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## T.W. Acres...more than Lake Wobegon

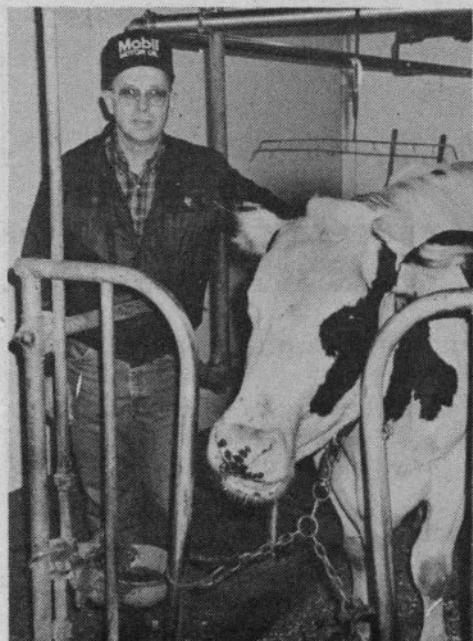
The town of Lake Wobegon, Minnesota, could very well be located in the Red River Valley: Follow the road by the beet plant . . . go five miles . . . turn left . . . go one mile . . . and there is the sign: T.W. Acres.

The grounds are meticulous, even with this winter's snert. The 40 milking cows, part of the 120 head of cattle, are in the barn with several kittens huddled on the water softener. The oak trees have been growing through three generations of farming.

It is a quiet stand of trees. Only Queenie, the border collie, cracks the silence.

Lunch is eaten at the kitchen bar, sitting on stools. Lake Wobegon food: casserole, lime jello, home canned pears, and bars. The coffee pot is full.

Tradition is a way of life for Roger and Gail Odegaard, and their children Kevin 21, Karen 19, Karl 15, and Kylee 10. Gail is one of the few farm women in the area who still brings full meals out to the field during harvest. The family attends the First English Lutheran Church in Eldred, each Sunday: a small country church with 28 families, a church



Roger Odegaard with one of his dairy cows.

with strong traditions and values.

In some ways, the Odegaard family is more than Lake Wobegon.

"Left to our own devices, we Wobegonians go straight for the small potatoes," writes Garrison Keillor. Not so for the Odegards. Their farming operation is one of the best in the valley, and it has been for three generations.

The Odegaard story is not a story of bankruptcy. It is not a story of a large corporate farming operation. It is the story of a farm family that is making it with the tradition of three generations and the addition of new ideas.

T.W. Acres (so named in 1981 for Roger's father Trygve Wilhelm) has been toured by ambassadors, security people, the governor of Minnesota, and newspaper reporters.

Many of Roger's farming skills were learned at the Northwest School of Agriculture. The school all of his brothers attended, but Roger was the only one of the four to continue with the family farm.

"I've always been interested in farming. As I was growing up my dad needed help, and as I worked with him, I got more and more committed," Roger said.

One of Roger's outstanding teachers at the NWSA was Ed Fredericks, now chancellor of the University's Waseca campus. As an instructor Ed Fredericks always took great pride in his students and what they did. Roger was one of his outstanding examples.

"He was a very active learner when I knew him, and he came from a great family. Roger was always very positive about agriculture, but at the same time, he was always willing to learn. I look at Roger and I say that he is the kind of person that understands farming as a business and knows how to make his farm a good place to raise a family," said the Waseca chancellor.

"He's always willing to serve on committees and is active on numerous boards within the agricultural community," Ed added.

The NWSA was also the "in" thing for Roger's Lake Wobegon neighborhood.



Roger and Gail Odegaard farm and raise their family with traditional values.

The Finkenbinder's, Samuelson's, Dragseth's, and Charais's all attended the school. But it also had a good track record.

***"Tradition.  
Hard work.  
Church. And  
Family. It's the  
Roger Odegaard  
family's formula  
for success."  
— Grand Forks  
Herald***

"Those who graduated from the NWSA had a good understanding of farm skills and management needed to succeed in farming," according to Roger.

It was where Roger learned to get along with others, living in a room with three or four kids all with different life styles.

At the time the NWSA became a campus of the University, Roger wasn't

sure it was the right thing to do.

"But the leaders could see the broader picture. Now, I look back and realize it was the clear route to go."

Farming is a way of life for Roger and his family.

"You live on the land. You own it. But you are really caretakers. With ownership comes the right to use it and hopefully to pass it on to the next generation in better condition than you received it."

Roger's pride shows as he watches things grow and develop. Whether it be livestock or grain, it's important for Roger to see things mature and to plan for the future.

And Roger is always trying to improve what he does. He keeps studying and keeping up with the latest technology to get a larger production with more quality.

"The Experiment Station gives expertise in the areas I am working in. They give me help, just for the asking. Think of trying to put a dollar value on that expertise. We take that for granted."

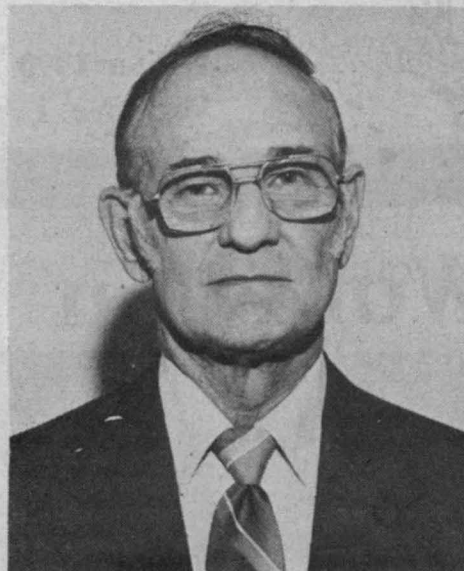
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**Mark your calendars! The NWSA Alumni Reunion is scheduled for Saturday, June 30.**





### From President Proulx...



Paul Proulx

As of the last NWSA Alumni board meeting, I have acquired the privilege of being your new alumni president, so "Happy New Year and a prosperous and peaceful new decade." Decades! Yes, it has been four of them since I graduated from the Northwest School in 1946.

My election to the alumni presidency reminded me of the trains that passed on the railroad tracks east of the Experiment Station barns about 10:45 every evening. The whistle blowing in the cold winter night sounded very forlorn and homesick. I remember my roommate saying, "Gee, I

wish they wouldn't do that!" He was a freshman and it was his first time away from home.

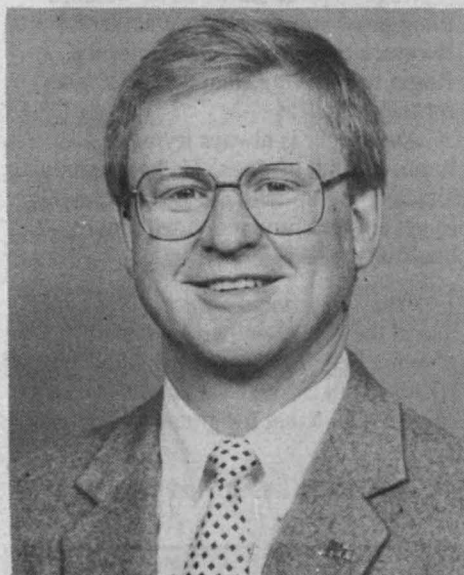
Contemplating those years we spent in class and how that learning affected the rest of our lives, we NWSA graduates are a unique group. We came from all over the country to enroll. In the past four decades I have traveled some, and it still amazes me how many graduates from our school have spread all over the world. Many have made their mark in life in the profession.

Yes, we do have a great number of memories to add to our heritage. Speaking of heritage, you must realize that one day there won't be any of us left who attended NWSA. A while back your alumni association started a Heritage Fund for the purpose of granting scholarships to deserving students. (Many students are children of alumni parents and grandparents.) If you have not received a request from us to help out with a donation, you will. I urge you to consider an amount toward the preservation of our heritage. Any amount is appreciated.

If you haven't been back on campus, I urge you to make it a point to do so. Stop at the White House, the refurbished superintendent's house, now the NWSA Alumni Center. Also consider joining us at our yearly summer reunion. You will enjoy it.

—Paul Proulx '46

### Crosby's Comments...



Blake Crosby

Even though we are over a month into 1990, I do want to take this opportunity to wish all of you a healthy and prosperous New Year.

Berneil Nelson and I are working hard on the 1990 NWSA Reunion scheduled for June 30. It will be another great event, so mark your calendars! Berneil guarantees a pleasant day.

A special note of thanks to those of you who were so kind to drop us a note over Christmas. We always enjoy hearing about you and your days at the school. Vivian Lundberg Aakre, class of 1920, had the distinction of being the eldest alumni to send us Christmas greetings.

You should have seen the White House during Christmas! The UMC Faculty Women decorated the downstairs in the Victorian style of decor. Lots of lace, pastel colors, white lights, poinsettias, and evergreen roping.

Stop in and visit the next time you're in the area.

-- Blake Crosby

### Chancellor's Column...



Donald G. Sargeant

Welcome to the '90s. It's hard to imagine all the changes in this campus over the last 85 years. It continues to improve in its service to the people of the region. For example, enrollments both fall and winter quarter exceeded last year as we remain well above the 1200 mark.

As the legislative session begins, we do need your support to talk to the legislators in your area. There will be a major capital bonding bill for the construction of new facilities this year. The Agriculture Operations Management Center is the #1

request for the campus. The Center will provide an animal science laboratory and bring to one location livestock used in teaching animal husbandry (horses, hogs, beef cattle, sheep). It also contains an interactive telecommunications component for use by teaching, research and extension staff providing the capability to enhance and extend the University's educational mission in this area of the state. It may be a couple of years before there is another bonding bill, so we need to make every effort to be sure that we obtain this important facility for the campus.

Plans are underway for the construction of building links between Bede, Hill, Owen and Selvig. The mall also has received a facelift with sidewalks, lights and flower beds. So, if you are traveling in this area this summer, do stop to inspect and monitor the progress. We'll have green grass and flowers for the NWSA annual reunion on June 30.

One of our very pleasant activities on campus during the summer months is Elderhostel. This year three sessions will be held: July 15-21, July 29 - August 4, and August 12-18. I hope that some of you might be able to come back to college for an exciting time during one of those weeks.

Have a great '90!

—Donald G. Sargeant, Chancellor

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# All advisory committees at UMC meet



Crookston Campus advisory committees, faculty and staff filled the Agricultural Research Center auditorium for the final reporting session.

For the first time in the history of the college, all of the program advisory committees, the Northwest Experiment Station Advisory Committee, and the All-College Advisory Committee met on the University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC) campus.

The importance of advisory committees was stressed by Chancellor Donald G. Sargeant.

"This fall, more students are part time versus full-time for the first time. The advisory committees' roles become very important as UMC prepares to enter the 21st century," Sargeant said.

Committees met during the day, with a reporting session held at the end of the day.

Individual advisory committee reports centered on three areas: recruiting,

curriculum and training programs, and research.

In the recruiting area, suggestions ranged from expanding the recruiting area beyond the current geographic area to reaching more nontraditional students. Increased scholarships and funding for recruitment and marketing were also suggested. Alumni, students, graduates, and advisory committees could be used as recruiters.

Continuing education received much of the focus for curriculum and training programs.

"Courses should be developed and offered based on the needs of the consumer," said one advisory committee member. "Develop more specialized programs to be offered through continuing

education."

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UMC should also emphasize the feeder school concept to meet the needs of transfer students and employers pursuing associate or bachelor degrees.

In research, committee members suggested a study of needs in service areas as they relate to various age groups from the young through the elderly work force; studies of trends in various occupational areas; and studies of rural poverty, rural homelessness, and alternative housing arrangements for the elderly.

The day on campus for advisory committee members was highlighted by the Torch and Shield Banquet when recognition was given for outstanding leadership to UMC.



UMC's new dairy facility offers new teaching and research opportunities. George Marx, left, professor of dairy sciences at the Northwest Experiment Station, converses with Lyle Westrom, instructor in UMC's dairy program.



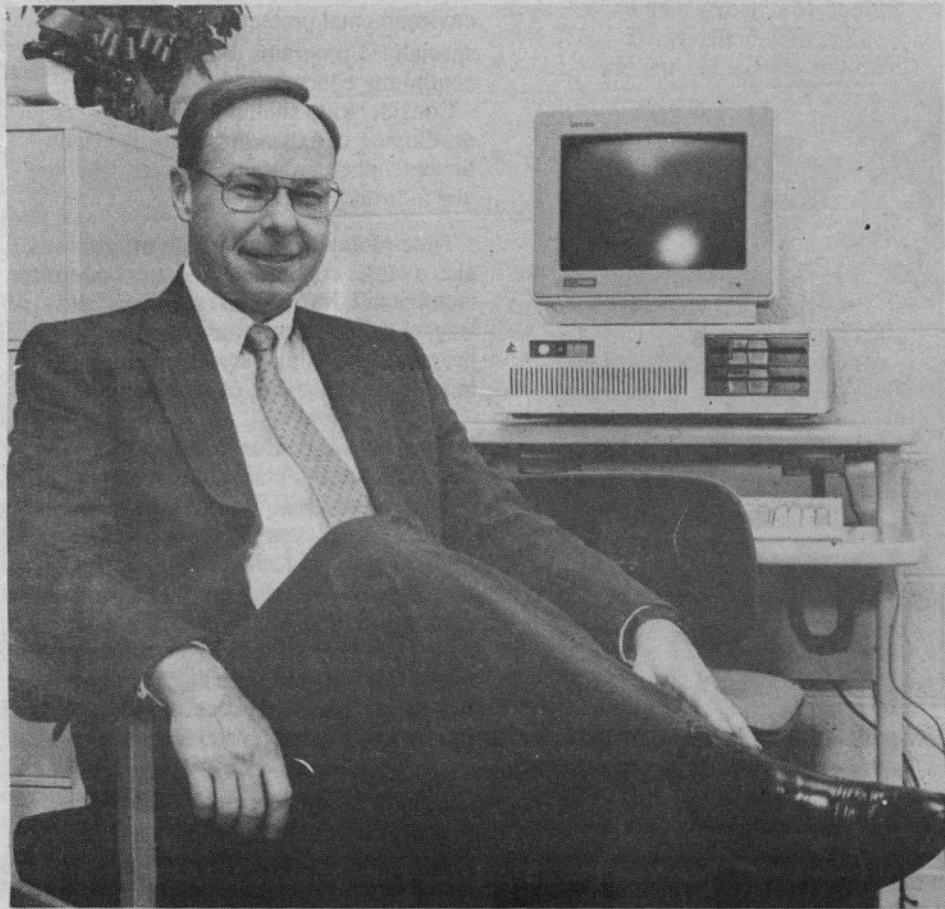
Roger Odegaard, third generation dairy farmer.





Stop by the White House Alumni Center when you are driving past. The coffee pot is always on.

# Agricultural careers offer many opportunities



David Hoff, UMC's agricultural economics professor.

at the University of Minnesota, Crookston. "Because no matter what it deals with, whether its feed or seed or fertilizer or chemicals or marketing grain or whatever, all of those entities are businesses in their own right," Hoff said.

The career opportunities for graduates from UMC's agri-business are almost all-directional. There is literally unlimited opportunity, according to Hoff.

UMC offers four programs in the ag economics and ag business areas — agricultural business management, agricultural finance, agricultural sales and marketing, and farm and ranch management.

Agricultural business majors go into the mid-level management to start with— department managers, parts managers, management training and programs with larger corporations.

Agricultural finance graduates work with credit or collections. They are dealing with the agricultural lending agencies in positions as loan officers.

The farm and ranch management program is designed for people who plan to return to farming as a profession, but it focuses on the financial management of the farm business.

The agriculture sales and marketing program is where the largest number of the jobs are found.

Studies indicate that 50 percent of the agriculture school graduates nationwide end up in sales and marketing.

At UMC this program trains young people to serve the needs and fill the needs of farm producers and agri-business

through sales and marketing.

Agricultural sales and marketing is a favorite of Hoff's.

"There's just fantastic opportunities available to young people in agri-sales, agri-marketing," Hoff said. "We look at a declining number of farms, there's no question about that, but still there's so much new taking place."

There are new careers coming on-line, new products coming on-line. Technology has just exploded and the individual farmer simply doesn't have the time to keep on top of everything as an individual any more. More and more farmers are reaching out to hire or to buy these products and services that will allow them to keep up. It's been said that for every individual working on farms, there are nine people supporting them in agri-business, according to Hoff.

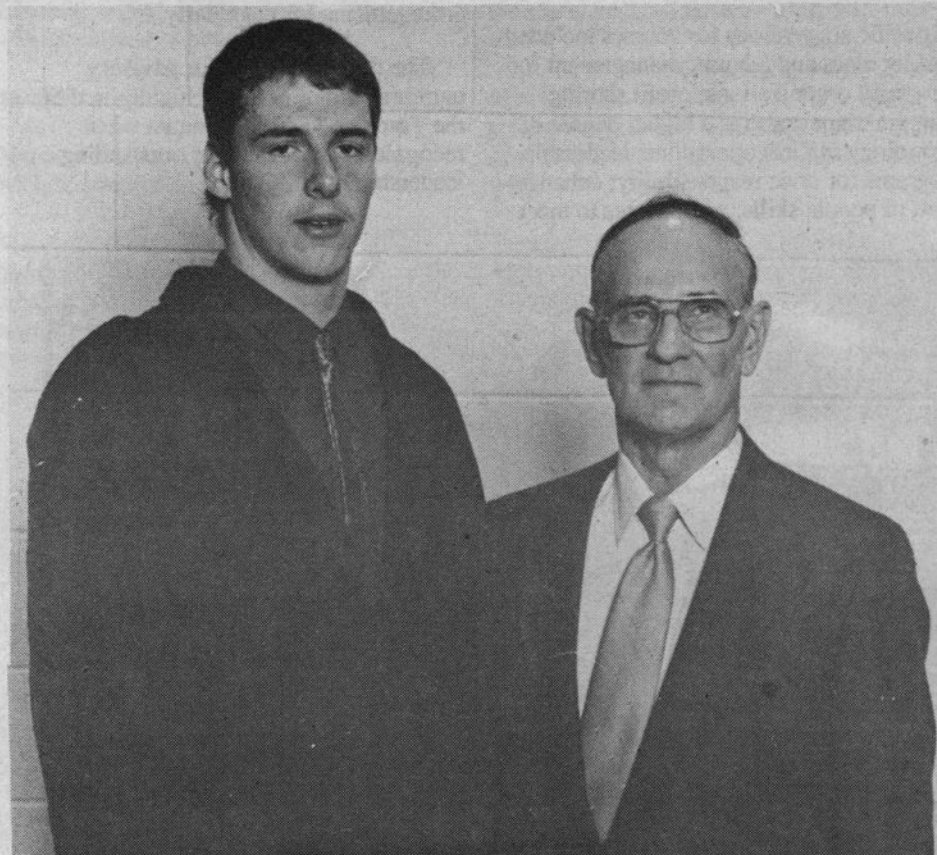
The agricultural internship program has played an important role in the lives of students since it began in the early 1970's. It confirms a student's career choice at the end of the first year.

"We try to get students out on internship between the first and second years," Hoff said. "If they go into a situation and find that they don't like it, that allows them to come back and change majors, or go some other direction without being penalized too heavily in terms of makeup coursework and changes that happen."

Internships also make students aware of what they need to learn, giving them the opportunity to select electives and to focus on courses that are going to be important to them as they move out into the job market.

While fewer people are needed to operate the nation's commercial farms, just the opposite is true of the number of people needed to provide input to move products to the point where they are in

consumers hands. The agricultural business field is an important one. Careers in agricultural business are virtually unlimited, according to David Hoff, assistant professor of agricultural business



Brad Smith, left, received the Scholarship for Outstanding Students from Paul Proulx.



The NWSA White House Alumni Center had a new look this Christmas. UMC Faculty Women decorated the tree, hung garland on the fireplace and on the stairway railing. Decorations were in pink and white lace and pearl strands. Did you stop by to see the new look?





*Do you remember when the railroad trains blew their whistles each evening as they passed the Experiment Station barns?*

## 1990 NWSA Class leaders

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Northwest School of Agriculture Reunion class leaders making exciting plans for this year's reunion. Meeting recently at the White House Alumni Center are, left to right: Stan Overgaard, Dalton, '65; Phil Hamre, Neilsville, '50; Alvin Degerness, Gary, '30; Wilbur Hallstrom, Red Lake Falls, '40; Blake Crosby, alumni relations; Harlan Pester, Crookston, '35; Roberta Bohnsack Hagert, Emerado, N.D., '60; Jean Stromstad Vigness, Grand Forks, N.D., '55; Berneil Nelson, reunion coordinator, Crookston, '42.

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# Just a subtle reminder about the 1990 NWSA Alumni Reunion, Saturday, June 30





*Jane Stromstad Hasse, '60 is one of four generations in her family to complete education at the Crookston Campus. Are there others?*

# Class Notes.....

## 1920's

**Richard B. Aakre '22**, Grand Rapids, MN, Served as ag engineer for the Grand Rapids Experiment Station after graduation from College of Agriculture, University of Minnesota, St. Paul in 1931. He did control work in eastern states of U.S. in summer months while in college on the European corn borer and Japanese beetle.

**Ross W. Jacobson '25**, Fergus Falls, MN, Retired.

**Alice Parnow Patten '26**, Thief River Falls, MN, Retired R.N. having worked at Northwest Medical Center for 25 years. Her son is married with two children and is a pastor in Topeka, KA. Her daughter has three children, is married to a pastor in St. Louis, MO and is a teacher. Her husband is a retired clothing salesman. They enjoy playing golf in summer and celebrating Christmas with their children.

**Lillian C. Bakken Lillemoe '28**, Golden Valley, MN, Spent her vacation with son, Jim, New York, and at his country place in Connecticut, a lovely and peaceful place. Her garden produced well so it kept her busy. She spent Memorial Day at Erskine for her sister's (96) memorial service. She went to Mazatlan, Mexico in January and to Alaska in June. She is having a wonderful friendship with Art Tritus.

**Ellen Ahlm Ferguson '20**, Warren, MN, Married in 1929 and is now a widow. Active in church and Eastern Star (a fraternal organization). She recalls with pleasure her years at NWSA.

## 1930's

**Vernon W. Bryngelson '30**, Callaway, MN, Retired from farming.

**Kenneth Avery '31**, Fort Collins, CO, Kenneth and his wife have been retired for several years. They like to travel and fish and he still hunts. They have resided in

Colorado since 1959. Their four children are grown but they live nearby and see them often. They visited with an old NWSA team- and class-mate and wife, Edwin and Janet Widseth. He was a 1932 graduate. They had a good visit and hope to do it again.

**Clifford P. Kroulik '31**, Grafton, ND, He and wife Kay have been married 45 years. They have three daughters, one son, and eight grandchildren. He has been retired about 24 years. Some of the jobs he has had include farming, construction in Alaska and Iron Range, and some butchering. Have lived in Grafton for two years.

**Rose Naplin Salo '33**, Rose and Ernie Salo celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on December 25, 1989. In attendance were Alice Naplin Dumas '29 and Helen Naplin Tomlinson '31. She also heard from Jean Nisbet Roberts '33 and Gladys Quantuck White '34.

**Thomas A. Sanden '33**, Sun City, AZ, Retired from General Motors managerial position in 1974. Moved to Sun City, AZ in January 1976. He teaches silvercraft at a local recreation center. Mrs. Sanden and he take cruises. She also does volunteer work in Sun City and they are both enjoying retirement to the fullest.

**Fern Steiner Emard '38**, Ventura, CA, She and her husband have been traveling in their motorhome with two of their grandchildren. After the death of their daughter in 1988, they have devoted themselves to her children. They have a total of nine grandchildren, all living within a 45-mile area.

**Elmer F. Ruebke '38**, Ada, MN, Has been retired for five years but does more work now than before. His health is holding out well.

**Donald R. Carlson '39**, Crookston, MN, Retired as a welder foreman in 1985 from Burlington Northern Railroad. Bernice

and Donald enjoy retirement and have two sons, one daughter, three grandchildren, and one great grandson. They enjoy seeing them all. He spends his time working in the garden and the lawn in the summer. Their eldest son is retired from the navy, lives in Crookston, and works as a supervisor for solid waste. Their second son works for food management in Washington D.C. and daughter works in management for Williston Basin Gas Co. in Bismarck, ND.

**Glenna Steffen Mueller '36**, Crookston, MN, Sons, Roy and Richard, installed carpeting in her dining room. Dean, another son, who lives in Stillwater, installed a new shower stall in the room she now occupies after moving from upstairs room due to a heart murmur and diabetes.

**Alton L. Arness '37**, Fisher, MN, In July 1989 wife, Georgine, and he were named "Rural Neighbor of the Month" and in August 1989 "Farmstead of the Year" by the West Polk County Soil and Water Conservation District. He won first place in the Home Beautification Contest. Alton has restored a 1957 White Ford Retractable and has won nine trophies on it also using it in several parades, driving dignitaries, queens, etc. He also has restored 1962 Thunderbird as a hobby. Alton still plays piano for functions and he and his wife also enjoy dancing. Their son, Greg, has been in the state department 18 years. He has worked at the American Consulate in India for two and a half years, the American Embassy in Kathmandu, Nepal for three years, the American Consulate in Karachi, Pakistan for two years where he was U.S. Consul General, delegate to the United States Mission to the United Nations in New York City for four years, and is now in Bangkok, Thailand where both Craig and his wife, Rekha, work at the American Embassy. They have two children, Tara Liana - 8, and Vanessa Lynn - 5. Craig is a graduate of Carlton College, Northfield and Yale University, New Haven, CT, with a masters degree in Russian and European Studies.

## 1940's

**Cheryl Bjella Horton '44**, Fremont, NE, After a full life of marriage, four children, 10 grandchildren (some of which she helped raise), teaching school in South Dakota and Nebraska (kindergarten through 12), and later working with senior citizens, she's retired. Now she has time for opera, traveling, sewing and whatever she feels like.

**Donald J. Dufault '45**, Minneapolis, MN, Was a locomotive engineer for 33 years with Soo Line Railroad. He retired in December 1988 and has been doing some traveling. His last trip was to Alaska in August 1989.

**Robert A. Schneider '45**, Wadena, MN, Married 19 years and has two children, ages 16 and 10. He is a retired truck driver and now is a part-time Super Valu carry-out. Robert would love to hear from old friends. His nickname was "Buck" in case anyone reading the Aggie would recognize the name.

## 1950's

**Betty Hoff Fredman '50**, Eagle Bend, MN, Graduated from Alexandria Vo-Tech in 1974 as an L.P.N. and has been working at Knute Nelson Memorial Home the past 15 years as a charge nurse. She is working part-time now. Her husband is retired and they continue to live on their farm. They enjoy being grandparents to their five grandchildren.

**Dora A. Pelowski '52**, Olivia, MN, Retired from teaching June 1988 after 32 years in elementary education. She is working in areas removed from the education field and enjoying the change.

**Vilma Zak Thompson '52**, Grand Forks, ND, She is employed by Specialty Home Services - Private Duty Nursing and volunteer for United Hospice in Grand Forks, ND. Has lost track of classmates and would appreciate hearing from them again.

**Dayle Kainz '53**, Goodridge, MN, Grandparents as of September 1989. He put his farm in CRP and is hauling mail in Goodridge. His oldest son graduated from Northwestern Chiropractic College in December, next son graduates from Moorhead State after winter quarter 1990 in physical education, and his youngest son started at Northland Community College, Thief River Falls, fall 1989.

**Gerald J. Magsam '54**, Marion, WI, Celebrated 35th wedding anniversary on January 29. Gerald and his wife have five children and five grandchildren: Gary and Debbie Magsam, De Perl, WI, two boys; Gene and Cheryl Magsam, Enid, OK, soon two children; Jon and Gwen Rabe, Wisconsin Rapids, WI, 1 girl, 1 boy; Greg and Gerry still at home.

**Arlene Christianson Pickard '56**, Portland, OR, In the summer of 1988, Arlene and her husband briefly toured the NWSA campus and visited with Berneil Nelson. They toured the beautifully redecorated White House. In the summer of 1989, they were invited to a Big Ten Reunion on the basis of her husband graduating from Purdue and her graduating from NWSA and the University of Iowa (M.A.). She enjoys reading the alumni paper for news of friends and two aunts, Sanna Hanson Brovold and Nora Howard

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## 1989-90 NWSA Alumni Association Officers

President.....	Paul Proulx, '46
Vice president.....	Darwin Ferrier, '42
Secretary.....	Pauline Finkenbinder Purath, '45
Board Member.....	Donald Mosbeck, '50
Board Member.....	James O. Olson, '55
Board Member.....	Allen St. Germain, '56
Board Member.....	Ardis Overgaard Searles, '51
Board Member.....	Glen Torkelson, '48
Board Member.....	Marvlyn Vesledahl Stromstad, '49





*"Hayseeds...we were often called because of our farm background, but little did we know what large bales they would produce."  
Paul Proulx*

## Notes

Hanson. Arlene is a certified home economist, public relations and food marketing consultant. She also writes a monthly newspaper column about food for boaters, published in FRESHWATER NEWS.

**John A. Orvis '57**, Ankeny, IA, electrical engineer with John Deere Des Moines and works in charge of design, development and installation of automatic control systems.

**John G. Schiller '57**, Fairbanks, AK, district manager of sales for Britannica, Inc. in the northern half of Alaska for the last seven years. Most of his work has been in sales since he graduated.

**Lavern L. Sites '59**, Twin Valley, MN, Has worked at the Twin Valley- Ulen Telephone Co. since 1967. He has two daughters, 24 and 22 years old, five grandchildren, two boys and three girls. He likes going boating, fishing, and as a sideline raises dogs (Chow Chow, Chinese Shar-pei, and Lhasa Apso).

### 1960's

**Jane Stromstad Hasse '60**, In May 1989, son David, received his degree at UMC. Four generations have completed an education level at the Crookston campus: Lena Opdahl (1909, first NWSA class, David's great-great aunt), John Stromstad (grandfather graduated in 1934), Jane (graduated in 1960). Jane's older brother Mark also attended UMC and her brother Allan's '63 son, Jon, is presently a second-year student. How about that for deep roots!

**Ernest Kouba '61**, Spearfish, SD, Getting married to Mary Nortrup on May 5, 1990!

**Richard D. Peck '64**, Denver, CO, Richard and Candi have been married 20 years and have three sons, Chris 18, Danny 15, and Kevin 12. He spent three years in the Navy as a radioman. He moved to Colorado in January of 1968 and has been in the trucking industry for 18 years (Teamsters). If any graduates ever come to the Mile High City, he would like them to call him (303-333-6708).

### Staff

**Bruce C. Beresford**, Lecompton, KS, Lives on an 80-acre farm. Serves on the board of directors, Douglas County Senior Services Inc., Lawrence, KS, Active with Topeka Hospice, volunteer with extension service and Kansas Master Gardener Program. Grows fruits, vegetables, flowers, and mums (no peach crop - buds froze, Dec. 22, 1989, 26 below 0, coldest temperature ever recorded near Topeka, KS). His oldest daughter, Mary Pulkrabek, lives in Crookston.



The Billberg family includes the 1989 Top Aggie, the first recipient of the Northwest School of Agriculture Heritage Fund Scholarship, and several NWSA alums. Front row, left to right: Dea Billberg, one of the NWSA Heritage fund scholarship recipients; Ellwood Billberg; Paul Billberg; Tom Billberg; Sherry Billberg; Dorothy Larson Billberg, 1989 Top Aggie; and Clarice (Mrs. Paul) Billberg.

## NWSA Alumni Reunion Schedule

### Friday, June 29, 1990

7 p.m. — All "Aggie" Alumni social at Minakwa Country Club

### Saturday, June 30, 1990

10 a.m. to 5 p.m. — Registration at Food Service Building

Noon — Lunch in Food Service Building

3:30-5 p.m. — Class meetings and pictures at White House Alumni Center

5:30 p.m. — Banquet and Awards program

8:30 p.m.-Midnight — Dancing in Bede Ballroom





Have you thought about attending an Elderhostel session this summer at your Alma Mater?

# Elderhostel

Summer 1990 University of Minnesota Crookston  
Week of July 15-21, 1990

## Native and Exotic Flowers Thriving in a Northern Climate

Flowers; historical origins, propagation, and biological cold war examined and explored through slides, field trip and tours of private yards landscaped with wildflowers, perennials, and roses. Kathleen R. Brokke, Master Gardener

## Those Crazy Days of "Ragtime"

A history and overview of ragtime technique and style from the 1890's through 1920 Through performance, demonstration and lecture, discover the great ragtime artists and ensembles of today and yesteryear. George French, Assistant Professor and Director, Music and Theater.

## Stress Management: A New Wellness Approach

Identify stress factors affecting a great percentage of modern Americans. Become alert to the danger signals of tension and learn to deal with them in a positive way. Don Cavalier, Director, Counseling and Career Planning.

Week of July 29 - August 4, 1990

### India:

The People and Their Culture Indian family systems, roles and activities with focus on the culture: apparel, food, housing, education, social activities and religious celebrations. Will include extensive use of costumes, movies, slides and artifacts. Glenice Johnson, Assistant Professor, Hospitality and Home Economics.

## The Cow in America: Ranch, Pasture, and Filet Mignon

Development and evolution of the beef industry in America leading to current concerns of producers and consumers. Visit a ranch, feed lots and observe current research. Harvey Peterson, Associate Professor, Animal Science

## American Humor: What Makes Us Laugh!

Explore with "Ole and Lena" well as other comic characters, the development of humor, laughter and its effect on our lifestyles. Gary Willhite, Director of Residential Life

Week of August 12-18, 1990

## Western Women: Partners in Developing the Frontier:

Historical exploration of the experiences of women in the western United States during the 19th century. How their sturdy spirit contributed to the development of the Frontier. Ann Shearer-Shineman, Instructor, Social Science

## Folklife in Rural America: Alive and Well

Examine how folklore helps preserve cultural bonds in rural America. Discuss and recall examples of legends, tales, riddles, folk medicine, and customs of America folklore. Lynnette Mullins, Assistant Professor, Communications Journals: Reflections of a Rural Past Learn literary style as you vividly remember your experiences through Journal writing. Learn the techniques of writing about your life and provide a vivid record for your family.

### DECEASED

- 1912 - WILLIAM A. LINDBERG, Warren, MN, Dec. 9, 1989.
- 1916 - BLANCHE MORRISON GRANDY, San Diego, CA, July 30, 1989.
- 1926 - PHINNEY STENBORG, Minneapolis, MN, June 13, 1989.
- 1926 - DORIS HELM, Fertile, MN, 1983.
- 1926 - KARROL GANDRUD, Detroit Lakes, MN, May 1, 1989.
- 1927 - SELMER HARSTAD, Fertile, MN, February 16, 1989.
- 1934 - ERNEST DROPPA, St. Francis, MN, October 30, 1987.
- 1936 - MARSHALL MORBERG, Mentor, MN, November 24, 1989.
- 1938 - EDNA FINNESTAD TANDBERG, Dale City, VA, February 1, 1989.
- 1940 - JAMES A. BROWN, Warroad, MN, May 18, 1989.
- 1940 - HOWARD L. JOHNSON, Audubon, MN, July 7, 1988.

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Roger is committed, not only to the NWSA, but also to UMC and the Northwest Experiment Station.

"We have to insure that the next generation will have the same opportunities for learning that we had. The Crookston campus provides resources used throughout northwestern Minnesota and eastern North Dakota."

A year ago Roger and Gail became members of the University of Minnesota Presidents Club.

"Whatever people believe is important, there must be a commitment. If UMC is going to be here tomorrow for our children, someone has to support it today."

Roger talks about the role UMC could play for this area of the country. He would like to see the campus become a four-year program. With the changing demographics of rural Minnesota, he says there is more competition for students.

"Why not give our kids the opportunity for a four-year education in northwestern Minnesota? If we can serve the needs for two years, why not four? We have the expertise on the UMC faculty now."

Roger also stresses the need for creating the right atmosphere for the understanding of agriculture for high school students.

"Even if kids don't want to be a part of the home farm, there is a wealth of opportunities off the farm."