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UMC Receives \$200,000 Gift



NWSA Alumni Association President Paul Proulx (second from left) accepted the Trustees Society plaque for the Andrew J. and Elmer M. Wardeberg Memorial Scholarship Fund from University President Nils Hasselmo. The plaque will be placed in the White House Alumni Center. From left: Chancellor Donald Sargeant, Proulx, Hasselmo and Superintendent Larry Smith.

A gift of over \$200,000 was given to the University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC), from the Andrew Wardeberg estate. The gift will establish the Andrew J. and Elmer M. Wardeberg Memorial Scholarship Fund, providing scholarships for 10 to 15 students each year.

Andrew Wardeberg graduated from the Northwest School of Agriculture (NWSA) in 1924. His brother Elmer graduated in 1928. The two bachelor brothers were born in a log home on a farmstead in King Township, rural

McIntosh. Their father immigrated from Norway and their mother was from the Hillsboro and Mayville area.

The education they received and the friendships they developed while attending the NWSA were very important to them.

"We express our deep appreciation for the vision and generosity of Andrew Wardeberg and promise to build on the educational value and outreach that the gift represents," said Nils Hasselmo, president of the University of Minnesota.

Your Descendants Receive Scholarships

Your dollars are at work! Thanks to so many of you who contributed to the Northwest School of Agriculture Heritage Fund. Five UMC students received scholarships this year.

The scholarships were given at the annual Scholarship Recognition Banquet held recently on the campus, when more than 170 students received scholarships totaling approximately \$165,000.

Recipients of the 1991-92 NWSA Heritage Fund Scholarship are all enrolled in agriculture programs. They are listed with who they are descendants of from the NWSA.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Alumnus</u>
Paul Stromstad <i>Beltrami</i>	Allan J. Stromstad '63 (father) John C. Stromstad '33 (grandfather)
John Schumacher <i>Reynolds, ND</i>	Robert Schumacher '67 (father)
Matthew Okeson <i>Detroit Lakes</i>	Duane R. Okeson '40 (grandfather)
Aaron Enge <i>Thief River Falls</i>	Marjorie Ofstedahl Hanson '43 (grandmother)
Daryn Minske <i>Hallock</i>	Lyndon W. Minske '65 (father) Clarence H. Minske '26 (grandfather)



Recipients of the NWSA Heritage Fund Scholarship are, from left: Aaron Enge of Thief River Falls, Matthew Okeson from Detroit Lakes, and John Schumacher of Reynolds, North Dakota. Also receiving the award, but not pictured are Paul Stromstad from Beltrami and Daryn Minske of Hallock.

NWSA Reunion - June 27, 1992



From President Proulx



Paul Proulx

My wife Lois and I attended the annual Torch and Shield Banquet held recently at UMC. If you remember, this is a special time to recognize people who have supported the University and people and companies who make possible scholarships to our students.

Maintaining our educational institutions is vitally important to produce good, educated people with practical sense, who consider the ramifications of their decisions in long-range futures. It's also important to recognize a devel-

oping problem and make a change before it becomes a catastrophe. This is why we must keep our UMC open in northwestern Minnesota and develop it into a four-year degree college. Considering the amount of tax dollars that have been spent to develop it to its present state, it is unthinkable to not go forward to a higher level.

The many contributors, businesses, individuals and companies acknowledged at the Torch and Shield Banquet must say something about the value of our college. From the size of some contributions, I know they are firm believers in this institution. A very heartfelt thanks to all of you for your generosity.

Plan now to attend the 1992 Northwest School of Agriculture Reunion on June 27. I thought last year was the best ever, but this year's reunion is shaping up to be another great time. Come and join the crowd that stays until midnight. It's fun for all.

Have a happy holiday season.

--Paul Proulx

Larson's Notes



Allan Larson

The Holiday Season is fast approaching. Before we know it, we will all need to become accustomed to writing 1992 instead of 1991. It's the time of the year when we begin to realize that so many of the things we hoped to do this year may not get done, and yet, plans for next year's activities must be formulated and implemented.

As some of you may know, the UMC administration and faculty have devoted a considerable amount of time and energy this past year to developing plans and curricula which would lead to the completion of four-year degrees in selected areas of study on the UMC campus. It is anticipated the University Regents will act upon the proposal before the end of the fiscal year. We at UMC are convinced that acceptance of this proposal will substantially strengthen the presence of the University of Minnesota in northwestern Minnesota, and we would welcome any support you can give toward helping us achieve this major goal.

Your NWSA Alumni Board is once again busy planning the years activities. The NWSA Reunion has been set for June 27, 1992. The Honored Classes will be the 1942 and 1967 alumni. Other reunion classes are 1912, 1917, 1922, 1927, 1932, 1937, 1947, 1952, 1957 and 1962.

Berneil Nelson, Pauline Purath and Marvie Stromstad are busy contacting alumni in the respective classes to serve as class leaders. The first class leader meeting is scheduled for January 7. Letters from the class leaders and Top Aggie nomination forms will be mailed to the reunion classes in late January. Class booklet questionnaires will also be mailed to the Honored Classes at that time. Top Aggie nominations will be due in the White House alumni office by February 21, 1992. We will keep you posted on the reunion activities as plans develop.

Start planning now to attend this fun-filled event.

Finally, I want to take this opportunity to extend to all of you best wishes for a Happy Holiday Season from the White House Alumni Staff -- Ardis, Barbara, Julie, Sam and Allan.

--Allan Larson

Chancellor's Column



Donald Sargeant

We had a great fall quarter. The student enrollment this year is very similar to last year. Campus activities such as homecoming, scholarship banquet, Torch & Shield Banquet, and a Regents' visit were highlights of the quarter. Scholarship contributions have increased significantly the past two years and nearly 200 students received scholarships at UMC this year. As indicated in this newsletter, the Wardeberg gift, along with many others, will continue to increase that number to about 225 for next year. Obviously, at this time when the state is providing less revenues for the University, students are having to pay significantly more tuition. We're grateful to the Northwest School grads who form the core of the UMC scholarship program.

We've been heavily involved in planning. We continue to explore the possibility of adding baccalaureate level programs. Basically the programs are already here at UMC, just not the junior and senior year. We don't anticipate an increase in freshmen and sophomores, but rather retaining students as juniors and seniors and, in turn, providing baccalaureate graduates that fit the economy of this region.

President Hasselmo visited the campus three times this year. In his visit in November he indicated that UMC was in a "holding pattern" for a bit and a decision would be made by the middle of next year. UMC has been visiting with neighboring four-year institutions as part of the process of developing four-year baccalaureate programs. The strength of this process is important in assuring the President and others in higher education and the legislature that UMC has an important role as a four-year institution in northwestern Minnesota.

The building linkage project is finally complete. It is really neat to be able to walk from Kiehle to Selvig indoors during the recent cold weather. We named the structure The Atrium. We also now have a skyway between Hill and Selvig. So, if in the area, stop by and enjoy an indoor walk on campus. Take care.

--Donald Sargeant

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NWSA Descendant Scholarship Opportunities

At its November 18 meeting, the Alumni Association Board of Directors made some significant changes relative to the Heritage Fund Scholarship Program. These scholarships, which are awarded to descendants of NWSA alumni -- children, grandchildren or great-grandchildren -- have been increased to \$900 for full-time students.

In addition, UMC recently received a gift from the Andrew Wardeberg estate to establish the Andrew J. and Elmer M. Wardeberg Endowed Scholarship Fund. Andrew graduated from the NWSA in 1924 and Elmer graduated in 1928.

The dollars generated from this endowment have been designated for NWSA descendants scholarships first and secondarily to other students attending UMC. Approximately 10-15 scholarships will be awarded each year.

It was the decision of the Board that both first- and second-year students should be eligible for scholarship awards from the Wardeberg Endowment Fund.

First-year students, who are not NWSA descendants, must graduate in the top 50 percent of their high school graduating class and submit reference letters from two personnel from their respective high schools as well as a letter from a community leader.

All non-descendant applicants for second-year Wardeberg scholarships (NWSA descendants have first priority) must have maintained a first-year college grade-point average (GPA) of 2.5 (on a scale of 1 to 4) and include with their scholarship application a description of how the scholarship award will help them achieve their educational goals and objectives.

Hopefully, these scholarships will provide incentive for NWSA descendants to attend the University of Minnesota, Crookston. We would appreciate you encouraging your descendants to contact the UMC Admissions Office for the necessary forms and other pertinent information.



It's Definitely a Family Affair!!

Marjorie Hanson, '43 (right) is the proud grandmother of a NWSA Heritage Fund scholarship recipient Aaron Enge (second from right). The family gathered at the Scholarship Banquet to recognize Aaron. Pictured from left are Aaron's family members: brother Casey, mother Linnae, Aaron, and grandmother Marge.



The Atrium is now the official name of the new link connecting Bede, Owen and Hill Halls. It's a beautiful addition to the campus, and will really be appreciated on cold, winter days. Come and walk our halls this winter!



A timber wolf was donated to the natural resources department at UMC. The wolf was accidentally shot. A generous gift of \$700 from Jeraldine Swain of Newberg, Oregon, was given in memory of her parents and used to have the animal professionally prepared by a taxidermist.



First Annual Golf Classic

After a two-hour delay because of rain, 33 golfers teed off with a shotgun start for the "First Annual UMC Golf Classic" on Saturday, July 20.

The golfing expertise of the participants varied considerably with actual golf scores (without handicap) ranging from 73 to 134 for the 18-hole tournament.

The low net score was posted by Bruce Bakke, a 1970 UMC alumni, currently living in Hillsboro, ND. Bruce scored a net "65".

The low gross score (without handicap) was achieved by Mike Siekas of Crookston with a round of "73".

Awards for flight placement were as follows:

First Flight

1st Place	Bruce Bakke	(65)
2nd Place	Mike Siekas	(65)
3rd Place	Ray Ecklund	(67)

Second Flight

1st Place	Don Cavalier	(66)
2nd Place	Darin Ramey	(69)
3rd Place	Toby Solberg	(69)

Third Flight

1st Place	Glen Finkenbinder	(66)
2nd Place	Truman Tilleraas	(67)
3rd Place	Harvey Peterson	(70)

Special awards were presented to the following golfers:

Shortest Drive -- Hole #1

John (Butch) Schleicher

Longest Drive -- Hole #2

Bruce Bakke

Closest to Hole -- Hole #4

Jerry Schultz

Closest to Hole -- Hole #6

Toby Solberg

Longest Drive -- Hole #7

Mike Siekas

Longest Putt -- Hole #8

Ray Dusek

The "Room for Improvement" trophy was awarded to Ken Pazdernik. Ken became very familiar with the term "out of bounds" during the tournament.

The "Most Courageous" award was presented to Marlys Finkenbinder, the only lady participant in the tournament this year.

In spite of the difficult playing conditions brought on by the early morning downpour of rain, everyone enjoyed themselves and said they look forward to playing in the Second Annual UMC Golf Classic next summer.

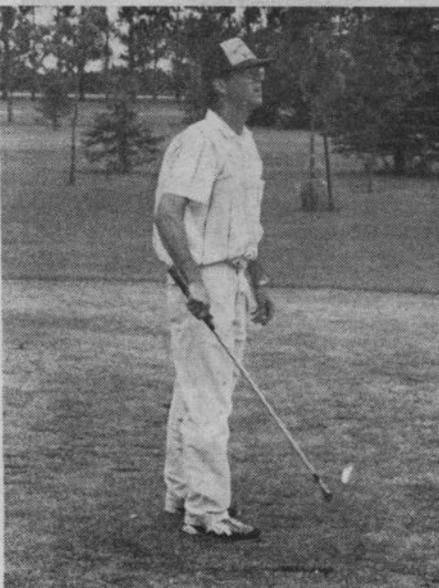
Steve Biermeier, the golf committee chairman, projected that with community support, we will more than double the number of golfers participating in this event next year. It was a lot of fun.



"Only 14 strokes?" From left: Glen Finkenbinder, class of '55; Truman Tilleraas, former ag division faculty member; Stanley Sahlstrom, regent for the University of Minnesota; and Ken Pazdernik, UMC class of '70.



Are you walking or riding? Golfers gathered for the first tee-off.



Now where did that hummer go? Ken Pazdernik became very familiar with the term "out of bounds" during the tournament.



"And who got that award?" Regent Stanley Sahlstrom, left, and Chancellor Don Sargeant wonder.



Congratulations to the champ! Bruce Bakke, '70, from Hillsboro, North Dakota scored a net "65".



Scholarships



Sixty-six scholarships were given for the first time from the Elenora Amalia and Ben Filipi Memorial Scholarship Fund. Over one-half million dollars was given to UMC from the estate of Elenora and Ben Filipi. This year \$34,500 was given to students. LaDonna Thompson, administrator of the Filipi estate, and her husband Jerome (center front) gather with several of the scholarship recipients.



Harry Hord and his family (front row) enjoyed visiting with the Hord Scholarship recipients. The scholarship was established in 1987 from the estate of Carl and Lorraine Hord, Kittson County natives, and is awarded to exemplary students graduating from a Kittson County High School who are pursuing a degree in agriculture. Receiving the Hord Scholarship are: Daniel Goldstrand, natural resources major from Lake Bronson; Garrick Graham, ag business major from Richfield; Jerod Hanson, ag aviation major from Hallock; Travis Klegstad, landscape, turf, and grounds major from Lake Bronson; Daryn Minske, ag aviation major from Hallock; Shane Olson, natural resources major from Halma.



Al Larson (center), director of External Relations, visited with two donors, Norma Ross, left, and Ron Abrahamson of PKM Electric, right, at the scholarship reception held in Bede Ballroom.



Scholarship recipients and donors met for the recognition dinner and program.

Winter Socials

The Arizona social will be held again in Mesa this year. Ivan Anderson '30 has scheduled the clubhouse at the Brentwood Manor, 120 North Val Vista, for the event Saturday, January 25, 1992 from 1 to 5 p.m.

The Texas social will be held Saturday, February 1, 1992 at the Recreation Hall, Pine to Palm Park, Weslaco, Texas.

We will be sending out information and response forms for these socials; however, if you would respond to the information requested in the enclosed questionnaire, it would be very helpful to us as we plan alumni events and activities. We have enclosed a return addressed envelope for your convenience.



Torch and Shield Recipients and Donors Honored



Torch and Shield recipients honored at the annual Torch and Shield Banquet are, front row from left: Karl Palmer, Barbara Muesing, Orley Gunderson, Ralph Pester and Mary Beth Sargeant. Back row: Recognizing the recipients are UMC Chancellor Donald Sargeant, University President Nils Hasselmo and Northwest Experiment Station Superintendent Larry Smith.

Men and women who have provided leadership and aided in the development of the University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC) were honored recently at the annual Torch and Shield Banquet.

Those receiving the Torch and Shield Award include three from Crookston: Karl Palmer, orthopedic surgeon; Ralph Pester, president of the Northwest Educational Improvement Association; Mary Beth Sargeant, community and UMC activities. Others receiving the award were: Orley Gunderson, president of Thief River Falls Technical College; Barbara Muesing, formerly of Fosston, executive director and corporate secretary of the University of Minnesota Board of Regents; and David Roe of Medicine Lake, Regent for the University of Minnesota.

Besides the six Torch and Shield recipients, 34 new members of the following University of Minnesota and UMC gift clubs were recognized: Trustees Society, Patrons Society, Presidents Club, Chancellors 2500 Club and Associates 1000.

UMC's All-College Advisory Committee and program area advisory committees also met on campus and were recognized at the evening banquet.

University President Nils Hasselmo addressed the group and assisted UMC Chancellor Donald Sargeant and Superintendent Larry Smith in recognizing Torch and Shield recipients, donors and advisory committee members.

The event was sponsored by the Northwest Educational Improvement Association, Northwest Experiment Station and UMC.

Have You Tried to Call UMC Lately?

Have you tried to call UMC lately? How do you feel when you dial an old familiar number and have the phone answered by an automated attendant? Changes are happening at UMC, not only with the curriculum, but also with a new phone system.

With new technology, UMC has moved to an automated phone system to provide efficient and courteous handling of incoming calls. It will provide direct access for callers to reach extension numbers any time during the day or evening, seven days a week, 52 weeks of the year.

When you dial UMC, you will hear an automated attendant answer your call. If you are trying to reach someone in the White House Alumni Center, as soon as you hear the automated voice, push the following extensions on your phone: (218-281-6510)

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| Sam Bigger | 338 | Ardis Thompson | 337 |
| Julie Hamre | 339 | Barbara Weiler | 335 |
| Allan Larson | 336 | | |



Regents of the University of Minnesota toured UMC's counseling and career center recently. From left: Donald Cavalier, director of the counseling and career center; Laurie Wilson, counselor; Elton Kuderer, chair of the Board of Regents; and Donna Peterson, legislative lobbyist.



Regents from the University of Minnesota and President Nils Hasselmo visited the Crookston campus recently to learn more about UMC's programs. From left: Hasselmo; Elton Kuderer, chair of the Board of Regents; Elizabeth Craig, regent; and Donald Sargeant, chancellor.



1992 CALENDAR

University of Minnesota, Crookston		Northwest Experiment Station	
January 24, 25	Ag-Arama	January 8	Northwest Dairy Day
February 5	Business Activities Day	February 11, 12	Small Grains Institute
April 21	Awards Reception	February 14-19	RRV Winter Shows
May 12	Athletic Banquet	March 18, 19	International Sugarbeet Growers Institute
May 22	Commencement	July 15	Crops and Soils Day
June 27	NWSA Reunion		



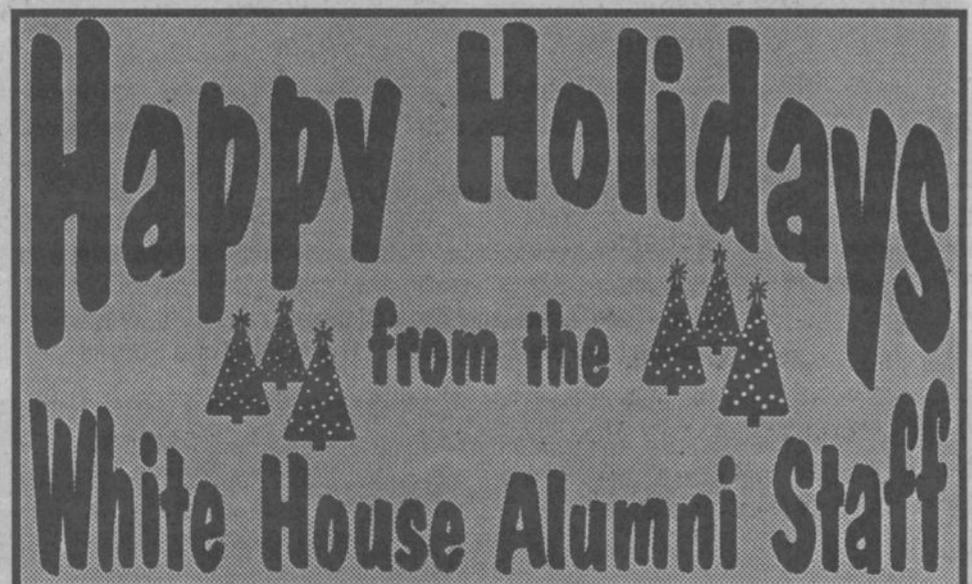
Celebrating 25 years of "Education With A Vision"
 --Senate Majority Leader Roger Moe (left) and Chancellor Donald Sargeant share the excitement.

Did You Know? . . .

- ★ Enrollment for fall quarter was 1,336.
- ★ Many dairy people are considering or are already feeding whole sunflower seeds to lactating dairy cows. Contact the Northwest Experiment Station for more information.
- ★ UMC's business division received accreditation by the Board of Commissioners of the Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP). UMC was one of 25 pilot schools throughout the nation to receive this accreditation and is the only college in Minnesota to be accredited by the ACBSP.
- ★ The court and conference reporting program at UMC received accreditation by the National Court Reporters Association (NCRA). UMC's program is one of 92 NCRA approved programs in the United States.
- ★ Construction of a new building to house the experiment station soils and pesticide/water quality research program was completed this fall.
- ★ Scholarships totaling over \$165,000 were awarded to UMC students this fall.
- ★ Twenty-three high school students enrolled in classes at UMC under the Post Secondary Enrollment Options Act.

NWSA Alumni Association 1991-92 Board of Directors

- President Paul Proulx '46
 Vice President Glen Torkelson '47
 Secretary Marvlyn Vesledahl Stromstad '48
- Donald Mosbeck '50
 William Moser '56
 James O. Olson '55
 Pauline Finkenbinder Purath '45
 Clarence Sargent '41
 Ken Schuster '61
 Ardis Overgaard Searles '50
- Ex Officio Berneil Nelson '42
 Allan Larson, External Relations





Reunion Fun Time!



Berneil Nelson '42 and instructor, Robert Heckman, reminisce about the NWSA days.



The Balstad Sisters enjoy a fun time at the reunion.



Francis Pearson '40 and her dog took in the festivities at the reunion.



"We haven't seen each other for 50 years, but I'd recognize Margaret's laugh anywhere," lone Koznek Arnold '41 and Margaret Forfang Cameron '41.

Class Leaders for June 27, 1992 NWSA Reunion

- 80th/1912 White House Alumni Center, 218-281-6510, ext. 337
- 75th/1917 White House Alumni Center, 218-281-6510, ext. 337
- 70th/1922 White House Alumni Center, 218-281-6510, ext. 337
- 65th/1927 Ralph Hamrick, Warren, MN, 218-745-4870
Loren Parkin, Euclid, MN, 218-281-3246
- 60th/1932 Norman Moen, Ada, MN, 218-784-2734
- 55th/1937 Marlan Augustine, Thief River Falls, MN, 218-449-3871
Dorothy Evans Christensen, St. Paul, MN, 612-488-2421
Geline Tveiten Bjornaraa, Oklee, MN, 218-796-5734
- 50th/1942 Berneil Nelson, Crookston, MN, 218-281-2838
Darwin Ferrier, Pitt, MN, 218-634-2035
- 1947 This class has elected to have its reunion in its 4th (Advanced) year, so it will be meeting in 1993 rather than in 1992.
- 40th/1952 NEED VOLUNTEERS
- 35th/1957 Marwood Hunstad, Argyle, MN, 218-437-8283
- 30th/1962 Bonita Bohnsack Rotvold, Hillsboro, ND, 701-436-4118
Richard Gatheridge, Humboldt, MN, 218-379-3104
- 25th/1967 Loren Lee, Ada, MN, 218-784-2001
Gerrie Dahlsad Berg, Fargo, ND, 701-235-8954

Elderhostel 1992

Are you looking for a unique vacation this summer? Try a week at your alma mater. If you or your spouse are 60 or over, you can spend a week at Elderhostel.

Elderhostel sessions for 1992 scheduled for the UMC campus include:

- July 12-18: → Native and Exotic Flowers Thriving in a Northern Climate
→ Are 10,000 Lakes Enough? Minnesota's Water Resources in the 1990s
→ Prescription for Wellness: Beyond Diet and Exercise
- July 25- August 1 → A Landscape of Conflict: Geography of the Middle East and North Africa
→ India: The People and Their Culture
→ Drawing from the Right Brain: The Making of a Portrait
- August 9-15 → King of Instruments: The Pipe Organ
→ Will the Real American Family Please Stand Up!
→ Stress Management: A New Wellness Approach

For more information, contact Dale Knotek, Elderhostel Coordinator, Bede Hall, University of Minnesota, Crookston, MN 56716. Telephone 218-281-6510, ext. 359.

In Memory

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| John Kjallberg '20, Roseau, MN
--May 2, 1991 | Tom Sanden '33, Sun City, AZ
--June 14, 1991 |
| Carl Spangrud '20, Greenbush, MN
--October 23, 1991 | Ernest Derosier '41, Red Lake Falls, MN
-- May 20, 1991 |
| Charlotte Stennes Halland '21, Walla Walla, WA
--January 21, 1991 | Dale Halverson '41, Babbitt, MN
--August 10, 1991 |
| Nels Vigstol '21, Plummer, MN
--February 18, 1991 | Irene Reitmeier Grahek '42, Chisholm, M
-- May 31, 1991 |
| Raymond Dubuque, '25, Euclid, MN
--August 2, 1991 | Vernon Hoppe '42, Annandale, MN
--June 13, 1991 |
| Marvin Ofstedal '27, Fertile, MN
--June 20, 1991 | Alton W. Tinkham '42, Fisher, MN
--April 4, 1991 |
| Dorothy Foker Montague '28, Crookston, MN
--July 1, 1991 | Phyllis Teigland Tollefson '44, Bemidji, MN
--March 12, 1991 |
| Robert Thorkelson '28, Roseau, MN
--October 14, 1991 | Roger V. Jacobson '46, Grand Forks, ND
--January 16, 1991 |
| Earl Ellinger '29, Crookston, MN
--August 27, 1991 | Avis Anderson Baldwin '47, Denver, CO
--July 5, 1991 |
| Clifford Kroulik '31, Grafton, ND
--August 28, 1991 | Harlan Voxland '50, McIntosh, MN
--August 1991 |
| Emery Ken Knight '31, Harvey, IL
--April 4, 1991 | Everet Flesche '54, St. Hilaire, MN
--June 27, 1991 |
| Alfred Rasmussen '31, Crookston, MN
--April 16, 1991 | |