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Retired???



Herschel H. Lysaker

I've been asked to tell the Northwest School alumni how I like my "retirement." It's something many look forward to and all I can say is, "It's great!" I still have almost more jobs than I can take care of, but I love being busy.

My wife Esther and I continue to attend most of the sporting events in the area. I get more calls to do substitute teaching than I really want, but it's fun to get back into the classroom once in awhile. I still am in charge of the early morning (6 a.m. to 8 a.m.) physical fitness classes at UMC; these classes are held for area farmers and businessmen.

I enjoy my alumni relations work with Don Cavalier and I am already looking forward to our area NWSA-UMC alumni get-togethers next winter--try to attend one of them. One of my most interesting part-time jobs is being Senator Rudy Boschwitz's listening post for a thirteen-county area in northwestern Minnesota. My associations with Senator Rudy the last several years have been truly rewarding experiences.

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

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

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

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

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

My kindest personal regards to all of you.

Herschel H. Lysaker

# Notes from the President



Paul Pederson

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

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

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

Our honored staff member will be Dr. Bernie Youngquist. Dr. Youngquist has for many years been superintendent of the Northwest Agricultural

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

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

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

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

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

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

Paul Pederson, '67

## Provost's Message



Dr. Stanley D. Sahlstrom

I extend a special invitation to each of you to return to the campus for the annual alumni reunion on June 28. We're especially pleased that we'll have the opportunity to use the new HRI classroom and food service building for your next meeting date. It's been an exciting year in 1979-80 on the campus

with the completion of that building, as well as opening the new library in Kiehle building. Incidentally, there was an open house for the library and Learning Resources Center on May 3. A cornerstone laying for

the HRI building will take place later this year. If it's possible for you to join us for the laying of the cornerstone, we'd be pleased to have you.

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

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

Provost S.D. Sahlstrom

# To Be Honored



*Dr. Bernie Youngquist*

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

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

## NWSA Association Officers & Directors

### OFFICERS

#### President

Paul Pederson '67  
Blaine, Minnesota

#### Vice President

Rodney Mosher '52  
Beltrami, Minnesota

#### Secretary-Treasurer

Mrs. Kenneth (Rose Marie Kochmann) Price '47

#### Alumni Relations Director

Don Cavalier

### MEMBERS AT LARGE

Ted Peet '29  
Wolverton, Minnesota

James Wallace '66  
Euclid, Minnesota

# NW Contributors

Eleanor A. Hem	'32
Patricia L. Turnmire	'47
William Strickler	'30
Ray G. Smith	'35
Frances Pearson	'40
Dale Berry	'42
Wallace Riopelle	'39
Willis Finifrock	'55
Lucille Kildal	'38
Janet Dutcher	'66
George Schulz	'31
Lloyd M. Johnson	'30
Marlan Augustine	
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Donald Ste. Marie	'40
Mrs. George Green	'23
Mr. & Mrs. Einar Aakre	'20
Wallace Philipp	'60
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Herman Simonson	'32
Glennie Iverson	'37
Newell Lee	'18
Lillian H. Kositzke	'19
Elmer C. Johnson	'29
Tilmer Johnson	'29
Marshall Evans	'38
Mrs. Myrtle Whittenberg	'21
Ann Grimes	
Mr. & Mrs. Chester Johnson	'25
Mr. & Mrs. Stanton Gandrud	'24
Ruth M. Ludwig	'24
James Schouviller	'65
Richard Bonner	'45
Mrs. George F. Olson	'38
Mrs. George H. Kelley	'41
Ms. Anne Simley	Faculty
Mrs. Art Erickson	'30
Mary Yearous	'49
Mr. & Mrs. Herbert Nisbet	'30 & '37
Rosaire C. Montcalm	'40
Mrs. Dennis Swan	'55
Mr. & Mrs. Vernon Ferguson	'20
Mr. & Mrs. Darwin Ferrier	'41 & '42
Mrs. L. T. Christensen	'38
Mr. & Mrs. Lowell Hamrick	'53
Daniel Whalen	'46

## Stephen



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

## Alumni G

## Are I

## Roseau



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

## Red Lake Falls



Mr. and Mrs. Leon Bitker from Fosston receive our ox cart from "Hersh" Lysaker for travelling the farthest distance to attend the Red Lake Falls UMC/NWS alumni gathering.

# Minneapolis



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

# gatherings

fun!!!!

## Hawley



Approximately 25 people turned out at Hawley on November 9, 1979, to reminisce and visit with one another about the good old days at the Northwest School.

## East Grand Forks



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

# Elderhostel 1980

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

June 15-21, 1980

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

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

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

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

## *Rosemaling (Jackie Klokseth)*

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

July 20-26, 1980

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

See week of June 15-21.

## *Natural History of Northwest Minnesota (Max Partch)*

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

## *American Humor (Alice Moorhead)*

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

August 24-30, 1980

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

See week of June 15-21.

## *The Shifting Sands of the Desert (Richard Christenson)*

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

## *Quilting (Leona Wilkens)*

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

For more Elderhostel information and registration, contact:

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

or

Minnesota Elderhostel  
206 Westbrook Hall  
77 Pleasant Street SE  
Minneapolis, MN 55455  
(612) 376-2704

## NWS Alumni - Where They're At

Evelyn (Bain) Erickson	Semi-retired - farming prior to 1972, Baudette, MN (30)
George H. Schulz	Assessor for township, retired, living on farm in Fergus Falls, MN (31)
Janet (Klava) Dutcher	Own and publish the Olivia Times Journal newspaper and Renville County Shopper. (66)
Lucille (Hedlund) Kildal	Part-time clerk at Post Office - elementary school teacher for many years, Shevlin, MN (38)
Mary (Perkins) Yearous	Helps husband run a home-based business and is a homemaker. Cottage Grove, OR (49)
Lois (Haug) Olson	Housewife and part-time office work, St. Thomas, ND (38)
Herbert and Betty (McVeety) Nisbet	Farming, East Grand Forks, MN (30 & 37)
Donna (Miller) Swan	Housewife, church choir director, 4-H leader, Balaton, MN (55)
Rosaire Montcalm	Painter foreman for local utility, Milwaukee, WI (40)
Ellen (Ahlm) Ferguson	Homemaker (Did work at the Interstate Commerce Comm) Washington, D. C. (20)
Darwin L. Ferrier	Retired - 20 years as manager for Peoples Natural Gas, Div. of Northern Gas Co., Pitt, MN (43)
Dorothy (Evans) Christensen	Homemaker, weaving teacher for St. Paul and Minneapolis YWCA's, Control Data Creative Learning Center and Stillwater Community Education, Asst. Supt., Creative Activities Dept. of Minnesota State Fair, St. Paul, Minnesota (38)

### In Memoriam

Mrs. Ray Erickson (nee Majorie Hunter)  
New York Mills, MN (1940)  
Passed away March 10, 1979

Iver T. Onstad, rural Clearwater, MN  
(1917-18)  
Passed away February 15, 1980

Clarence A. Norum, Hallock, MN  
(1939)  
Passed away April 12, 1980

Wilfred Brunelle, Yakima, WA  
(1916)  
Passed away July 18, 1979

## Recipients of

### NWSA Alumni Scholarship

Jeffrey Dufault, of Crookston, was recipient of the Northwest School of Agriculture Scholarship Award for the 1979-80 school year. Jeffrey, a freshman, is majoring in Agri-Business management. The award was presented by Mrs. Richard (Clarice Thureen) Widseth, Class of 1949.

#### Past Recipients

1978-79

Jan Miller  
Roseau, Minnesota  
Major - Dairy Production

1977-78

Ram Elgonda  
originally from India  
address in April 1979 was Minneapolis  
Major - Crop Production

1977-78

Ann Bailey  
Arvilla, North Dakota  
Major - Light Horse Management

1976-77

Ned Digiovanni  
Motley, Minnesota  
Major - Diversified Agriculture

## Visitors on Campus

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

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

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

# Aggies, We Need You!

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

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

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

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Please detach this portion and return!

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

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

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

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

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ GRADUATING CLASS \_\_\_\_\_  
Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_

PRESENT ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT ARE YOU DOING? \_\_\_\_\_

SOMETHING ABOUT YOURSELF - ACHIEVEMENTS, ETC. \_\_\_\_\_

FAMILY \_\_\_\_\_

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

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