. One son and one daughter and two grandchildren. Church organist for 34 years. Still involved in community and church. Family was very active in 4-H, both children had several trips to state fair with sheep projects. Traveled all over United States with husband when he traveled as an evangelist for the American Lutheran Church for 30 years. Raised and sold purebreds. Sufficiency: ARWIN LIPPERT - Bertha, MN - Farming on same farm where he was born. Still working with 4-H work after being one of first 4-H leaders in Township, East Ottertail County. Charter member of Bertha Hewith FFA, where first parents member banquet was held in the State of Minnesota.

1939
J. Russell CUMMINGS - East Grand Forks, MN - Equipment mechanic and welder for 36 years and sales for 26 years; employed part time by American Crystal and Polk County Farm Bureau for 9 years each; one year with school district 965 as custodian.

See more news about classmates.

ALTON ARNESS—Fish, MN—Farming, one son. Likes music, plays piano; has traveled to Hawaii, South America, Canada, Alaska, Europe, Italy, and India.

BERNADETTE FOURBER—JEFFERSON, TACOS, WA—Married 43 years, four children, 12 grandchildren. Husband retired but she manages two restaurants for the Puget Sound Railroad. Went over the second one in October which has been quite a challenge. enjoys every minute of it.

YVONNE MAGNUSSON—Roseau, MN—Farming, five boys, served as official state community citizen looking forward to less work and more travel, golf, and wood working.

MARVIN NARBEN—Minneapolis, MN—Retired from Northern States Power Company, now working as consulting agricultural engineer. Registered as professional engineer in Minnesota. Active in national electric code commission.

MYRA SHANNON (HOSETH)—Crookston, MN—Homemaker, husband retired from 24 years service at American Crystal Sugar Company. Has traveled all fifty of the United States. Loves to do gardening and bread baking. Two children, three grandchildren.


EDITI CORNELIUS (PETERSON)—Baudette, MN—Owns and has operated hardware store in Baudette for 25 years, retired. Daughter owns hardware store now. Active in church and Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary; Past 8th District President 1978-79; and past president of local area four years. Two sons, one daughter, and four grandchildren. Does lots of volunteer work. Hobbies include sewing, knitting, crocheting, and crafts in spare time. “Would enjoy hearing from classmates.”

M.M. ERLANDSON—Stephen, MN—Was in WWII, saw action all through Europe and wound up in Japan. Started farming in 1946, served as county commissioner, and four children. Four grown-up children, husband is a Polaris worker.

DORIS SORENSEN (OLSON)—Ridgefield, WA—Married John Olsen in 1943; has 17 grandchildren. Has been a member of the Navy before graduation. One son, one daughter, two grandsons. Own precision machine shop, Sorenson Company. VIOLETH TOMPSON (BELL) —Marshall, MN—Four boys, four girls, and grandmother of two. Teaches and camps and hopes to motor home in retirement years—coming up in 1983.

KENNETH PRICE—Stephen, MN—Elected vice president of the State Pepper Farmers Association at annual meeting in November, 1981, at Rochester, MN.

CHERYL T. HORTON (BIEJEL) —Fremont, NE—In October, 1980 went on a trip to a Bronson, MO and also into Arkansas. Enjoyed the underground cave where we marveled at the rock formation and lake stocked with trout. Widow since 1961 and has nine grandchildren.

DANIEL J. WHALEN—Havre, MT—Employed by Great Northern Railway, was North Dakota Highway Patrol for department for 34 years. Army for 21 months which nine months were in infantry in Korea. One son.

JANIS HARRISON (ENGE)—Huntsville, AL—”Realtor for past three years life career change!”. Formerly legislative assistant to state senator in California where she lived from 1956-1976. Widowed earlier this year, one son, one daughter.

PAUL PROULX—Crookston, MN—Own business, Proulx Refrigeration, heating and appliances. 11 children with three sons in business. Employed with Caterpillar company until 1982. Recently moved to St. John’s University and Chicago Industrial Arts. Hobbies are fishing, hunting and winter travel.

DONALD STEINHAUER—Thief River Falls, MN—Farming and welding. Has owned family farm, raises beef cattle and has the largest herd of registered Belgian draft horses in northern Minnesota. Also, owns the Northland Auction Company, selling real estate, farm machinery, livestock, and household goods. In spare time sells monuments. “If I can be of any help to anyone, please let me know.”

EDWARD NELSON—Thief River Falls, MN—Elected 1 president of Minnesota Dental Society for a one year term. Appointed to the board for a three year term in 1979 by Governor Quie. Minnesota’s delegate to the American Association of Dental Examiners. Member of the state’s board of dental examiners for the examination committee of the central regional dental testing service.

BERNARD J. TORRES (THOROBON) —Breckenridge, MN—Deputy Auditor, Wilkin County for 15 years. Six children, five grandchildren. Has traveled to Florida, Arizona, California, and Ohio. Interested in ceramics as hobby.


DUANE TRUHIN—Warren, MN—Farmer, two daughters, four grandchildren.

MARY VEROS (PERKINS) —Cottage Grove, OR—For the last eleven years, helped husband and now run a pressure treated past and pole business in home. Three grandchildren, two who are active children and with our church and she is president of local “aglow” group.


ELAINE JOHNSON (KOPENCKY) —Minot, ND—Executive secretary to president and personnel department of Midwest State Teachers College in Minot. Member of Professional Secretaries International. Two daughters, one son.

EDWIN SLOMINSKI (MESHEKES) —Ardec, ND—Two sons, two daughters, five grandchildren. Homemaker and works with sons and husband on farm.

JERONE BERGERON—Santa Rosa, CA—Three children. College graduate in 1967 B.S. in accounting-banking at La Verne, California. DFN with Department of Employment as junior accountant auditor, currently tax administrator for Employment Development Department. MYRA CRISCOLL (FINNEY) —La Vegas, NV—Owns real estate and is a broker of Castle Realty. Five children, one grandchild. Directs and organizes and play in golf tournaments; active in church and music.

MERLE LUNDEEN—Trail, ND—Dairy beef and small grain farming. Hobby is snowmobiling. In 1981, elected national director of N.F.O. Five boys, two girls, four grandchildren.


DORA PEŁSKOWA—Olivia, MN—Elementary teacher in the Olivia Public Schools.

OTT ANDERSON—Newfolden, MN—Farming, welding. Enjoys fishing and some travelling.

DALE KAINZ—Goodridge, MN—Farmer; three sons. Substitute rural letter carrier. Member of church council for many years. Member masonic lodge in Thief River Falls.

DON PINGREE—Georgetown, MN—Foundation seed manager, cereal seed division, Pioneer Hi-Bred International. Two daughters, five church members and member of Perley Rod and Gun Club.

DAVID L. GRAY—Fargo, ND—Worked at Cas Clay Credenza since 1969, foreman in bottling department for two years. One son, two daughters.


DELORES SANDY (RISSER) —Angie Inlet, MN—Owns hunting resort in northeastern Ontario for a 20 years. One son, one granddaughter. Winters are spent working seven sport shows to advertise resort in S. Paul, Minneapolis, Milwaukee and other locations. Member of N.A.S.C.A. and M.C.S.B. MERLIN SKEETVEDT—Thoery, France—Working for international labor organization in Geneva, Switzerland, and presently in Malakul Sudan; technical cooperation project.

JAMES M. DUDGEON—East Grand Forks, MN—Deputy Sheriff. Two sons. Raises chickens as a hobby, also hunts and fishes.

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GEORGE A. JOHNSON—Hazelton, ND.—Four children.

WILLIAM E. RUTHERFORD '11—East Grand Forks, MN.

DANIEL ADAMS—Kent, OH.—Truck driver for last 10 years, telemaster line, local 741 and local 174. Home in Seattle area for past 16 years. Enjoying camping and fishing in their spare time. Son, one son.

JAMES SKARSTEN—Dayton, OH.—Occupation configuration management assistant, F-16 Multi-role fighter program office (SPG). Writes Utah Patterson AF, Utah.

ALLAN BRANID—League City, TX.—Has been with NASA at the Johnson Space Center, as a space planning engineer, for eight years.

WAYNE W. CARLSON—Stephen, MN.—Farmer. Two sons, one daughter.

DANIEL DUQUA—Grand Forks, ND.—Farmer. Four girls.

CHARLES GATHERIDGE—Humboldt, MN.—Farmed since left high school. Three children. Active in church work with childrens clubs and Sunday school. Member of Kittson County farm bureau board, town board member, and many small town jobs. Enjoy sports camping as a family, but “farming doesn’t let us as much as we would like.”

ROBERT HANCE—Forest Lake, MN.—Still with the DM-101 Division of the Supervisor of operations and planning. “The present uncertainty of state and federal budgets have presented some real challenges, and currently responsibility for managing the avionics verification of the space shuttle. Associate fellow of the American Institute of Astronautics and also a commander in the Naval Reserve. Six children.

PEGGY NORWOOD—Barnesville, MN.—Farmer. One son, one daughter.


BONNIE JOHNSON (ZIPPO)—Grand Forks, ND.—“Domestic engineer.” Three grown children. enjoys fishing, camping, and snowmobiling.

LINDEN JOHNSON—Onannbrock, ND.—Farming and drywall finishing. One daughter, one son.

LARRY J. KREIS—Amery, WI.—Graduated University of Minnesota in food technology. Employed by NIRO Atomizer, Inc. as a pilot plant manager. Two children. Hobbies include wheat farming, hunting and fishing, working with young boys.

DAVID MANGER—Hillsboro, ND.—Farming, grain and canning.


JOHN ORVIS—Jamestown, ND.—Employed as electrical engineer for John Deere; used to design, test, and race snowmobiles. Four daughters and a personal computer. Visited notably to Minnesota. Today working at Norwood Industries as supervisor of quality control department and customer service; also licensed real estate agent. Loves to bowl, garden, sew, golf, camp, and snowmobile in the beautiful mountains and desert, and ride dirt bikes. Tries to come home every two years and visit parents living at Baudette.

SHELTON PIGEON—Brooklyn Center, MN.—Truck driver.

JOHN ORVIS (JIMMIE)—Jamestown, ND.—Farmer. One son, one daughter. Coach junior Babe Ruth baseball and teaching youth football age 12 years; some camping and fishing.


DARLENE ERIKA (ERIE)—Salt Lake City, UT.—Lived in Salt Lake for one year. Employed by Norwood Industries as supervisor of quality control department and customer service; also licensed real estate agent. Loves to bowl, garden, sew, golf, camp, and snowmobile in the beautiful mountains and desert, and ride dirt bikes. Tries to come home every two years and visit parents living at Baudette.


ROBERT M. MAIER—Minnewaukan, ND.—Graduated North Dakota State University, Department of Agriculture Home Administration, Benson County. Four children.

KENNETH RECKMAN—Mayville, ND.—Four years Marine Corp, traveled to different countries. Enjoying varsity league, varsity water ski league, and varsity bowling. Golf league, and tennis. One son.

DENNIS WILL—Hinckley, MN.—Engineering technician for the Soil Conservation Service at Hinckley for last eight years. Participating in soil and water conservation activities for Big Woods Land Owners organization. Second child, one daughter.

KENNETH WALLACE—Eau Claire, WI.—Farm with younger brother, three children. Chairman of Euclid Township Zoning Commission. Two children.


LARRY WILKINS—Minneapolis, MN.—Sargeant, Minnesota National Guard, assigned to research and development unit. Recently completed a year at Northwestern University, the traffic institute studying police management and administration.

HILARY PETRI—Nekoma, ND.—Farming 1700 acres, raising BW Bly-Bor Sunflowers. Holds offices in Nekoma Farmers Cooperative, Nekoma Farmers Elevator, Nekoma Township, Cavalier County Crop Improvement Association; member of Community of Columbus, Eagles, Elk’s, and other fraternities. Nekoma Trailblazers, Nekoma pet crew club. Single. Travels in winter months, last winter France, West Germany, Switzerland and Arizona.

KATHY BLASEY (VAEKE)—Mandan, ND.—Homemaker. Two children. Babysits in home. Likes to bowl, cake decorating, and macrame.

LLOYD PETRI—Rosemount, MN.—1974-79 special education director for East Grand Forks Public Schools. 1979 to present superintendent of Minnesota State Department of Education as state supervisor of vocational education programs for the handicapped. Degrees include BS from University of Minnesota in 1971 and post graduate work at University of Minnesota. Two children.

DALE ROCHOLL—Fergus Falls, MN.—Owns and operates a dairy farm. Two children.

AL GUSTAFSON—Plummer, MN.—USDA Soil Conservation Service, Thief River Falls. Activities include Plummer Lion’s Club, hockey referee, and experimental aircraft association.

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In Memoriam

William E. Rutherford '11—Deceased February 23, 1982

East Grand Forks, MN.

Deceased March 26, 1982

John Gronner '22

Gary Plummer, Under MN.

Emma E. Osterhorn '12—Deceased August 8, 1981

Angus, MN.

Deceased October 10, 1981

Harmen Juelson '39

Fertile, MN

Harold Dunton '15

Deceased May 15, 1981

Selmer L. Johnson '34

Spartan, WA

Herbert V. Anderson '13

Huxley, IA

Deceased December 4, 1981

John Gardner '19

Near Orlando, MN

John Gude '42

Goodridge, MN

Emak Ancro '67

No. St. Paul, MN

Deceased June 27, 1981