Alumni head keeps reaching for new goals

"My father was very free about letting me do things and take over things. I'm the type who likes to get in and do things, so at a young age he let me really get my feet wet."

Allan Dragseth ('57) hasn't quit doing things since then. During the recent "Slow winter weeks" he attended NWSA Alumni Association meeting, Red River Valley Winter Shows events, alumni winter dinner, school board meeting, Northwest Experiment Station events, and various other committee meetings. And he not only attends but also chairs, emcees, leads, or presides over many of these organizations.

Andy Dragseth must have seen a great future for this son who liked to get in and do things. Offered several options for careers Allan, an only son, chose to take over the family farm at Eldred. He also chose to attend the Northwest School of Agriculture as his father had done in 1919.

"I can't really tell you what the attraction was. Maybe just the six months of school!"

Another disadvantage about the NWSA, according to Dragseth, was living so closely to the other students for six months and then not seeing them for the next six months.

"It's not the same as kids living in the same community, going to church together, and running around the year round. We had an adjustment to make in the summer because we had a different circle of friends than at school."

"In fact, there were times during my first years when I'd run into someone in the summer who I was sure I knew from somewhere. It was very embarrassing to find out it was a classmate."

By his junior and senior years Allan either knew everyone or they recognized him from his many organizational responsibilities on campus.

"I was always kind of a joiner, so I was in every organization and activity that was available. I was waterboy, student manager for the football team because I had a wire in my knee and couldn't play. By being student manager Hersch (Lysaker) could let me work out in the gym for basketball. It also was a way I could go on the team trips and get out of school."

Dragseth was captain of the basketball team, a member of the choir, glee club, boys quartet and octet, band, National Honor Society, and editor of the Argie yearbook.

It would seem that a person so active on the campus would also be involved in the pranks and shenanigans reminiscent about at the alumni winter dinners. Allan denies that he was involved.

"I didn't spend a lot of time in the dorms and never got in on any party raids. The campus was really well-organized for that. But the heating tunnels. But those doors got locked up about the time I was a freshman."

After living in Selvig and Stephens Halls during his first two years, Dragseth was among the few juniors allowed to live in Robertson, the senior dorm.

During his senior year he roomed next door to Charlie Whiting, a faculty member who describes himself as an all-round human being.

Whiting taught social science, coached basketball, and was the dorm supervisor. The most memorable Whiting decision came at the end of the school term.

"I just missed the distinction of having the same roommate for all four years because on the last night he (Whiting) split as up!"

Walter Pehr was the four-year roommate.

"Probably more than any other student Walter had the greatest influence on me. We still get together, he, Ray Dusek, and I."

Superintendent B E. Youngquist was the new leadership at the Northwest School during Dragseth's senior year.

"I was one of the first students to meet with him because I was what might be termed an activist now. We felt that students were not getting enough input into the school. We had a meeting with Bernie when he first got here and got him to allow us to form a student council. There hadn't been any student government."

"We formed a student council and put up a suggestion box on the wall by the stairs going up to Kiehle. The student council had some very productive, very frank meetings with some of the faculty."

After graduation in 1957 Dragseth attended the University of Minnesota and North Dakota State University. He returned to the area and married Judy Hassen, a Crookston native, in August of 1959. The Dragseth built a home on the family farm at Eldred and raised a family of four. Thirty, their oldest daughter, is now an elementary school teacher in Grand Forks, ND; Jennifer is a junior at Moorhead State University; Paul is a high school senior and John is a freshman. Both sons attend Crookston Central High School.

Allan looks back on his college days with some regret since he did not complete a degree. He has already told his sons that if they want to go into agriculture they need to get a four-year degree. After that he won't tell them what to do with their lives.

"I think that too often when kids go into agriculture their parents have not had higher education beyond high school because of the need to support a family. The kids are not encouraged to go on to college as much as in other professions. And I say 'other professions' because I consider agriculture to be a profession."

In recent years Allan has turned his attention to the education and activities at the University of Minnesota-Crookston (UMC). In 1988 he was among the charter members of the Presidents Club, a major gift club of the University. He also serves on the UMC Development Steering Committee. This group of agribusiness leaders coordinates the fund raising direction of the College throughout northwestern Minnesota.

Allan's support of the development effort stems from a deeply rooted commitment to agriculture.

"I think anybody in this area who is involved in agriculture can't help but see, if they look at the crops and techniques being used, that a lot of this has evolved from research. A Presidents Club membership is just a way of paying back a small part of that to the University. With funding becoming more of a problem all the time, this is a way to continue that research."

University memories are another resource that needs to be continued, according to Dragseth. In 1967 he organized the ten-year reunion of his class. In 1982 he was elected president of the NWSA Alumni Association and honored as Top Argie.

"I guess as you get older you start looking back on those times as more memorable than you thought they were. You start looking forward to seeing those classmates again."

As president Dragseth has strong feelings about the role that the association should play in serving both alumni and the College. He finds its strength is providing information about UMC and keeping Argie alumni in touch with one another.

"As a kid we scoffed at historical societies and alumni reunions—all the things the old people did. When you get into your 30s, 40s, and 50s you find that those ages aren't so old and you're interested in things you never thought you'd be.

The renovation of the White House into an alumni center for NWSA and UMC alumni is a positive step for the
President previews reunion highlights

Everyone is gearing up for the 1984 NWSA summer reunion. The class leaders are updating mailing lists and writing to fellow classmates. Bernell Nelson ('43) is compiling class books from personal surveys. The Nineth District American Legion Band featuring Hersch Lysaker is scheduled. Top Aggie consideration is under way.

Now all that's left is for YOU to save time in reading and attend the reunion on June 30. I hope you will do that.

A highlight of this year's reunion will be the naming of Brown Dining Room in honor of "Myrtle" Ma Brown. Mrs. Brown served the NWSA from 1954 until the school closed in 1969, and then continued at UMC until 1980. She will be honored at the 5:30 p.m. ceremony prior to the banquet.

If you are on the campus, either for the reunion or a summer visit, plan to stop and see the progress made in the restorations of the White House Alumni Center to an authentic 1920 period time. Many NWSA alumni are involved in various restoration subcommittees. If you have time to donate money, time, or furnishings, please let me know. We welcome your interest and contributions.

I enjoyed visiting with many of you at the alumni dinner. Those mini-reunions are a good break from winter cabin fever, and keep each of us in touch with our neighbors.

Remember June 30, and plan to be at the reunion. Allan Dragseth ('57)

President

Miller invites alumni to share NWSA stories

TO: Aggie Alumni
FROM: Gene Miller
NWSA staff 1954-66

Exp Stn Staff

I heard many personal stories shared at the recent alumni dinners and I feel that there is a good bit of history and recognition of values from the old Northwest School of Agriculture that should be written down for posterity. I have volunteered to collect and organize stories from alumni and former faculty members about incidents at the school of agriculture. The NWSA Alumni Association with assistance from the alum office staff probably have one of the last chances to gather these items with the incidents from the students' point of view. If we don't all get busy, many of these stories will be lost.

I invite you to write stories about any facet of the Northwest School of Agriculture including dormitory life and classroom incidents. Football, wrestling, track, and swimming would be good. I would also appreciate hearing stories about players, coaches, and details of important championships.

I'm sure that remembrances of dormitory regulations, length of dressses, social events, etc. would be enlightening for future generations. I know that someone can easily develop the contribution character, and values taught by such NWSA stalwarts as Retta Bede, Raymond Dunham, Tom McCall, Hersch Lysaker, and others you know so well.

I hereby challenge all NWSA alumni to come forth with your own stories. Write them, mail them, or bring them to the summer reunion. If you have questions, call me at (218) 281-6510, extension 470; or write Gene Miller, Northwest Experiment Station, Crookston, MN 56716.

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RRVWS draws alumni to campus

The 1984 Red River Valley Winter Shows set attendance records. Here at UMC we were pleased with the large number of people taking part in our seminars and educational programs. RRVWS Education Day was particularly successful with Harlan Cleveland, director of the Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs on the Twin Cities campus, as the main speaker and former Governor Al Quie, who served on the National Commission on Excellence of Education, as the noon luncheon speaker.

It was a special pleasure to visit with so many of you NWSA alumni at the Winter Shows building, at the Armory, and here on the campus. Your participation in the leadership of the RRVWS is extremely evident and it is always with special pride that I note the many Northwest School alumni contributions to the future of our communities and our state.

One of the very pleasant activities on our campus during the summer months is Elderhostel. This year there will be three Elderhostel opportunities, the weeks of July 9-14, July 22-28 and August 5-11. I hope that some of you will choose to come back to college for an exciting time during those weeks.

I would request that you visit with legislators, legislative staff, and other representatives of state government that you remind them of the importance of northwestern Minnesota to the state's economy. I have been extremely vocal this year in reminding the Governor and those in the Twin Cities that agriculture is still Minnesota's most important industry. It provides one-third of the jobs in the state and is forty percent of the total economy. I'd appreciate your help in emphasizing that fact to those in leadership positions in our state and for the need for adequate funding of UMC in serving agriculture.

We look forward to seeing you on June 30, the NWSA summer reunion.

Stanley D. Sahlistrum, Provost

Alumni Association
White House
University of Minnesota
Crookston, MN 56716

Plan now to return to the NWSA Alumni Reunion June 30, 1984

Alumni Center restoration begins

Charles Samuelson ('43), of Thief River Falls, MN, presented the White House restoration project to alumni at the recent winter dinner. Samuelson is chairman of the Restoration Committee.

At its February meeting the White House Restoration Committee determined four major needs of the restoration process. The group formed subcommittees corresponding to these needs, with Restoration Committee members as chairpersons, and interested alumni invited to become involved.

The first subcommittee will act as a historical liaison. Their task is to research the White House's function, cooperate with the Minnesota Historical Society toward the listing of the White House on the register of historic buildings, and document historical events and archive materials.

Those working on the structural design committee are considering necessary changes in the building's structure to accommodate safety requirements, weatherization, and elevator access.

The furnishings committee will work in cooperation with an interior design professional to reproduce the atmosphere of the early White House days (1920s). They will coordinate all interior furnishings, accessories, and fixtures.

The final committee's task is fund raising. A projected budget ranges from $180,000 to $380,000. This range is dependent upon the amount of donated materials and labor by NWSA and UMC alumni. As of March 1, thirty alumni have pledged $5,500 to the project.

"This is an alumni project for alumni and funded by alumni," said Charles Samuelson ('43). Restoration Committee chairman, Samuelson spoke about the project to alumni at each winter dinner in northwestern Minnesota.

"There are many openings on each subcommittee for more workers with enthusiasm and good ideas," said Samuelson. "Alumni wishing to contribute money, furnishings, or time should contact the Alumni Office at UMC."

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 16 St. Paul Chamber Orchestra, 8 p.m., UMC
April 28 Spring Tyne '84
May 18 UMC Commencement, campus mall
June 16 NWSA Summer Reunion
June 30 Art in the Park, campus mall
July 8-14 Elderhostel Week I
July 22-28 Elderhostel Week II
August 5-11 Elderhostel Week III
Class leaders urge reunion attendance

Alumni Day 1984 is only a few months away. That's still time for you to make plans to be on the UMC campus for the Northwest School of Agriculture Summer Reunion on June 30.

Between March and June you will be hearing many updates on reunion plans—especially if you are among those celebrating a graduation anniversary. Registration information will arrive in May. The fee includes registration, all-school reception (coffee and cookies all day), buffet dinner, and evening entertainment of dancing, movies, and refreshments.

Remember—ALL alumni and former faculty members are invited. If you have not heard from your class leader listed below, please make contact and plan to get together with your classmates!

Class of 1914, 1919, 1924
Berneil Nelson, UMC
Crookston, MN 56716
218-634-6510, Ext. 397

Class of 1929
Evelyn (Bain) Erickson
RR Box 4C
Baudette, MN 56623
218-634-1966

Class of 1939
William Gatheridge
Box 53
Humboldt, MN 56745
218-379-3230

Class of 1944
Kenneth Price
Stephen, MN 56757
218-478-2453

Make housing reservations early

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

Country Club Motel 218-381-1097
Golf Terrace Motel 218-381-3236
J-H Motel 218-482-0808
Northland Lodge 218-951-1010
Rainbow Motel 218-364-2182

'B83-84 Century Council members

Dale Barry '42
Barnesville, MN

Lillie Christianson - Staff
Fertile, MN

Allan Dragseth '37
Eldred, MN

Pearl Henry Duke '32
Spokane, WA

Gordon Ellinger '29
Crookston, MN

Gordon M. Filipi '55
Grand Forks, ND

Donald Forfang '39
El Cerrito, CA

Cora Thompson Grove '25
McNish, MN

Perry Haglund '46
Des Plaines, IL

Marjorie Ofstedahl Hanson
Thief River Falls, MN '43

Lyle Kasprick '49
Minneapolis, MN

Alton Knutsen '41
Toyota City, Japan

Robert Larson '29
Crookston, MN

Avis Anderson Listal '47
Aurora, CO

Donald Milner '42
Virginia Beach, VA

Les Nielsen '38
Plymouth, MN

Clifford Nyro '41
Webster, MN

Ted Peet '29
Wolverty, MN

Edmund Rydeen '38
Fargo, ND

Robert Schumacher '67
Reynolds, ND

Paul Suda '56
Grafton, ND

Gordon Thompson '31
Thompson, ND

Arnold Torkelson '41
Burnt Hills, NY

Duane Truth '49
Warren, MN

Ed Widseth '32
Minneapolis, MN

Arnold Wolden '31
Saum, MN

Leonard Yurzenko '42
Argyle, MN

Conrad Zak '46
Augus, MN

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association, according to Dragseth. He admits that he, and most NWSA students, did not see the interior of the building often while at the NWSA. However, it will remain a focal point on a campus where most of the original buildings have been modernized or replaced.

"I'll serve as a place alumni can come back to that will have familiar things to refresh their memories. They can use it as a starting point in going on to the rest of the UMC campus."

The restoration process decision makers are the members of the Restoration Committee, including Allan Dragseth. He is willing to chair nearly any sub-committee except the fund raising, a reluctance generated by years of collecting money for community organizations.

"I guess I've become known for always fund raising. One day about fifteen years ago I went to a neighbor's place and he bet me a certain amount of money that he knew why I was there. First he bet it was to raise money for a political party I support. I told him 'No, but I will take a donation.' Then he bet it was for a farm organization I'd been collecting for. I said, 'No, but I'll take a membership check for that.' And he guessed wrong a third time. Actually, I was there to get sustaining memberships for the RRV Winter Shows. I got three checks instead of none!"

Not all of Dragseth's community involvements have required fund raising. But each has meant a significant commitment of time and energy.

He served one year on the Eldred School Board and is currently in his second term on the Crookston School Board. He was also on the Red River Valley Winter Shows Board of Managers for twelve years and was a nine-year member of the Riverview Hospital Board, serving as chairman for two years.

Allan has always been active in his home church, the First English Lutheran Church of Eldred. He is a long-time Bible class teacher, congregation treasurer, committee worker, and officer of the cemetary association.

Allan was the boy who liked to "get in and do things," the student who was "kind of a joiner," and now the community leader who keeps himself involved in every facet of school, church, and local activity. Does he have any plans to slow down? Allan has plans, but not for the near future.

"I already know what inscription I want on my tombstone—'He Finally Relaxed!'"
CONGRATULATIONS to Hersch and Jeannette Lysaker, newlyweds! 

Hersch is well-known for his many years of coaching, recruiting, and working with both the NWSA and UMC alumnas. He was honored in September of 1982 when the University of Minnesota—Crookston named Lysaker Gymnasium for him.

Jeannette Peterson of Miami, Florida, was the English and music instructor at the Northwest School from 1945-48.

Following the 1983 alumni winter dinner in Minneapolis a mutual friend brought the two back into contact after years of being out-of-touch. The former teachers became reaquainted through volumes of letters and long-distance phone calls.

When Jeannette flew north for the wedding Herach met her, and presented flowers and candy, but a down-filled coat and advice to “buy some warm boots.”

The Lysakers were married on January 8, 1984 and are living in Crookston.
ERNEST NEWHOUSE, Whittier, CA—Retired in 1951 after founding and operating the Pacific Lubricants Corporation, Newhouse Automotive Investment Corporation, and Whittier Investment Corporation, in the Los Angeles area. After 20 years as an industrialist, he has been publishing a newsletter offering his business experience to many firms and individuals as an investment consultant. Ernest recently conducted the financial seminar sessions at Carriozo, New Mexico. He and his wife Edna have retired to their home in Whittier, CA.

GLEN SMITH, Park Rapids, MN—I married Alice Brule, assistant accountant at NWSA, in 1930. We have one daughter and three grandchildren, Steven, Dana and Dawn. Farmed for four years, in grocery business eight years. Federal Meat Inspector 1942-46. Retired to a lake home five years ago. Now in Park Rapids in the summer and in Truth or Consequences, NM in winter.

1929

HANNA BROVOLAND (HANSON), Gully, MN—Married with one son, a farmer, and one daughter, a special needs teacher at AVTI in Thief River Falls. My husband and I are both retired now. After graduation, I attended Bennidale State. Taught rural school, manager co-op store, outreach worker for Inter County Community Council, field representative for MN Association for Retarded Citizens in northwestern Minnesota. Served on Polk County Nursing Service Board for many years, served as chairman and secretary of the board. Served as clerk for school district. Still serving as clerk-treasurer for village of Gully. Have served as past chairperson and board member of many local and regional committees. Have made a trip to Norway and learned much from visiting three different sized homes for the retarded in different parts of Norway. In 1970, I was presented a certificate of merit by MN State Council for the handicapped for volunteer services to the handicapped. Have enjoyed attending reunions, and have attended many of them.

WINTON KNUTSON, Thief River Falls, MN—Retired from farming due to arthritis. Raised grain, cattle, and sheep. Was township assessor for over 20 years and member of the Pennington County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation committee for 16 years.


SOPHIA ZIMBRICK (HOPEC), Dalton, GA—I was a beauty operator for several years. Met my husband in East Grand Forks. Worked in stores part of my married life. We have one daughter, a doctor, a nurse, and an accountant. Have traveled in United States and Canada.

1930

IVAN ANDERSON, Paynesville, MN— Retired farmer. Loves interesting rock and silver work in winter, helping son farm in summer. Married and have four children and eight grandchildren.

1932

ROBERT COULTER, Riverside, CA—Occupation is transportation for the last 33 years. Travelled fifth-wheel trailer, six years, covered 50 states, Canada, and New Mexico. Settled down to short trips.

PEAB MAPEX, Spokane, WA—Retired after 25 years, as an officer with the Department of Education. Earned a degree from the University of Washington and has a master's degree from the University of California. Has worked for the state of Washington for 33 years. Has served on the Board of Education for the state of Washington for 16 years. Has been active in many community organizations, including the Boy Scouts of America.

1934

CLARENCE & HELEN CLEMENTSON (KROGSTAD), Erskine, MN—Married in 1934. Have six children, three boys and three girls, all born within six months of each other. Have been active in many community organizations, including the Boy Scouts of America.

1935

OLAF DAHLKE, Willmar, MN—Retired from teaching in 1935. Father of two children, two boys and one girl. Have been active in many community organizations, including the Boy Scouts of America.
ELAINE MARUSKA (JOHNSON), Augus, MN—Traveled to Europe, Holy Land, southeast tour to many countries two years ago. Activist in community committees, church activities. Attended a six-state synod, love arts, crafts, and reading.

HERZELIE GUENIN (JOHNSON), Baudette, MN—Clerk in department store. Married to Ernie Guenin for 27 years. Have nine children, seven of which are married and 16 grandchildren. Love to travel, went to Hawaii in June 1982. Do oil painting, knit and crochet. Active in church work (Lutheran). Sing in choir and community chorus.

DONALD R. CARLSON, Crookston, MN—Welder, foreman for Burlington Northern Railroad. Been married since 1940. Have been to Spokane, WA for benefit company. Have two sons, one daughter and two grandchildren. Have horses, California and Texas, like sports of all kinds, and do the garden and lawn. Do my own house repair and up-keep.

FRANK R. EVANS, Minneapolis, MN—One daughter, three sons, 15 grandchildren—two, one boy and one girl. Retired after teaching, drawing and painting as commercial artist for 30 years. Enjoy painting, traveling, tennis, gardening, watching the birds and playing my Irish harp. I read a lot and run the Minneapolis Uniitarian Church.


ROBERT A. NELSON, Minneapolis, MN—Was active in music (vocal) since 1946. Retired from Minnesota Watchmakers Association, president. Active in the state and national profession's organizational work. Served as president of the Minnesota Watchmakers Association and president of the State Board of Examiners. Was active in the national association of the American Watchmakers Institute as a director and officer including the office of president. Became a lecturer and instructor in electronic watches, giving lectures and conducting workshops from coast to coast and Canada. Returned to optics in 1989 as service manager for a microscope dealer, still involved in that work. Been happily married for 38 years, two children and one granddaughter. Active in local churchwork, etc. Wife's name is Corinne, children are Stuart and Marcia.


BERTHA TORGERSON (JENN), Crookston, MN—Homemaker. Attended a retired printer. We participate in old-time fiddling contests. Travel. Daughters: Karen is a social worker in Duluth; Rhonda is a shy ed teacher in Brainerd and mother of two boys; son, Glen, works at Deaf, Inc. Crookston and is the father of one daughter.

MABEL BAGGETT (BRANDL), Portland, OR—Served in Army during WWII. Son, Dave is a Marine Vet from Vietnam; son, Randy is also Army vet. They both live in Portland. I have two grandchildren. Retired as assistant operator for 27 years in MN, ND, Minot Garrison Dam, the Dalles and John Day Dams. Retired November 26, 1983.

WILBUR HAUSTROM, Red Lake Falls, MN—Dairy and grain farming. Treasurer of Bray Mutual Fire Insurance Co., Pennington County Fair Board (treasurer and secretary), VFW Post 27 (past commander), Lutheran Church in Thief River Falls; Northwest District President of Minnesota Milking Shorthorns. Four children, six grandchildren.

CAMILLA JOHNSON (ECKLUND), Hopkins, MN—Registered nurse at Methodist Hospital in St. Louis Park, MN in orthopedics. Have five children. Traveled west to Alaska last fall and returned from Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island this September. Hope to go to Sweden next summer.


ANNE NELSON (SORENSEN), St. Paul, MN—Retired June 10, 1965 from 35 years of teaching. In August, 1965 was awarded the Home Economists in Education Recognition Award. "One of the foremost in excellence in teaching home economics."

WILLIAM WELSH, Mentor, MN

1941

MORRIS BROSTROM, Bismarck, ND—Retired last year. Served in U.S. Geological Survey with 35 years of service. Farming during retirement. Have two sons, one daughter, one grandson.

MATTHEW JANSEN, Denver, CO—I was a four-year-class officer from 1927-41. Music: school band, orchestra drums, mixed chorus, piano, etc.

EDNA HOEN (BAILSTAD), Mankato, MN—We are enjoying retirement and traveling. We spent six weeks in Norway, Denmark and Sweden this summer, and then we walked over to the Baltic Sea. We enjoyed the local church. We visited relatives there instead in Selbu.

WILLIAM PASTOCK, Eden Prairie, MN—Agronomist. Wife's name is Adeline. Children: John, 24 years; Mrs. Laura Nicholson, 28 years, (both adopted). Woodworking, swimming, crosswords. Retiring May 15 from Northrup King Co. after 29 years.

JUNE CHRISTENSEN (NAPLIN), Bloomington, MN—My husband Ray and I own our filmmaking business called Filmedia, Inc. My husband has traveled all over the world making films for Lutheran institutions; we have visited Europe and found our heritage, which was a great experience.

MORRIS DUFUALT, Argyle, MN—My wife, Delores and I moved to Argyle in 1977. Still working with my sons, Arlen and Howard. We were a great part of the 100-year town celebration this year. The farm is rented to a tenant farmer. We spent four months in Florida in winters. We enjoy 16 grandchildren with our five children.

ARLENE GRAGE (KNUSTON), Ashby, MN—Received Luther Halsey Gulick Award in 1983, the highest honor given by the Camp Fire Club, MN. I am a lifetime member. I have been a year leader who has served on national and regional Camp Fire Boards. Married to Carl. GRACE

DONALD MILNER, Virginia Beach, VA—The last 21 years operating A & D Produce Brokerage Firm. Married Lucille Whitehurst in 1945. We have two sons and a daughter. Hobbies include fishing, golf, and more golf.

GLADYS ROYAL (MORA), Pueblo, CO—I am now enjoying being at home after being employed for eight years part-time in lunchroom at school; I started bowling again in a morning league. Made a second trip to Hawaii. I go to aerobic exercises daily. I have seven grandchildren—two living in Pueblo, five in Denver. They range in age from two to twelve with twins five years old.

1943


OSCAR PEARSON, Hague City, WI

DENNIS BEILMANN, Dunedin, FL—I am retired. Three children, two girls and one boy ages 28, 24, 26. One girl here with two grandchildren, one girl in Minneapolis, and one boy here working as a plumber. My wife and I have an Irish Setter. She does sewing and I collect shells.


1944


1945

ALLA BARNES (CLOW), Webb City, MO—Quality control inspector at Motorola in Joplin, MO. Have worked there ten years. Second year as president of American Legion Auxiliary Post 322 in Webb City, MO. Have three children and five grandchildren.

GLEN HOLMQVIST, Watervis, WI—Assistant Bishop in Wisconsin Upper Michigan Synod of the Lutheran Church in America. Six children and three grandchildren. At 36 and after working 34 years for pay, I am ready to quit and play golf. Wife Betty works at City Hall.

NORMA MEYER (SYLVESTER), Crookston, MN—Housewife, teach Sunday School, have nine children—five girls and four boys plus 15 grandchildren. We're rock hounds, I make amigans, travel to visit three of the children. We have two horses. We raise grain and sugar beets. I am vice president of Northern Women's Church Guild and belong to the Men's Church Guild at Grace Lutheran in Crookston E.LS.

LOUISE A. NELSON, Fergus Falls, MN—Lived in Minneapolis (25 years); Minneap, ND; Decatur, IA; back to hometown of Fergus Falls. All positions have been in institutions of Lutheran Church (local congregations, Luther College, Luther Seminary, Plymouth Youth Center, Lutheran Social Service, Pioneer Nursing Home where I am currently activity director). Special interests are people, reading, music, local history, nature, wildlife, hunger concerns, writing, and church involvement. Have remained a farm girl at heart and recently thoroughly enjoyed living alone on the family homestead. Am grateful for many blessings.

1946

VERNON RASMUSSEN, Ulen, MN

1947

ROBERT BOUCHER, Crookston, MN—Farmer, small grains and sugar beets. Have two boys, one girl, Tim and Mark farm with me. Tom graduated from UMC and works part-time at Shanty, Krista is a sophomore at College of St. Benedict. Peggy is married and employed at clerk of courts office and one child, married to Rick Chaput. Travel every winter. Wife, Gladys, is the busy one in church and community activities.

PAUL PAULS, Crookston, MN—Self-employed in refrigeration and heating co. Past president of Refrigeration Services Engineers, past grand knight (Knights of Columbus 3rd-4th Degree), president and member of school board for eight years, member of advisory board at Wabasha School of Science. Member-at-large for Minnesota Energy Board. Enjoy fishing and flying ultra-light aircraft. Have two children left at home out of eleven. Occupations of children: one pilot for airlines, one legal clerk (IBM), one police officer, one county juvenile court officer, one computer engineer, one refrigeration service engineer, one nuclear engineer, one church refrigeration, and one mechanical engineer student at University of North Dakota.

JOANNE STAMBAUGH (QUIGLEY), Princeton, MN

Change of Address?
Let Us Know!
DAVID CARLSON (JAMES), Bellingham, MN—Married in 1949 to Evelyn Carlson in 1969. Graduated from the NWSSA in 1949. I'm a housewife now with a six-year-old son in the first grade. Six-year-old daughter and two grandchildren. I enjoy church and my sewing projects in the mines.

CHARLES GUSTAFSON, Beltrami, MN—I spent four years in USAF, 1955-59. Bought the farm home in 1963. Married Patricia Rasmussen in 1969 and we have four girls. Have been township supervisor for 11 years, on church council, like to hunt and fish.

DALE HOLLEN, Thompson, ND—Manager of Thompson Farmers Oil Company for eight years now. Five children of which three are married and one grandson. President of Southeast Golf Course.

EDITH LEE (BERGSON), Fertile, MN—We have the Whole Sale Nursery at Fertile selling mostly to soil conservation districts in MN and to retail nursery outlets. I have all the bookwork along with keeping house, etc. for the family. We have three sons and one daughter. Gary is 25 and works for Sperry-Univac in Eagan and is married. Linda is 22, married and lives in Paduana where her husband is going to Fuller Seminary. Tom is 20, attended Control Data Institute last year and is going to North Dakota State University this year. Ryan is 13 and is going to Fertile School. I take part in Christian Women's Club, Gideons Parity and am church organist. Travelled to Seattle when Linda was in school there and hope to get to California now.

DARLENE LEWIS (LARSON), Alexandria, MN—Manager of Alexandria National Night Club; also sell Aubrey Creation Jewellery on a party plan. Eight children, one adopted, six grandchildren. Enjoy swimming and bowling.

DIANNE JOAN GENDREL (BAIRD), Grand Forks, ND—Married 29 years and have three married sons and one grandson. Worked seasonal at American Crystal Sugar as an analyst in the quality control lab in East Grand Forks.

ARDEN LINDEMOEN, Welch, MN—Milwright and machinery erector. Work on power plants and oil refineries, etc. I have seven children—three boys and four girls. I like to hunt and fish, also travel.

JANAVE LOMMEL (MOSE), St. Cloud, MN.

CURTIS VANEX, Horace, ND.

RAYMOND BECK, Sabbin, MN.

NORMA IMSDAHL (NIELSEN), Minneapolis, MN.

GRANT SATRE, Grygla, MN—Farmer.

JIM WINKLER, Neche, ND—Spend winters in Sparks, Nevada. Still farming north of Neche. My farm is the last farm on east side of Highway 18 before entering Canada.

WAYNE ERIKSON, Wimauna, MN—Served two years in the Navy from the NWSSA in 1953. Wayne completed his B.A. from Concordia College, M.S. from North Dakota State University, Ed.D. from Northern Arizona University, and Ed.D. from University of North Dakota. He is director of educational field experiences at Wimauna State University. Formerly married to Dallas Allison and Steffen. The Erickson's own and manage a Scandinavian gift shop, the Nordic Wind.

MARY LOUD WONDER (ARVESON), Genovik, ND—Housewife and mother of five children, Evelyn (married), Wayne (married), Alan (freshman at Bemidji State University), Kevin and Matthew. I'm an organist at our church for 14 years now. Pianist for Pioneer Club. Genovick member of ALCW—Genovik Parish. Husband, Marvin, works on Duluth Messabe Railroad as a conductor.

CLEMENT BENNET, Willowdale, Ontario, Canada—Currently president of General Appraisal Company with offices in Toronto, Montreal and Vancouver as a firm that has made evaluations of firms for purpose of sale, merger, insurance, taxation, and other financial need.

GORDON FILIPI, Grand Forks, ND—Dr. Fillipi, a registered clinical microbiologist, has been director of the clinical microbiologist section of the United Hospital in Grand Forks for the past ten years since receiving his Ph.D. degree from the University of North Dakota in 1973.

CATHERYN HEIDRICH (HOYLAND), Fargo, ND—First grandson, Amy Kathleen born in August, 1963 to Mr. and Mrs. Paul (Karen) Engbretson of Lakewood, CO. Daughter, Kathleen, is in her fifth year at the University of North Dakota State University in Fargo.

KATHRYN MERTZ (CLEMSTON), Barrington, IL—Currently teaching developmental kindergarten in Schaumburg, Illinois and administering a nursery school and Pre-K program. Husband, Iowa, is a junior at Barrington High School; husband Don is manager of design for commercial building controls for Honeywell.

VERNON ASKAGARD, Gulf Breeze, FL—Pilot. Five years as carrier pilot for U.S. Navy; 17 years as pilot-flight engineer for TWA out of JFK airport in New York City; now first officer on TWA. Married 20 years and have two children.

ANTON & JEANETTE FILIPI (LOVE), Angus, MN—Anton is owner of Flint and Filipi Construction Company of Grand Forks, ND. Likes fishing. Jeanette is partner of T & T Seed Company of Grand Forks, ND. Likes to crochet and sew.

HAROLD MOE, Port Ludlow, WA—General contractor, own my own business, H.M. Construction, and mainly build custom homes. Married and have three daughters.

ALLAN ZIEGEL, Moorhead, MN—Was in farming from graduation to 1967. Have been in construction work in Moorhead since then. Own my own company call A-Z Construction, Inc.

JEROLD BOKTO, Coon Rapids, MN—Am presently employed by United Parcel Service and have been with them 29 years now. We have a cottage north of Brainerd. We spend most of the summer there and in winter ice fish, spear and snowmobile.

DONALD HOEGER, Independence, IA—Married Yvonne Wilson in 1959. We have two daughters Vicki, 21 years old and Dawn, 22 years old. I'm assistant reg. manager for Lystad Pest Control and past president of the MO Pest Control Association. We enjoy traveling, camping and I'm a golfer. Presently I'm on a co-ed softball team with my daughter, Dawn.

OBELLE VATHNSDAL, Badger, MN—Born, married two children—girl and boy. Member of township board, elevator board, church council and cub scout committee, chairman. Enjoy music and mechanics.

CLARENCE BENKE, Red Lake Falls, MN—St. Hilaire Grain Elevator operator. Farmed for 18 years, sold farm in 1978. Like to travel with motorhome, hunt and fish.

JAMES HUTTON, Manvel, ND—Farming, wife Leona, three children, 13, 13 and eight years of age. Active on many boards, presently president of local elevator board, chairman of school board of a new Christian school. Hobbies include snow and water skiing, racquetball, traveling quite extensively.


JOHN SCHOL, Visalia, CA—Married with three children—Tracie-13, Melody-12 and Carmela-19. Wife is Mae. Self-employed sales and installer of packing house equipment. We all enjoy square dancing.


LINDA EMAL (HANSON), Dover, DE—Married to Delaware a little over a year ago. I manage a Hallmark card and gift shop and my husband manages a sporting goods store, we have the same mail. We have a daughter, 17, who is as sweet as she can be.
Nearly $10,000 in scholarships was presented to students during the 1983-84 school year. This money was generated through the Alumni Annual Fund, and donations from citizens and community organizations.

KENNETH GERBARDT, Euclid, MN—Am employed in Grand Forks doing carpenter work.

HARRIANCE & BETTY NELSON (HOTVET), The Dalles, OR—Betty, owner of the Hot-Vet beauty and shoe store, operates a beauty salon and shoe store in The Dalles, OR. Bette is Terry’s bookkeeper and part-time register nurse at a clinic. Four children, three girls and one boy, from 12 to 19 years old.

JEROME TION, Twin Valley, MN—Spent four years in Navy until 1965. Went back to college in California. Have AA degree in business. Started a flight school and air chart operation, which will be in operation in California. Sold it in 1977. Bought two doughnut shops and sold them in 1980. Started racing thoroughbred horses in early 1970’s and is presently owner of racing stock and breeding stock in Minnesota and California. Married with one daughter. Love to water ski and fish.

KENNETH WALLACE, Euclid, MN—Farmed. Married and have three children.

1961


HARVEY E. PETERSON, Fayetteville, NC—Major in USAF, NC-C130E instructor pilot at Pope AFB, NC. Recently returned from two months temporary duty in Europe hauling cargo and personnel throughout Europe. My wife, Lu, and I Peterson was recently selected for captain and tendered a regular appointment in the Air Force. She is a C130S aircraft maintenance officer and also stationed at Pope AFB, NC.

ALLEN WOITZEL, Grandin, ND—Farming and hog farrowing. Have two children, ages six and 12. We all enjoy our lake fishing and island fishing, also hunting.

SANDRA REYNOLDS (HISSE), Carlton, MN—Hosted in a farm family. I work in the lab for the University of Minnesota. Took kids on trips to Florida and Hawaii. We farm beef cattle.

CAROL WAHL (HOTVET), Glynwood, MN—We have lived in Glynwood for six years. My husband, Dennis, is principal of Glynwood-Felton High School. We have three daughters; Jodi is in eighth grade, Jackie is in sixth grade and Jill in third grade. We enjoy fishing, water skiing, camping and golfing in the summer. We are going to start cross country skiing this winter. I graduated from Detroit Lakes AVI nursing LPN training 1962 and have worked at the V.A. Hospital in Fargo for eight months. I enjoy my work very much. In my spare time, I work on ceramics, rose maling, sewing, hand-daring and gardening and keeping up with the girls’ activities.

1963

SELVIN ERIKSSON “BUDDY”, Badger, MN—Chosen Roseau Co. King Agassiz for 1983-84. Farm 800 acres. Married Debby Dahl in 1974. They have three children. He is active in his church, president of Roseau Co. Farm Bureau and member of Rose-Innerpeck Improvement Association.


1964

RICHARD BELLAMY, Seattle, WA—Occupation is truck driver. Hobbies include motorcycles and model airplanes.

GARY DEMERS, Grafton, ND—I farm small grains and potatoes. I married Ardith McFarland of Grafton and we have three sons.

GARY ROBERT, Grand Forks, ND—Married, have two children. I am a right-of-way agent for Minnesota Power Co., Inc., and have been there for ten years.

HARRY G. ROBERT, East Grand Forks, MN—Farming, used car trading, classic antique, antiques. Recently toured Europe for 11 months. Have two children—Gary Jr. and Christine. Member FFW, Grand Forks Cupola Club, jobbing and road races, construction of modern art forms.

PAT LARSON, Reynolds, ND—Pat is the owner and operator of Larson Trucking. He transports produce around the country. For a hobby Pat collected antique cars like a 1928 Ford and the Ford. Pat’s happiest times are spent at Maple Lake. He enjoys pulling his seven year old daughter, Tina, and skiing.

JUDY SECREST (MCELHANEY), Eagan, MN—Secretary to the president of MSI Insurance, Arden Hills. Have been at this company five years. My two children and I are now “permanent” Minnesota residents, having lived here ten years and we love it. We enjoy camping, fishing, boating, cross-country skiing, I teach Sunday School, go to school part-time, and a member of League of Women Voters and Professional Secretaries International.

LEGEO SKOROSKI, Hamilton, MT—I am married and have four children. I am farming in Roseau, MN for the past 14 years and was also a security guard at Polarlis Industries for ten of those years. I attended two years of Bible School at Shiloah Training Institute and am now farming in Minnesota in the summer and working with Shiloah Ministries in the winter. My family and I are being led into missionary work here or abroad. The Lord has blessed us greatly in farming and now spiritually. We just praise His name and want to be a testimony on Him.

1965

LESLIE DECKERT, Henning, MN—Farmer, married with two children. Pilot, hunter, member and officer of Land O’ Lakes, Farm Bureau, St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, Midwest Breeders.

RITA DELANEY (DEWURT), Crookston, MN—Married to Bob Delaney (salesman of Crookston Marine). Six children—Linda, Alan, Steve, Chris, Ken, Roberta Jo. Supervisor at Harder’s. Have done some traveling to Germany, Austria, and Hawaii.

JIM SCHOUVILLER, Hines, OR—I am married and have two sons ages seven and five. I work for a lumber mill as a millwright. We do a lot of camping, waterskiing, hunting (deer and elk), and fishing.

LARRY WILKENS, Minneapolis, MN—Construction foreman and family man. I like to hunt, fish, and travel.

1966

KEITH DEADRICKS, Paynesville, MN—Construction foreman and family man. I like to hunt, fish, and travel.

KELLY BITKEK, Bath, MN—Married, have two children, Sarah and Charles. Own my own business, Kelly’s Wood Cutting in Lansing, Michigan.

JOHN MOONEY, Cascade, MT—1971 graduate of the College of Great Falls with a B.S. degree in business administration. Formerly involved in the insurance business and ranching. Presently employed by World Power Corporation. Hobbies include skiing, hunting and fishing.

LLOYD PETRI, Rosemount, MN—Employed by Minnesota State Department of Education as Vocational Education Handicapped Supervisor. Wife is Barbara Jo; two children, Hope and Amanda. Hobbies include water skiing, ice skating, camping, traveling and reading.

FACULTY

LYNN THARALDSON, Lakeville, MN—Life insurance management. Wife is Rosie; three children. President of Chamber of Commerce at Lakeville, president of MN GAMA, chairman of MAL, Chairman of St. Paul Life Insurance Underwriters, and serve on other boards. Vice president of Gideons, South Suburban Camp.

AUDREY LEPISTO (LINDS), Largo, FL—My teaching days at Northwest School began the fall of 1944 (the same year Hersh Lysaker started), and continued through the spring of 1947. I taught English III, debate, and modern history. Melvin Lepisto and I were married in May of 1947. We lived in Minneapolis most of our married life. In 1980 we moved to Florida; we really love retirement.

DELMER LAVOY, Brooklyn, MI—Faculty, 1922-1928. Since retirement hobbies have been: retail sale from five acres of sweet corn and melons and a large campfire firewood business. Recently purchased ten feeder calves from Bill and Don Strickler at Euclid, MN. Bill was a former student of mine at the NWSA. The bull calf from the cow bought at Michigan State in 1981, at seven months of age won the Reserve Grand Champion Bull award at the Michigan State Fair.

In Memoriam

- Hildur Lindfors '16
- Foxtrot, MN
- Theodore Peterson '19
- 2-8-56
- Jamestown, ND
- Laura Murray Lindberg '23
- 1-16-23
- Spring Valley, CA
- Martin Harstad '24
- 2-4-81
- Fertile, MN
- Ole Breivold '27
- 12-25-83
- Oklee, MN
- Torger Gundresen Torgerson '28
- 5-20-84
- Roseau, MN
- Mildred Malme Skavdal '31
- 1-4-84
- Fertile, MN
- Elmer O. Johnson '32
- 10-15-83
- Newfolden, MN
- Peter Tandberg '34
- 9-27-83
- Newfolden, MN
- Palmer Remmen (attended '34-35)
- 11-16-83
- Detroit Lakes, MN
- Derald (Jack) Ferrier '39
- Pitt, MN
- Lynn Steen '40
- 5-16-83
- Halstad, MN
- Dean McNelly '29
- 10-7-83
- Fostoria, MN
- Gary Tvisnereim '63
- 10-30-83
- Watford, City, ND
- Paul Shelstad '67
- 2-8-84
- Foshoome, MN
- FACULTY
- Fay Ann Hugganks
- 12-13-83
- Spencer, IA