



Oscar Lee was a teacher by his example and took great delight in helping others



Oscar and La Verne Lee at the NWS reunion last summer in Crookston.

"We'll teach by example" was the motto of the class of '13, of which Oscar Lee was Vice-President. And throughout his long life, Oscar Lee, 1893-1987, did just that. From his Northwest School dormitory days helping friends with class work, to his volunteer activities on behalf of the Isanti County Cooperative Association and the Cambridge library, Oscar helped other people - and took great delight in doing so.

While a student at the Northwest School, Oscar was involved in many activities including the debating club, the boys glee club, basketball, and just being with people. We don't know which of these skills prompted Orville Harrington,

writing the class prophecy, to see Oscar as Dean of the school in the future.

In the class will, Oscar bequeaths his position as "Sunday afternoon teamster to anyone who can entertain the speaker, can drive two horses, and has two or three lady friends who like to ride." Now, reading those qualifications in 1987 was intriguing, so I asked LaVerne if she had ever heard that story. Here's the scoop - Oscar not only could drive two horses, he had a couple of very pretty girl cousins he'd take along, it sounds like they really stole the hearts of his schoolmates.

Oscar enjoyed the get togethers at NWSA Reunions so much that he regularly made connections with other alums and

offered to pick them up on the way, and even to host people who came from a long distance in his home. He had many happy memories of the school days at Crookston. And people who were never his classmates, who attended the Northwest School long after he had graduated, got to know this friendly "Aggie" through the annual reunion. At the 1987 reunion, Oscar was presented with a plaque in recognition of his faithful attendance at reunions. It is kept in the White House Alumni Center.

ty, serving on the local school board and the creamery and potato growers' association. In 1935 Oscar moved to Cambridge and served as farm manager at the Cambridge State Hospital until he retired in 1961. In this community also, he taught citizenship by example. He was very active with the Isanti County Cooperative Association and served for many years on the board of directors of the Co-op Credit Union.

Throughout his long life, Oscar Lee kept on learning, from reading, for other

**OSCAR M. LEE '13
THIS EXPRESSION
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"I believe it was the happiest time in his life, at the AC," reported Mrs. Lee.

The Class History for 1913, which Oscar wrote and read at commencement, includes an ageless story of underclassmen trying to get even with their older schoolmates. It seems that when the juniors and seniors had their banquet, the freshmen were to be in their rooms studying. They went to see what was going on with the other students and the faculty in the banquet hall, and discovered the dining room door was closed. Realizing that "a little nonsense now and then is relished by the best of men," they found ropes in the barn and used them to tie together the doors leading to the dining room, the kitchen, and the outside - from the outside. Then they turned off the lights in the dining room, and hurried back to their rooms to study. "Finally, after much effort on the part of those assembled in the dining hall, they succeeded in getting the doors opened." This took place in their first year here, I'll bet classes, and faculty, talked about that one for years. Oscar and his friends retold it many times.

After those happy years at the Northwest School, Oscar farmed in his home area near Hendrum until 1934. He was always an active citizen of the communi-

people, from the life in his garden. He took to heart the advice Superintendent Selvig wrote to his graduating class; "Be honest with yourself, be open-minded to accept demonstrated principles, and be progressive enough to carry out practical ideas! Read good books, associate with men and women of highest ideals, keep abreast with the activities of the country, work unselfishly, and you will reveal your fullest self both to them and to yourself."

Oscar kept the spirit of the Northwest School - through his life.

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'88 NWS reunion will be 'family' affair



Berneil Nelson

The Northwest School has been a "family" to many of us — for six months of each year for three to four years, it was our home away from home, where we learned not only book knowledge, but how to live and work together harmoni-

ously, respect each other as individuals, and abide by the rules. Many new friendships were formed, and after leaving school these relationships were continued through correspondence, visits, and in some cases, marriages. Included in our "family" are 1st, 2nd, and 3rd generation alumni, and these families within a family helped to knit us together through the years.

With the closing of the Northwest School, our immediate family stopped growing; to quote our alumni president, Dick Widseth, "They ain't making them anymore!" However, as NWSA alumni, we continue our family ties through the University of Minnesota-Crookston campus and what it represents in Northwestern Minnesota.

Our summer reunion on June 25th will again be a time for our "family" to get together for a time of remembering and a look to the future. Please join us!

Berneil Nelson

Lost Alumni: Can you help us find them?

We continually try to get our address records in the best shape possible. We've

lost contact with the people listed below from the classes being honored in 1988. Some have not been heard from since graduation, some have moved and not sent us a forwarding address, some have married and changed their names, and some might 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 the NWSA/UMC Alumni Office.

Persons are listed by last known name, year graduated, hometown, or last known address.

1923

Joseph Lundin, Bagley, MN.; Arthur Synnes, Seattle, WA.

1928

Lewis B. Larson, Hazel, MN.

1933

Earl Nelson; Yarmilla Rybak (Mrs. Murvil Adler).

1938

Albert Adler, Waubun, MN.; Leonard Anda, Crookston, MN.; Lila Becker, Crookston, MN.; Ernest Fairbanks, Red Lake, MN.; Alice Hess, Bemidji, MN.; Ivan E. Larson, Fertile, MN.; Morris W. Magnuson, Crookston, MN.; Roy Rowley; Bernard Swanson, Niles, CA.; Elmer Moe, Hallock, MN.; Edwin Mortenson.

Contact Eleanore Swift, Rt. 3, Box 94, Crookston, MN. 56716, 218-7138.

1948

Phyllis Anderson Solee; Laverne Casavan (Mrs. Harold Schipper); Dennis Groth; John M. Halverson; Wyllis Henry; Milo Lundell; Leroy Lundgren; Irene Martinson; Arvid Olson; JoAnne Quigley; Maynard Trelstad.

1953

Jean Beck Goodro; Alden Fossen, Eden Prairie, MN.; Leonard Kuznia, Minneapolis, MN.; James Letnes, Renton, WA.; Larrel O'Claire; Krene Perry.

1958

Carol J. Anderson (Mrs. Carol Barnard); David Bjorklund; Cheryl Haugen (Mrs. Gary Johnson); David Kirk; Robert R. Schroder; G. Alden Weeks; Cordell S. Willison.

1963

Patricia Brown; David M. Flaten; Juanita Kayala; Yvette Ann Moe; Marvin Norby; Danny Stahn, Vallejo, CA.

1968

Steve Bouton; David J. Claerbout, Warren, MN.; Julie Gabrielson, Ada, MN.; Karen E. Good; Gailan Johnson, Waskish, MN.; Larry J. Nelson, Grafton, ND.



Dick Widseth

From the President...

It is starting to look like Spring at the Northwest School! Memories of those days drift through my mind as I prepare this little piece. I remember walking around the campus in the slush and mud, wondering how the six months could have passed so quickly and thinking about going home. When I tell my children about having a six-month term, I tell them us farm kids were so smart we could get nine months of education in only six!

The 1988 NWSA Reunion is quickly approaching. I hope all of you have made plans to be here on June 25. It will be a great time!

I'm pleased to report that the Northwest School Heritage Fund project is going well. Your comments and notes are very nice. A special thanks to all of you that have contributed. So far, 86 "AGGIES" have contributed that had not contributed before.

Alumni associations share social evening



NWS alumni reminisce at the joint board holiday social.

On December 14, 1987, the Northwest School Alumni Association Board shared a holiday social evening with the UMC Alumni Association Planning Council. Chancellor Sargeant and several representatives of the present staff also joined the group. The festive evening started with a

social hour held in the White House, which was decorated for the holiday season by Horticulture students. Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Rita Meyer, provided a delectable choice of hors d'oeuvres for every taste. The social was followed by dinner and conversation

in the Brown Dining Room. Several people returned to the White House after dinner to continue visiting.

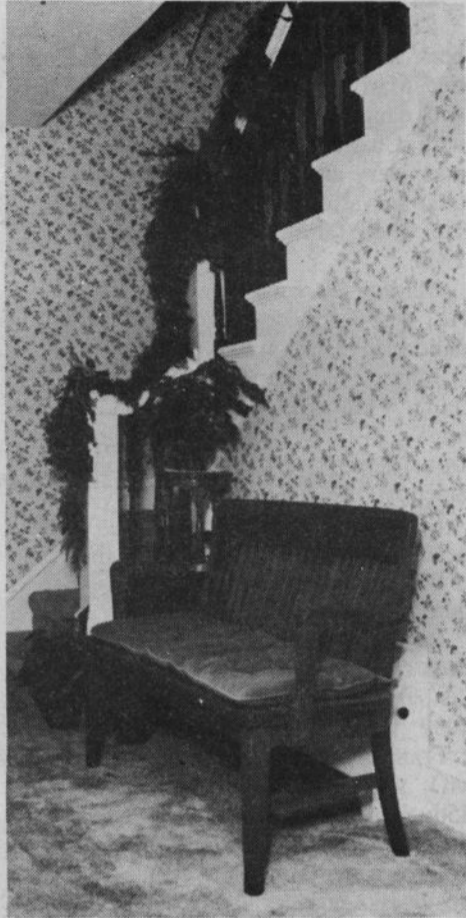
This was the first time the two groups have sat down and discussed old times, new times, and the future. Let's do it again!

Heritage fund is now over \$7,000

162 AGGIES have the spirit! The Northwest School Heritage Fund has received over \$7,000 to help fund scholarships for descendants of NWSA Alumni, Association activities, and special activities of the NWSA.

Charter members of the Heritage Fund will be acknowledged at the 1988 Reunion, and each donor receives a 1988 NWSA calendar.

You still have time to share your AGGIE spirit! Send your contribution to the NWSA Heritage Fund, White House Alumni Center, University of Minnesota-Crookston, MN 56716.



'Fine job' done at alumni house for holiday season

Festive, comfortable, "just like someone's home." Those are some of the admiring comments heard about the White House Alumni Center during the holiday season. This picture indicates the fine job and the detail work that Glenice Johnson's Floral Design class did to prepare the White House for the holiday season. It did look and feel festive and comfortable. Just like someone's home.

Your Alumni Center projects this friendly, warm feeling all year long. We welcome your visits, even when it's not homecoming or a reunion, that's one way we can all keep in touch.

Please stop in when you come to the area, the coffee pot is always on, the people are friendly too.

Just a brief note From editor Mullins From the Editor...

Hi! I'm Lynette Mullins from the communication department. I'm helping the Alumni and Development office with newsletters this year, and learning more about the history of our campus's heritage in the process.

While we do have yearbooks and other print records at the Alumni Center to help us remember Aggie interests, we really want to hear current news and ideas from you.

What are the topics, the issues, the events that you think could be shared through these pages? Please call or drop me a note at the White House.



Lynette Mullins, Editor

CLASSNOTES

1914

Alfred Hvidsten, Sun City, AZ enjoys bowling and has earned a senior class bowling championship for the last three years.

1915

Selma (Nyquist) Schumacher, Tucson, AZ is enjoying handwork, hooking rugs, and long walks.

1916

Randolf Saugstad, Fontana, CA has been blind for several years, which has curtailed some of his activities, but he is in good spirits, good health and enjoys company.

1920

Walter Sprung, Ada, MN is involved with the Chore Service program, and singing in church and to brighten other occasions.

1921

Myrtle (Erickson) Whittenberg, Yakima, WA just celebrated her 84th birthday and is doing great. She's living with her daughter and enjoying the beautiful Washington weather.

1922

Frank G. Short, Peoria, IL likes to travel by air to see his kids who stretch from the Red River Valley to Wisconsin, New Mexico, and Florida.

1923

James T. Homme, Oakland, CA has a high interest in the total world, politics, travel. He hopes to see classmates at the 1988 reunion.

Iver J. Johnson, Woodland, CA continues his research programs in genetics and plant breeding, with a new project on winter research in Hawaii. Who will be at the reunion?

1926

Harold O. Walters, Duluth, MN enjoys traveling and visiting far and wide. They celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

Alice (Parnow) Patten, Thief River Falls, MN retired from nursing and is busy with church, golfing, bridge and hiking.

1927

Ruth (Scltis) Marko, Minneapolis, MN

attended the 1987 reunion, and was identified incorrectly in the class picture! That's her in the center of the picture.

1928

Edwin P. Trandem, St. Cloud, MN moved there in 1987. He retired from Carlson Tractor, Rosemount, in 1976 after twenty-five years. He hopes to see everyone in '88.

Marie (Bernath) Eggert, Tucson, AZ has been enjoying the Arizona lifestyle since retiring in 1978. She enjoys hearing about everyone through the Aggie.

Lillian (Bakken) Lillemoe, Golden Valley, MN goes on trips and to plays with a seniors group. Last year she went to New York and Connecticut with her daughters. Two days a week Lillian helps a friend who has been sick for more than two years.

Selma (Beiswinger) Knutson, Thief River Falls, MN is living in Thief River Falls, which is near her childhood home, and raises African Violets.

1929

Evelyn (Bain) Erickson, Baudette, MN is now retired and trying out apartment living.

Sanna (Hanson) Brovold, Gully, MN has retired from her position as Field Rep for the Minnesota Association for Retarded Citizens. She keeps busy on the City Council and community service organizations.

1930

Lawrence Newhouse, Brea, CA is an investments and real estate broker.

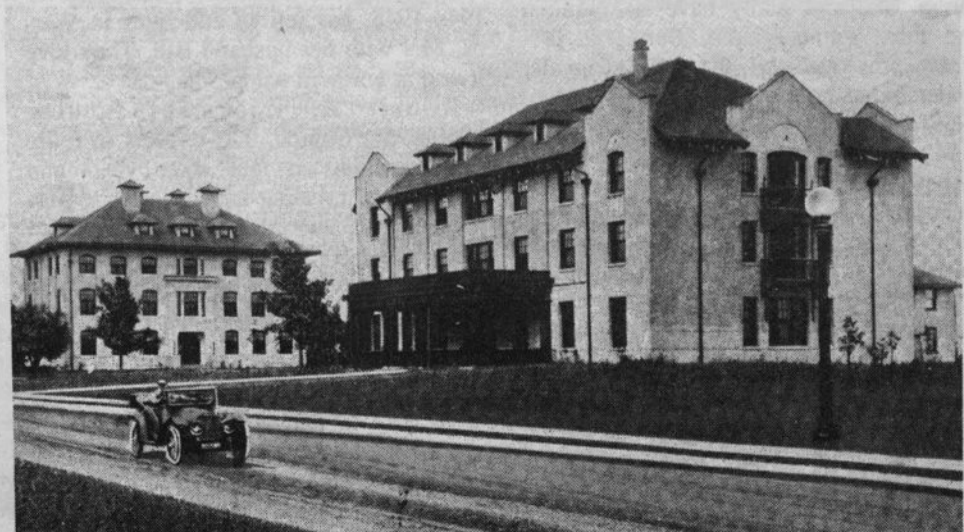
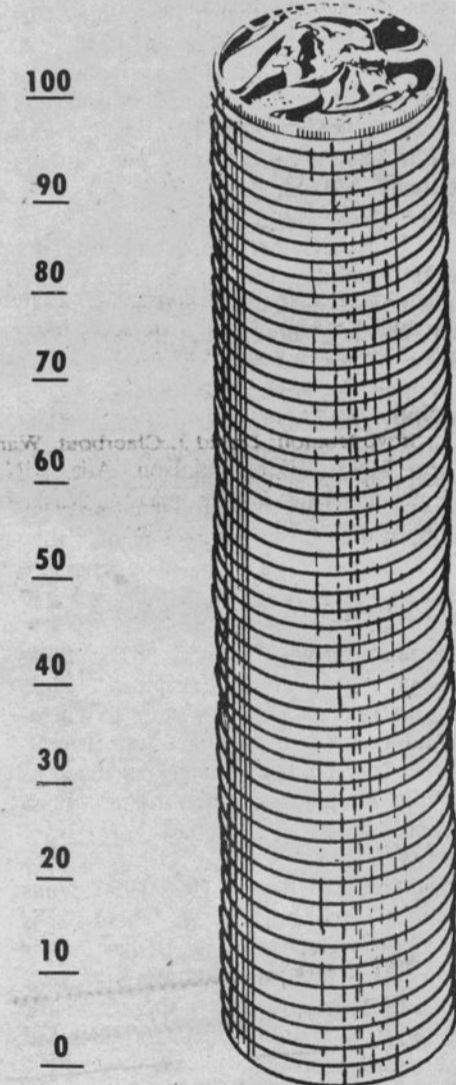
1931

Antoinette (DeMaster) Agerter, Vancouver, WA showed the campus to her two fourteen year old grand daughters last summer. She went as a Witness for Peace to Nicaragua, and plans a work/study tour there in 1988.

1932

Eleanor (Torkelson) Hem, Sun City, AZ retired from her pediatric clinic nurse supervisor position in California, and is

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A view of the NWSA from an old post card.



AGGIE

enjoying retirement in Sun City.
1934

Yarmilla (Rybak) Adler, McAllen, TX became a year-round Texan in 1985. She and her husband are active in their church and on several boards. They also travel with friends from Minnesota.

1937

Belva (Holm) Collison, Modesto, CA celebrated her 50th wedding anniversary in 1987. Among the guests was her bridesmaid, Solveig (Moe) LaBlanc.

1938

Obert Landsverk, San Diego, CA graduated from Augsburg College and Seminary in 1948. He served as a missionary to India 1951-63, and as a parish pastor in the USA. From 1980 to 1987 he was a hospital chaplain.

1939

Frances V. Pearson, Hallock, MN is a retired LPN. She enjoys her retirement immensely - doing volunteer work and traveling. She attended the third Minnesota Christian Ashram at St. John's University in August, 1987.

1940

Camilla (Ecklund) Johnson, Hopkins, MN retired in May, 87 after twenty years as a registered nurse in Orthopedics. Then she took a trip to Wales, England and Scotland. Her five children are all University of Minnesota grads.

Anne (Sorensen) Nelson, St. Paul, MN retired four years ago from 35 years of high school teaching. She traveled to China, Japan and the Philippines in 1986, and London and Scandinavia in 1987. She is active in the White Bear Unitarian Church and Children's Home Society. "The years

at the A.C. were exciting and stimulating."

1941

Alton Knutson, Forest Lake, MN, and Margretta, along with Clarence and Edna Sargent, spent October on a trip to Hong Kong, Taiwan, Japan and Hawaii. For the Knutsons it was a great time of remembering the renewing friendships.

Harold A. Loyd, Anoka, MN is a retired teacher, living in Anoka but spending winters in Mesa, AZ.

1942

Harold R. Aasland, Tucson, AZ retired from the ministry and moved to Tucson this past winter.

1944

Mark D. Anderson, Donaldson, MN visited Hawaii last year. He'll be retiring at least half the year to Florida or the west. He's single, and studies much on religion and nutritional elixirs.

Orvis P. Engelstad, Florence, AL is director of Research Division, National Fertilizer Development Center, Tennessee Valley Authority.

1945

Nellie (Nielson) Field, Norco, CA, LVN/LPT works for Beverly Enterprises. Her four children have presented her with fourteen grandchildren. You've heard of Norco, she says, it's famous for riding horses, rodeos, "city living in a rural atmosphere."

Alla (Clow) Barnes, Webb City, MO has four children, seven grandchildren, and she and her husband, Charles, are building a new duplex. Last summer they visited Colorado, Nebraska and South Dakota.

1946

Charles P. Anderson, Hallock, MN, has been farming for twenty years. He married Marilyn Johnson in 1954, they have two daughters and one son, who farms with Charles. He restores antique farm machinery and has a threshing bee every fall. He also restores old snowmobiles. The whole family loves the outdoors.

1948

Marlys (Sargent) Engelstad, Florence, AL, and her husband, Orvis, have three children and two grandchildren.

James W. Battles, Cupertino, CA retired from Federal Service and is now working for Lockheed Research and Development at Palo Alto as Staff Scientist.

Leroy O. Peterson, San Diego, CA has been studying art history, world literature, philosophy, sociology, meteorology, and other interesting topics.

Patricia L. Turnmire, Baudette, MN has been employed by the city of Baudette for the past nineteen years.

1950

Frances (Hofacre) Tribon, Buffalo, MO, and Herman just celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary. Come to see them in the beautiful Ozarks, where Frances is starting a new venture - raising Schipperke pups.

1952

Patricia (Erickson) Carpenter, Roosevelt, MN is working at Marvin Windows. She has six grown children and twelve grandchildren.

Jenell (Williams) DeRusha, Cook MN was remarried on the weekend of the 87 reunion, so was not here. She has three grown children and eleven grandchildren, and is semi-retired.

1953

Paul A. Holmgren, Swanville, MN, enjoys hunting deer, elk and moose and fishing when he gets the chance. Since 1981 his son has been in partnership forming Swan River Farm. They raise 200,000 turkeys in confinement per year.

A. Dayle Kainz, Goodridge, MN is a farmer and a rural letter carrier. Two sons are in college, one in high school. They celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary last July.

Bernie (Baird) Kline, Silver City, MN left MN 33 years ago and has lived in New Mexico, Washington, DC and California. She and Kirby have six children and three grandchildren. Bernie is presently employed by the local Chrysler dealership as bookkeeper.

1955

Mardell L. Boyum, New London, WI earned a BSME from UND, worked for Dupont for twenty-five years. He elected early retirement, worked for Dupont and Currwood as a consultant, then accepted a permanent position at Currwood as Plant Manager in 1986.

Keith Chisholm, Gary, MN opened the Circle C Seed Co. in 1986.

1956

Sylvia (Jensen) Park, Windom, MN. Her husband is pastor of the Assembly of God Church in Windom.

1958

Bill Steinke, Ellsworth, MN, spent time in the Air Force, acquired a Master's degree in School Administration and has been a school Superintendent for ten years. He enjoys flying and restoring '55-'56 Chevys.

1962

David T. Ebertowski, Upland, CA has been married twenty-two years and has three daughters. He owns a business in Downey, CA the keeps he and his wife very busy.

1963

Robert D. Yuergens, Beltrami, MN married JoAnne Derosier in 1966, and they have two daughters. Robert is employed as a land technician and was elected to the Beltrami Farmers Elevator Board. JoAnne works for Cenex in the Beltrami Mall.

1964

William J. Gatheridge, Humboldt, MN works with his brother in his Polaris Snowmobile dealership and auto repair shop, and is a sub clerk at the local Post Office.

William Bohnsack, Williams, AZ is presently working in Real Estate. He's been living in Arizona since 1969. He earned a BS in Biology and taught school and coached basketball for ten years. He has been married to Peggy Lux of Valley City for eighteen years and they have two children. Peggy is an RN.

1967

Jerome Hertwig, Hunter, ND is Shop manager for Hunter Equipment. He's been married for nineteen years to Theresa Ann Teegarden, they have four daughters. He bow hunts and fishes as much as possible. He plans to make the next class reunion.

Faculty

Anne Simley, faculty 1922-1930, sends greetings from Madison, WI where she is retired, active, and healthy. Of her former Northwest School students she writes, "I believe it is the affection of those students and those at Hamline that has sustained me all these years."

Ruth (Emerson) Molyneux, faculty 1944-1948, has retired and lives in Warba, MN with her husband Bill. They love living in northern Minnesota.

Robert A. Heckman, faculty 1960-1968, Conroe, TX, expects to retire from teaching in four more years and spend time traveling and developing new hobbies and interests. "There have been many changes in education since by teaching days at the NWSA, but I still enjoy being a part of teaching tomorrow's citizens."

Top Aggie Nomination Form

The Top Aggie Award is the highest honor given by the NWSA Alumni Association to its alumni. Since 1970, award recipients have represented agriculture, business, education, science, and human relations fields. Each award winner demonstrates the combined skills of community service, family commitment, and career achievement.

Nominations for the 1988 Top Aggie Awards are open to all alumni. Selection is made by the association board of directors and class leaders. Award recipients are usually selected from among the honored classes since the greatest number of classmates and friends of the recipients gather together for the reunion. However, all alumni are eligible for nomination.

To place a name in nomination for a Top Aggie Award, please complete the card.

Nominee _____

Address _____

City-State _____

Phone _____ Class Year _____

Nominated by _____

On an attached sheet please describe the family, community, and career skills which make this person an outstanding Aggie alum.

Send nomination to:
Alumni Office
White House Alumni Center
Univ. of Minnesota-Crookston
Crookston, MN 56716

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