Youngquist career spans educational changes

The "Short Swede" is how he describes himself. But size has never limited the enthusiastic personality of Dr. E.E. Youngquist or the impact of his commitment to the University of Minnesota over the past 37 years. He retires on June 30, 1983 with as many plans for the future as he has memories of the past.

Dr. Youngquist came to the Northwest School of Agriculture and Experiment Station in 1956. He had previously been principal of the Southern School of Agriculture in Waseca and on the staff at the Experiment Station and West Central School of Agriculture in Morris.

"I can't find words to express the importance of those three schools of agriculture. A big, big, big piece of my life is in those schools," he said.

Youngquist filled many roles in his career with the schools of agriculture. He reminisced about supervising a dorm of 100 boys in Morris. "I'd walk those halls at night and sometimes hear one or another crying in his pillow. I'd go in and sit with him... not say much, but just sort of be there." However, the schools did not coddle young students away from home for the first time. "We tried to be fair, yet there were more rules than today."

When attendance at the Hallock dinner filled the dining room overlooking Dr. Youngquist even carved under tables to give away alumni prizes. See more pictures from winter dinners on page 4.

Youngquist believes that the early success of the Ag Schools was a result of good basic teachers of agriculture—working with ag problems and doing ag research. "Maybe they weren't all the best classroom teachers, but they knew their stuff and had unique ways of transferring that information to students."

As the ag school students went to college or back to the farm they were well educated, not just in English, science, and agriculture; but they had learned a lot about living away from their families. Superintendent Youngquist enjoyed challenging skeptical admissions staff to accept his NWSA graduates into college. "Usually it was very successful because they were both educationally prepared and had already made the emotional break with families." He remembers the most difficult part of running a school was the confinement of over 400 students and staff during the six months of class. Students often remained on campus all but one weekend of the term. "We tried to make it homey through activities like school dances, forensics and organizations," he said. "We had organizations coming out of our ears! Everyone had a whack at doing what they wanted."

One requirement of all NWSA students was to write a documented paper on some aspect of agriculture, home economics, or technology. "They never wanted to do those, but it was a good experience to search out information on a topic. Some of those papers look like today's masters theses."

The curriculum of the Northwest School was modified to meet new college requirements as more students went to college. It was also adjusted somewhat by the age of students. "In the late NWSA days (1950s and 1960s) the students were high school age. Before World War II students were older. The average age of the first graduating class (1919) was 24 years old."

Despite the success of the schools of agriculture Youngquist's doctoral research at the University of Minnesota showed that the necessary trend for agricultural education was a transition into technical colleges. He was an originator of the Northwest Educational Improvement Association, an organization whose first purpose was to communicate to the state legislature the need for and development of the Northwest School of Agriculture and bringing in the Technical College.

"It was very trying to be part of that change. However, what we did was right. Absolutely right. And at the right time. I'm more convinced of that than ever. The people up here had a pioneer spirit—faith in making change. There is a generous amount of that spirit left in northwestern Minnesota."

Bernie also speaks of a pioneer spirit associated with the Red River Valley Winter Shows (RRVWS), another chapter in his life. He was president of the RRVWS Board of Directors from 1969 to 1982. "In the past the superintendent was automatically president of the RRVWS because he was a 'neutral force' among all the the interests represented." He is now the president of the RRVWS Foundation, Inc.

There have been big changes in the shows," he said. "In 1969 the total fiscal operation was $8,410,000 and planning began by November 1. Now it's a $400,000 project which is planned from the first day following the previous show."

According to Youngquist the function of the winter shows has been altered over the years, too. "In the beginning people in this region were hungry for information and fellowship. The winter shows was the educational force for adults. It's still a force, but now it's a complement to the efforts of other educational agencies to enhance life in northwestern Minnesota."

The history of change in the winter shows, Northwest School of Agriculture, and Northwest Experiment Station are each fascinating to Bernie. His retirement goal is to update the histories.

Dr. E.E. Youngquist

However, research and writing will not consume all of Bernie's free time. He and Bernice share many interests and projects in the Crookston area, and want this to remain their home. They look forward to summer vacations at their Rainy Lake home and visits from their three children and four grandchildren.

His retirement will officially begin on June 30, 1983, but a special banquet in his honor is planned for June 25 in the UMC food service building. Advance tickets will be available by calling the Northwest Experiment Station, 281-619, Ext. 462.

The banquet program will feature individuals who have worked closely with Bernie over the years. A presentation will be made of initial money raised for the Experiment Station Research Fund, a drive spearheaded by Youngquist.

To Bernie, his donation is more than just a gift of money. "Agriculture and the University have been good to Bernice and me... it's a big piece of our lives! We want to reinvest some of that into agriculture and the land grant university. I'm happy that UMC saw fit to set up a Foundation because if the technical college and research arm are to remain strong and provide a level of excellence in service, some support from private citizens will be necessary. If I can assist others in understanding the needs of the University I'll certainly do it during my retirement... after I've caught up on a little fishing!"

Reunion: June 25

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President updates alumni

Well, we are already coming down the home stretch toward our annual reunions this summer. Several of the classes have committees working on the reunion plans and I urge you to get your present status information to the committee, especially if you won't be able to attend.

This summer marks the completion of Dr. Bernie Youngquist's long and outstanding career. Bernie came to the NWSA while I was a student and I have been privileged to work with him often and watch him in his many leadership roles. Congratulations, Bernie, on a job well done! We're glad to know that he and Bernice intend to stay in Crookston during retirement.

The alumni winter dinners were a big success with many former Aggies getting together for evenings of fun and reminiscing. If you have never attended one, why not try it next winter; you'll enjoy it!

In these days of poor economy and a shortage of outstanding graduates, it is a difficult time for the University of Minnesota—Crookston. Many of you have given generously to the alumni Annual Fund. Donations to this fund totaled over $4,260 in 1982 and will be used for scholarships, instructional needs and the NWSA alumni association. Please return your 1983 Annual Fund pledges promptly. Alumni support is important to the success of the college.

The University also has an Associates 1000 club for gifts of $1,000 or more and a Presidents Club for those investing $10,000 or more in the future of the Technical College or Northwest Experiment Station. I'd like to suggest that each of you think about your present way of life and the many benefits received from the NWSA and the University. Perhaps in some small or large way you can remember our school with a financial gift. If you would like to learn more about helping with the education of our young people, contact me or Lowell Larson at UMC.

Again, we'll see you this summer at the reunion. If you can't be there, please write to Berrell at UMC so that the rest of us can know what you are doing.

The UMC campus is beautiful in June. Most reunion events are held in Bede Hall (foreground) and the food service building. Both buildings look out onto the mall.

University president C. Peter Magrath was the guest speaker at the winter recognition luncheon of Presidents Club members on January 21. The Presidents Club is a group of individuals who have invested $10,000 or more in the University of Minnesota—Crookston.

"To date, 28 members have committed nearly $300,000 in support of UMC through the technical college or the experiment station programs," said Lowell Larson, development officer at UMC.

At the President Club luncheon, President Magrath presented plaques to each of the 18 new members: Peter A. Carlson, Argyle; Gary C. McVey, COURTNEY E. PULKRABEK, Keith A. Ramberg, Charles C. Rongen, Donald Sargent, Robert G. Smith, Aaron Stover, Stephen A. Wright, Bernard E. Youngquist, all of Crookston; Howard B. Bergerud, Edina; Allan A. Dragseth, Eldred; Harris A. Peterson, Grand Forks; J.C. Stelter (in memoriam), Red Lake Falls; Robert G. Robinson, St. Paul; Bruce Hamnes, Stephen; Art Howard and Harry Howard, both of Warren.

Although this is an all University club, the donor has the right to designate to which campus the money will be directed. At UMC significant amounts have been earmarked for student scholarships, instructional equipment and capital improvements. Membership in the Presidents Club is offered to individuals investing cash, securities or real estate valued at $10,000 or more (payable up to ten years), or $25,000 in a deferred plan (bequest, life insurance, etc.) or a $5,000 gift (payable up to ten years) and $12,500 deferred investment.

All members joining before March 31, 1983, are designated as charter members.

Charter members received into Club

NWSA alumni president Allan Dragseth ('57) was one of 18 new charter members of the UMC Presidents Club who received a membership plaque from University president C. Peter Magrath.

Annual Fund Campaign

Have you returned your pledge card?

A complete listing of class contributions will appear in the next NWSA AGGIE. If you have not been contacted for the 1983 Annual Fund please contact the Alumni Office, Selvig Hall, UMC; Crookston, MN 56716

Provost thanks UMC supporters

I invite all of you to join us as we celebrate with him on that special occasion.

The annual NWSA reunion will take place on the last Saturday of June, June 25. I invite all of you back to visit the campus and to renew acquaintances with colleagues and classmates. We'll look forward to seeing you then.

Alumni dinners held

see photos inside...
NWSA Reunion—June 25, 1983

Alumni Day 1983 is only a few months away. If your plans for this year do not include a visit to the campus on Saturday, June 25, we hope you will change your plans now so you can attend the summer reunion! Your alumni board and class leaders are busy planning for a full day of activities — attend all day or specific events. Cost is $8 per person, which includes lunch, coffee, punch and cookies available all day; buffet dinner; evening entertainment (band) and refreshments.

Remember — ALL alumni and former faculty members are invited, but the following honored classes are especially encouraged to attend. If you have not heard from your class leader yet, be sure to contact him!

Class of 1913
Bernell C. Nelson, UMC
Crookston, MN 56716
218-281-6510, Ext. 397

Class of 1923
Albert Koppany
Fargo, ND 58102
218-773-2107

Class of 1928
George Lee
Hendrum, MN 56548
218-861-8338

Lost! Can you help us find them?

Alumni Day is approaching and we are trying to locate some of the alumni from the classes planning special reunions. Some we have not heard from since graduation, some have moved and not sent us a forwarding address, some have married and changed their names, some may have died. We need your help! If you know where any of these people are, or if they are deceased, drop a note with address or date of death to Alumni Director, Selvig Hall, University of Minnesota, 109 Gilbert Street, St. Paul, MN 55101.

1913
Fred Lieberg, Roosevelt, MN
Henry Mueller, St. Paul, MN
Syvert Dahl, Lebanon, OR

1923
Walter Bark, Bloomington, MN
Arthur Ingvaldson, Rockford, IL
Joseph Landin, Bagley, MN
Harold Pederson, Minneapolis, MN
Arthur Symes, Seattle, WA

1928
Lewis B. Larson, Hazel, MN

1933
Helen Hansen Knight, Ontario, OR
Clarence Nelson, Duluth, MN
Earl Nelson, Perley, MN
Stephen Vilven, Duluth, MN

1943
Marvin Anderson
Sylvia Carlson, Kennedy, MN
Golden Graffin, Crookston, MN
Darrell Helms
Audrey Hylland
Lowell Knutson
Jeane C. Longdren
Anita Burdette Moen
Edna C. Ostlund
Omar R. Qualley
William Raymond
John Henry Roberts
Donna Mae Schroeder

Barbara M. Tester
Dorothy Weaver
Margaret Weaver

1953
Richard Gaston, Garden Grove, CA
Robert Haasmann, Hillsboro, ND
Jean Beck Good, Lake Havasu City, AZ
Patricia Hart, Crookston, MN
Thomas Bubl, Warren
Aiden Fossen, Fosston
Gene Hovland, Fosston
Merlyn Kraatz, Drayton, ND
Allen Moteberg, Fertile
Irene Perry, Warroad

1958
Carol Anderson Barnard, Minneapolis, MN
JoAnn Didrison Bida, Clarence Hills, IL
Cheryl Haugen Johnson, Fargo, ND
David Birk, East Grand Forks, MN
Kenneth Olson, Graffin, ND
William Steinke, Long Island, NY
Thomas R. Tucker, St. Paul, MN
Aiden Weeks, Backoo, ND
Cordell Willison, Fargo, ND

1963
Patricia Brown, Saginaw, MN
Orin Bergh, St. Vincent, MN
Donna Burianek, Gardner, ND
David Flaten
Kameron Halstad, Viking, MN
Jean Holtvedt Iacono, Fridley, MN
Juanita Kayale, Pequot Lakes, MN
Jerald Laabs, Fertile, MN
Yvette Ann Moe, Hitterdal, MN
Marvin Norby, Gary, MN
Larry Venne, Wrenches, WA

These members of the Class of 1943, planning its 40-year reunion, met during the winter dinner in Thief River Falls to plan festivities for June 25. Pictured here are Dr. Charles Samuelson, Thief River Falls; Earl Nelson, Lake Bronson; Orville Pearson, Hallock; Leonard Hapka, Argyle; Henry McMillan, Mahnomen; Joseph Lee, Mahnomen; and James Engesland, Thief River Falls.

Reunion Schedule

10:00 a.m. Registration continuous until 5:00 in food service building.
11:30 Estate Planning Luncheon.
2:00–3:30 Campus Tours.
3:30–5:00 Class meetings and pictures. Make special effort to arrive for your class picture; 5x7 color pictures for sale at $5.50.
5:00 Reception honoring Dr. B.E. Youngquist.
6:00 Buffet Dinner.
7:00 Alumni Program. Presiding: Allan Dragseth, NWSA Alumni President; Greetings, S.D. Sahstrom, UMC Provost; and B.E. Youngquist, Experiment Station Superintendent; Memorial Tribute; Special Honors given to "Top Aggies" for 1983; Attendance Awards.
8:30 Memory Lane. Reminiscing in the student union and dancing until midnight in Bede Ballroom.

Watch for a future mailing giving more detailed outline of events for the day, together with a reservation card.

Make housing reservations early

A limited number of UMC apartments are available for Saturday night only at a cost of $7 per person. Motel reservations may be made by calling:

Country Club Motel 218-281-1097
Golf Terrace Motel 281-2326
J-H Motel 281-4226
Northland Lodge 281-3210
Rainbow Motel 281-3442
Alumni winter dinners bring former classmates, instructors together

Alumni prizes are a highlight of each winter dinner program. Both Provost Sahlstrom and Supt. Youngquist joined in the fun as awards were given in (clockwise): Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Yutrzenka ('43), Argyle, at the Warren dinner; Mr. and Mrs. John A. Johnson ('50), Barnsville, at the Moorhead dinner; Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Dahlsad ('40), Moorhead, at the Moorhead dinner; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Gatheridge ('39), Humbolt, at the Hallock dinner.

You can help UMC recruiters

UMC's admissions office is busy sending application and financial aid forms, school bulletins, and division program information to the hundred of interested students around the states. If your son, daughter, niece, nephew, or neighbor is a high school senior, he or she may be interested in attending UMC. We would like to send information on our programs. If you know of an interested student, please complete the form below and return it to: Admissions Office; Selvig Hall, UMC; Crookston, MN 56716.

Please send additional information about UMC.
Information I desire:

☐ Admissions application
☐ Financial aid information
☐ University bulletin
☐ Other

Please print

First
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Address

City
State
Zip

Phone

High School
Year of graduation

Intended area of academic study

Office of Admissions
201 Selvig Hall
Crookston, Minnesota 56716
(218) 281-6510 Ext. 369
1957 headline:

RLF boy wins national award

Were you a member of this 1956 aeronautics class taught by Gene Miller? Vernon Askegard is fifth from the left in the first standing row (with his hands on the shoulders of kneeling student.)

A 1957 Northwest School of Agriculture, Crookston, graduate, Vernon Askegard, was awarded the Al Ward Flying Scholarship at the National Flying Farmers conference held in Chicago on August 24.

Vernon won this award in competition with 3,100 contestants from all over the United States. This award is made annually to the high school age farm boy who selects the best 500-word essay on a topic selected by Mr. Al Ward, a flying farmer and director of the flying scholarship.

The topic of the essay this year was "The History of Aviation Between 1900 and 1910.

The award was made personally by Mr. Ward before a banquet audience of 2,300 people in the ballroom of the Conrad Hilton Hotel. Vernon received two engraved plaques. In addition, he will receive 20 hours of dual flying instruction time paid for by the scholarship fund. This will be enough instructional time for Vernon to get his pilot’s license as a flying farmer.

Vernon became interested through his studies in aeronautics under Gene Miller at the Northwest School of Agriculture. He was flown to the Flying Farmer Convention in Chicago by Gene Miller, Bernard Vreeman and Tom Hagen in an early version of the 176 cessna aircraft. Rain and bad weather forced the group to land on a farm near Whitewater, Wis., to spend a night awaiting better flying conditions.

Since his father passed away some years ago, Vernon has been running the farm with his mother near Red Lake Falls, Minn.

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Church donated to UMC

The congregation of the Hafslo Lutheran Church has voted unanimously to contribute its church building to the UMC campus. The congregation was disbanded after ninety years of service at a location ten miles southeast of Crookston. At UMC the building would be a center for informal and ecumenical campus ministry programs as well as organizational events and displays. Built in 1900, the church is located on campus adjacent to the former NWSA superintendent’s home (now known as the “White House”), emphasizing the importance of home, church, and school in pioneer life.

The University of Minnesota regent’s acceptance of the Hafslo Church was contingent on private fund-raising efforts to pay for the cost of relocation. An exciting development in funding may help the project reach its goal of $25,000, the minimum amount needed for the relocation, which includes moving, site preparation, etc.

Through its Branch Matching Fund program Lutheran Brotherhood, a fraternal organization serving Lutheran congregations, will match gifts up to $250 per household.

One of the most valuable resources in each congregation is NWSA alumni. Would you be willing to work with the Lutheran Brotherhood member in an effort to raise money through your congregation and receive the matching funds?

For more information on the church project and Branch Matching Fund contact Janet Selheim, chrm., Hafslo Church Committee; Route 3, Box 113; Crookston, Mn 56716, telephone 218-281-2182.

Here’s news about former NWSA classmates

1913

OSCAR M. LEE, Cambridge, MN—Worked and farmed on my own until 1935.

1915

WILLIAM THORKELSON, Fertile, MN—Inked corn, have three gardens. Shovel snow in winter.

1917

SAM ANDERSON, Alvaredo, MN—Retired.

MARION JOHNSON, Alexandria, MN—After graduation I worked as a DHA supervisor and a carpenter in the late 1930’s and early 1940’s. Married Bill Hall in 1949 and have three sons. I enjoy seeing classmates of 1917.

1920


1925

CORA GROVE (THOMPSON), McIntosh, MN—Country school teacher, farmer’s wife, mother of four sons and a daughter. After family left home I attended Moorhead State College and got my B.S. Taught school in McIntosh for three years. Traveled to Norway, Germany and California. Husband died in 1967. I live on the farm now where we farmed grew up.

Five children attended NWSA. I have participated in all community activities. I tried to be a big help babysitting for Larson, Clamp, Dunsheams.

1927

SOPHIE BURSTAD (BREILAND), Thief River Falls, MN—I taught school, active in Telemarken Church, organized our Mosecain Garden Club two years ago. Held office jobs in the 13th District Flower Show, 4-H leader, county fair officer and exhibitor (farmers).

1929

ALFRED DANIELSON, East Grand Forks, MN—I farmed until disabled with M.S. but still live on the farm and rent out land. Have two sons and one daughter and seven grandchildren. Keep busy with repair projects.

1930

HAROLD WALTERS, Duluth, MN—I am still in the church directory business which keeps me busy. In the spare time we take our trailer and go camping. Also, really busy with our church work.

1936

BERNIE HAGEN, Alexandria, MN—Worked at the Courrier Descent in 1979. Married Ralph Helms a salesman and farmer in 1931. Raised two children. I worked at Minnesota’s Nursery for 20 years and am now retired but busier than ever. I supervise nearly 50 senior citizens every Monday at Civic Center, besides all my church work. Write a column every week for Fertilizer Journal. Do RSVP work at Fair Meadow Nursing Home once a day every winter.

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1940

ARThur W. JOHNSON, Park Rapids, MN—Retired in 1979. As a hobby I repair and refinish furniture, do carving, etc. for other people. We have been in Washington, D.C. and south through Florida and West Coast from Sun City, CA to Alaska, also to Hawaii. The fall of 1983 we took a bus tour from Minneapolis through New England states.
1928

ETHEL BENEN (HARRIS), Pasadena, CA—Before I retired I worked in the Pasadena Public Library for 23 years. I was a homemaker, like sewing. Liked going with my husband to our mountain cabin. Did a little traveling.

CARRIE DROTT'S (BUCK), Batavia, IL—Four children and five grandchildren. Husband is employed as security guard at this Holmstad Retirement Center. Previously I worked with child evangelism, Sunday School staff, 5-day club, etc. At present Health Care Board here at Holmstad, also active in volunteer work.

PALMA HEIREN (HORNSETT), Thief River Falls, MN—Retired, growing violets and gardening, doing crafts.

JULIA HOVET (MILLER), Thief River Falls, MN—Work part time at Rex Cafe. We have one son and two girls; all are married. My husband is retired.

GORDON HUNT, Thief River Falls, MN—Semi-retired. Still raise registered appaloosa horses and hereford cattle. Won 1070 farmer and homemaker of the year award at winter shows for Pennington County. Three children and 11 grandchildren, six great grandchildren.

LILLIAN LILLEMOR (BAXEN), Golden Valley, MN—A shattered ankle two years ago has slowed me up considerably. Have not been able to visit my children seven times scattered from coast to coast since then. I do cook dinners each day for a cerebral palsy boy in our complex. Go on trips and play with some chums. Loved and dog sit for daughter on weekends. Also have a small garden for two years.

ROY SEABERG, Detroit Lakes, MN—Farmed over 30 years at Detroit Lakes. Married with three sons, two daughters, 22 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. Enjoy the AGGIE very much.

ROBERT THORKELSON, Hayden Lake, ID—Retired. Primarily a life of work from machinery through insurance.

ALICE DUMAS (NAPLIN), Hibbing, MN—Owner and operator of a beauty salon for 52 continuous years. Four grandchildren in Alaska so we spent seven weeks last year and looking forward to the same trip in 1983; Texas this winter.

IVAN ANDERSON, Paynesville, MN—Retired farmer living in Mesa, AZ during the winter.

1930

ROUDPL BERGER, Auburn, WA—I went to Washington in 1939 from Minnesota and started working as a carpenter in heavy construction until I retired. My last job was working on the King Dome in Seattle. Now camping, fishing and hunting.

GLADYS JACOBSON (EGGEG), Fertile, MN—My husband Alfred passed away March 22, 1982 from cancer. We lived on a farm for 35 years and have relocated to town in 1987. Worked in nursing homes for 18 years as a nurse's aide and still do volunteer work. Have four children and I am enjoying life and blessed with good health. Eleven grandchildren. Enjoyed our class reunion last year.

PAUL M. Sorenson, Hallock, MN—Farmer, Mason Shriners past president of Hallock Lion's Club, listed in Who's Who Outstanding Farmers of North America. Served on church and school building committees, also hospital board.

1932

WALLACE M. ABBOTT, Roswell, MN—The above address is our winter address, enjoyed the Reunion very much—thanks to Bernel Nelson and others. Our summer address will be given at the appropriate time.

WALTER LUNSETTER, Gatzke, MN—Lifetime farmer except for 13 summers on road construction in Minneapolis. Married 37 years, have four children. Now farming together with son. Active in church and choir, also community choir.

FRANCIS W. SMITH, Laporte, MN—Retired six years, some travel, lots of fishing and hunting. Married past 45 years with three sons and one daughter, three grandchildren.

1933

RICHARD HOLMGREN, Warroad, MN—Retired from farming and logging March 30, 1974. We spend the winters in the South and live five months of each year in Warroad, one mile from Canadian border on the west side of Lake of the Woods. Our home is called "Spruce Haven."

THOMAS SANDE, Sun City, AZ—Worked 28 years with the Chevron Corporation in sales and engineering (manufacturing). Retired in 1974 to Sun City. Interests; painting, silvercraft, teaching silvercrafting. Sailing and 32 degree Mason. US Air Force in WWII. Have one daughter, wife and I take cruise ship tours—Pacific and Caribbean areas.

WILLIAM A. SITKOE, St. Paul, MN—Dentist, semi-retired.

BREATRICE SKROVE (EGGUM), Dalton, MN—Married 1934, farmed until my husband passed away in 1964. We have five daughters, two deceased. I had turkey-laying hens. I went to work in a cabinet factory for 10 years, retired in July 1982. Was active in several organizations while children grew up. Member of Bowl in league and national tournaments in different states. Have traveled in Europe a few times, also Alaska.

1934

GLENN ELLINGER, Crookston, MN—Retired in January 1982 after 37 years with Minnesota Highway Department as a highway construction and maintenance engineer. Living in Crookston and spending winters in the winter.

1935


1936

ALTA BROWN (TORKELSON), Sun City West, AZ—Registered nurse (graduated 1941). Married Lester Brown, a metallurgical engineer so spent our working years in the lead and copper industry in Montana and Nevada. Retired now and enjoy traveling-trailing, and art-oil and watercolors and sketching.

ANETA EIKEN (BRUSSE), Wannaska, MN—Am a full time housewife since 1971. Worked as a nurse for Penneys, seven years as grocery clerk and five years with a class for retarded as aide. Have four children, three married, 13 grandchildren and one great granddaughter.

MARGARET CAROL (MOE), Hallock, MN—Married in 1938. Have four children—one boy and three girls, 15 grandchildren. Had a cafe for 10 years. Husband worked for railroad (Great Northern and Burlington Northern). I have worked in several stores. Both retired.

1937

ALTON ARNESS, Fisher, MN—Farming, chairman of board of Roome Township, president of Farmers Elevator of Frazed, piano playing as a hobby. Travelled in England, France, Italy, South America, West Indies and India.

PATTY BENSON (DURBAN), Fargo, ND—Married after graduation from Minnesota School of Business. Attended Moorhead State University for two years. We own and operate a retail furniture and appliance store in Moorhead, MN for past 22 years. Have three children—son is running the furniture business. Oldest daughter is an elementary teacher and youngest daughter is a registered nurse. We travel quite a bit here and abroad.

MARSHALL EVANS, LeSuer, MN—Retired from Green Giant Company after 24 years in management of agricultural research and 10 years in management of international development and production in several parts of the world. Wife Pat (Hover) and I have been married 42 years. Three sons, all medical doctors.

LEONA KELLERMANN, Roseau, MN—Retired in 1981 after years with Northwestern Bell Telephone. Hobbies are needlework, crafts and gardening.

1938

FERDIE PEARSON, Lancaster, MN—Piano tuning and repair, piano, organ, TV and most all musical instruments sales and service. Also play for dances, banquets, etc. Band name is "Knights of Rhythm."

1939

CHESTER ANDERSON, Drayton, ND—Farming in Kittson County, World War II vet (46 months). Married with three children. Chairman of church council. Enjoy most sports and visiting children and grandchildren in Montana and North Dakota.

DONALD R. CARLSON, Crookston, MN—I am a welder foreman for Burlington Northern Railroad. Worked with the railroad since 1940. Married and have two sons and one daughter and two grandchildren. Have been to California and Texas and like all kinds of sports.

DONALD W. GEDDES, East Grand Forks, MN—Four children and nine grandchildren, married 37 years. 1940

LEONARD W. HILDEBRAND, Detroit Lakes, MN—Retired from Fairway Food Park. Married 1949, after 30 years of driving. Hope to go fishing again and like to do work with wood working tools.

FRANCES PEARSON, Hallock, MN—Semi-retired from nursing. Do volunteer work at our nursing homes and Grace Lutheran Church. I work a few hours per week at the nursing home and church also. I also help support a seeing eye dog (puppy).

1942

DONALD J. DUFFY, Algona, IA—Married, seven children. Operated my own trucking company until poor health forced me to retire.

HENRY HOFF, Dalton, MN—Dairy farming since 1945. Have served as chairman of township board of supervisors, also chairman of board of trustees, chairman of Dalton Coop Creamery board of directors. Enjoy hunting and fishing.
MARSHALL, children.

Jesus and farming. Have traveled all over the U.S., Caribbean and Alaska. Am married but no children.

1945


1946


1947

CLAYTON ENGELSTAD, Fertile, MN—Farming. "Outstanding Young Farmer" award in 1965. Married Carole Berg in 1956, five children—three boys and two girls. Oldest son, Craig, is Fertile; daughter, Marie, married David Johnstada. Jean and Marie both attend Moorhead State. Son, Paul is UMC student in crops and soils. Son, Eric, is senior in high school. Clayton is active in board of directors for United States Beltrami and active in Little Norway Church.

1948

ROY STOLA, Jr., Shelly, MN—Farming. Four older children in college. Two at NSDU; one at St. Luke's and one at Macalester University. Fifth child in first grade! Hobby is coin collecting.

1949

LORRAINE FLATEN (JOHNSON), Ferground Falls, MN—Nurse. Wyant Woolworth's. Husband employed at state hospital. Have one daughter, four sons and five grandchildren. Enjoy reading and traveling, especially to mountains.

1950

WILLIAM & ANNE COSMATKA (LIZAKOWSKI) '57, Minto, ND—Farming. Children: Mary (Mrs. Art Wood), Devils Lake, ND; Patsy (Mrs. Roger Park, ND), Karen (Mrs. Vance Andersen, Gotham, ND), Jackie (office- First, National Bank, ND), Patrick, Mary, Thomas (farming with father and David) and Linda (Junior-Minto High School).

1951

JOANNE NEEDHAM (LERUD), Littleton, CO—Married to a very successful professional who practices in a swanky suburb of Denver. Have two attractive teenage children—Tom (16) and Jenny (14½). Enjoy working at art museum.

1952

LYLE J. CLEEMONSON, Minneapolis, MN—Married to Carol Darlene, for 27 years. Three children: Sabrina, married, two children, computer librarian for Prudential Insurance; Rene, University of Minnesota and attending William Mitchell Law School; Danny, sophmore University of Minnesota-Duluth. Lyle and Darlene own and operate CEI Inventor and manufacture equipment for the University of Minnesota. Hobbies are skiing and enjoying our grandchildren.

1953

GELENE GULLEKSON (BALSTAD), Belmont, MN—Following graduation, attended college. Married in 1959 to Ray Gullekson. We farm near northeast of Belmont. Five children, active in church and community, travel.
More news about former classmates

H. GEORGE HOSELTON, Thompson, ND—Farmer in rural Thompson. Has two daughters: Kim (9) and Kay (8). President of the elevator board, president of the Thompson Fire Department and volunteer fireman. Raise hogs, beef, small grains, sunflowers, corn and soybeans.

NOTE: We received a request for the current address of Robert L. McKenzie (’57), Anchorage, Alaska. If you know of Michael’s address please notify Mrs. Linda Abentroth; 926 26th St. S., Fargo, ND 58102. Her son, Robert A. Abentroth (’57), deceased in 1967, was a former roomie of Michael’s and she would like to contact him.

1958

DONALD HOEGER, Independence, MO—Assistant regional manager for Lysted Pest Control. Past president of the Missouri Pest Control Association. Enjoy golfing and fishing. I married Ywonne Winkle in 1959 and we have two daughters, Vicki (22) and Dawn (21).

DARYL KROGH, Humbule, TX—Married, have two sons. Work on computers as technical support for computer field service. Worked at NASA in Houston for six years training astronauts for the Apollo, Skylab, and shuttle programs. Active in local politics, play golf, hunting and fishing. Spent three years in the Marine Corp.

DUNAE LOVEN, Grand Forks, ND—Certified public accountant. Wife, Arleen, is a teacher. Son, Tim, attends University of North Dakota; daughter, Kim, attends high school. President of Calvary Lutheran Church, board of directors, ND Society of CPAs, Sioux boosters, Sorbona.

PAUL MOTSCHELBACHER, Sabin, MN—Own P & J Construction. Married have one daughter, one son and a grandson. Enjoy camping and fishing.

EUGENE PASCHKE, Bay City, MI—Married, have one son and one daughter. Am in production control at UNICUM. Married, one daughter, 14 and one boy, 10. Love to knit and sew and fish. Have traveled to east and west coast and Mexico.

RANOLD SHARP, Hamilton, ND—An I am farming with my son Kevin (graduated from UMC 1982). My daughter at Moorhead State University and a son in third grade. I enjoy duck hunting and snowmobiling with my family.

1960

CELESTE CAIN (NELSON), Warroad, MN—LPN at Warroad Clinic and emergency room at Roseau Hospital. Married, one daughter, 14 and one boy, 10. Love to knit and sew and fish. Have traveled to east and west coast and Mexico.

JOANN GRUNDY (GUNSDORF), Detroit Lakes, MN—Homemaker. Husband, Karsten, is a farmer near McColston, MN. Five children, active foster parents. Presently we live in Detroit Lakes during the school year and spend the summer on the farm.

CHARLOTTE HOLZGEBER (OLSON), Emerado, ND—Married Calvin Holzgeber in November, 1960. Three children: Calvin Jr. (20), graduated Devils Lake farm management and farms near New Carlia (19), sophomore at North Dakota State University; Cheryl (15), sophomore at Lamoure High School. Our family is in 4-H. I’ve been a leader for ten years to home ec and agricultural clubs. In many community activities. We farm at Emerado and raise hogs. Page 8.

GLENDA SMITH (PORTER), Cumming, ND—Married Gary Smith, have two boys and two girls. Farm near Cumming. North Dakota Extension Homemakers Council, health food and nutrition chairman, 4-H leader, Sunday School. Attended national workshop in Washington, D.C., on career development and economics last winter and visited married daughter in Texas.

1961

HARVEY E. PETERSON, Fayetteville, NC—Major in AAF 1383B instructor pilot at Pope Air Force Base, NC. Married to the former Donna Hennam of Titusville, FL who was a student in USAF as CL39 maintenance officer.

ELNA ANDERSON (KRUEGER), Missouri Valley, IA.—After graduation I attended North Dakota State University for two years and then worked at North Dakota Mill and Elevator for three years. Moved to Omaha, NE in 1967 and worked for a feed company wholesaler. At present I am a housewife.

CHARLES DUFAULT, Wahpeton, ND—L.P. gas manager. Involved in church activities at St. John’s. Enjoy roller-skating. For hobby I remodel houses.

GEORGE PROULX, Red Lake Falls, MN—Farmer Red Lake County. Married Diane Delore in 1962, have seven children. Farm 1,180 acres of small grains and sunflowers. Own and operate Geo’s Fun-R, FLK. Like hunting, fishing, football and snowmobiling.

1962

LERoy DURAY, Lakewood, CO—Married, one son. Work for Bureau of Reclamation Water and Power Resources, Denver Federal Center. Wife employed with same agency. Own and part-time two hair styling salons in Denver. Enjoy the Rocky Mountains and the four seasons after living in LA for ten years. Work hard now and retire young.

TONY KASPRICK, Granton, ND—Married, four children. Supervisor at State School at Graffトン, also on school bus. Since I graduated I’ve been in the service and worked security medical training, same as paramedic. Love to camp out with family.

DARRELL NOVACEK, Angus, MN—I’m farming. My wife, Darlene and I have one girl, Stacy (3), and one boy, Bradley (7 months).

DIANE NYSTROM (KROENING), Mil. Iron, MN—We have four children—three girls and one boy—three of which are adopted. Ages 18, 15, 12 and 10. My husband and I own a TV and appliance store in Virginia, MN. My hobby is dogs as I am a professional dog groomer. We travel a lot, recently made a trip to Switzerland, Germany, Austria and Bulgaria. Also, we took a cruise two years ago.

BETTY OLSON (SWANSON), Blaine, MN—Employed at Mercy Hospital in Coon Rapids, MN. Three children.


Bena Tromles (Filikke) (21) Shelly, MN

Judith A. Matson (Hamre) (attended 1921-22)

Gary, MN

May 14, 1962

In Memoriam

John Staats (attended 1913-14)

Barnesville, MN

December 6, 1981

Robert J. Rutherford (attended 1944-46)

East Grand Forks, MN

September 14, 1982

John Hest’15

Perley, MN

 sees, 1963

Frederick Johnson ‘17

Amery, WI

February 1, 1983

Fred Johnson ‘21

Amery, WI

September 30, 1982

Edmund Edgeland ’30

Grand Forks, ND

Violet Christenson (Solomonson) ‘32

Roseau, MN

September 5, 1982

John Melrath (attended 1915-18)

Hallock, MN

October 23, 1983

Theodore Peterson ‘19

Fisher, MN

February 5, 1983

Mrs. Ervin A. Hildreth (attended 1929-32)

Henderson, MN

September 5, 1982

Laurie Lindberg (Murray) ‘22

Los Angeles, CA

June 6, 1982

Russell Sortberg (attended 1945-46)

Thief River Falls, MN

October 7, 1982

Arthur N. Grove ‘53

Flemington, ND

Darrell R. Sorelien (attended 1958-60)

Reynolds, ND

December 18, 1982

Harry Soderberg (instructor of English) Crookston, MN

November 12, 1982

Mrs. Harry Soderberg Crookston, MN

August 23, 1983

Mrs. Esther Lynaker Crookston, MN

October 12, 1982

Jaroaslov Kruta

Warren, MN

January 7, 1983

Seigeld Anderson

St. Paul, MN

November 17, 1982

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CYNTHIA HAUGLAND (WEINBERGER), Minneapolis, MN—My husband is a retired lawyer, has been sick for four years, hence I am more confined at home than previously. However, I garden, do something helping, attend clubs and we do enjoy our friends. We live in OK four months each year.

KATHERINE KNEESHAU, Pembina, ND—Enjoyed the AGGIE! The Clarks were there when I was. Going to San Jose, CA for the winter. I live alone in Pembina. Often see former pupils in Hallock. Sold my car and bought a golf cart to get around town.


ANNE SIMLEY, Madison, WI—Still have contacts with many former students and faculty from 1922 to 1930. Several have been at my apartment. In spite of my 91 years, I had a feature role in a film, “Farm Women of Wisconsin,” aired on PBS, TV in WI in November.

LYNN THARALDSON, Lakeville, MN—Wife, Rosemary; three children: Lynea (9), Derek (6), and Tiana (born July, 1982). Manager of New England Lake Insurance Company, president-elect of Lakeville Chamber of Commerce, immediate past president of St. Paul General agents and managers, public service chairman—MALU.

NOTE: Dates are from official senior class listings—not advanced course year.