

The NWSA Alumni Association AGGIE

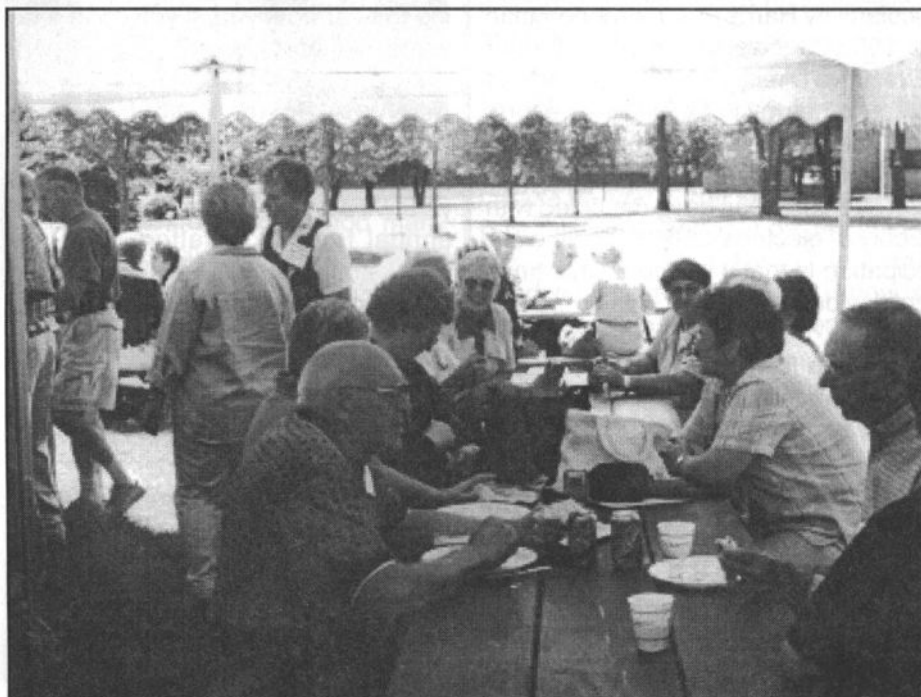


A Newsletter for Northwest School of Agriculture Alumni and friends of the University of Minnesota, Crookston

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NWSA Reunion Huge Success



Nearly 300 NWSA alumni returned for the Northwest School of Agriculture All-School Reunion June 23-24. The Class of 1950(Adv) returned with more than 35 alumni, making that class the best represented. Everyone commented positively on the new Harris A. Peterson Gazebo. At the dedication Steve Edwardson, who represented Minn-Dak Growers, Ltd. and Mr. Peterson, conveyed warm regards from Mr. Peterson.

Four NWSA alumni members received "Top Aggie" honors: LeRoy Johnson '49, Dr. Andrew Nielsen '49, Roger Odegaard '60, and Andy Skaar '40. Ninety-seven-year-old Rose Polski Anderson, who taught at the NWSA in the 1930s, also returned to share her memories. See pictures from the reunion at <http://www.crk.umn.edu/people/alumni/photos/NWSA-reunion00/>.

Enrollment Up Across the Board at UMC

Faculty, staff, and administrators at the University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC) are excited about a third straight year of increased enrollment. Enrollment is up across the board in every category again this year, according to Russ Kreager, UMC's Director of Enrollment Management. Applications for this fall were up 38% from last year, and confirmed registrations were up 23%.

Kreager expects total full-time enrollment to include at least 100 more new students as compared to this same time last year. Kreager indicates returning student numbers are higher as well.

"It's all been a part of an upward spiral here at UMC, and that is very exciting," says Kreager. "We've been receiving more applications from more schools across the state, and we've seen a considerable increase in the number of students coming from the Minneapolis-St. Paul metro area." Applications from that area have almost doubled this year.

"We've also seen an increase in enrollment from students in our own northwestern Minnesota 'back yard.'" Numbers are up about 28% from that area according to Kreager. "It looks like more students are making UMC their

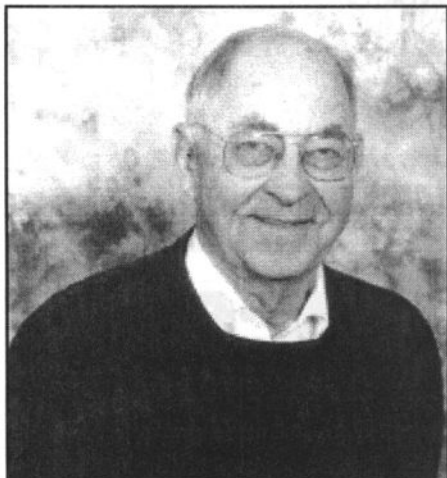
first choice, which is also exciting."

Not only are there more students enrolled this year, but they are also better academically prepared and are perhaps the most diverse group in the college's history. Applications from students of color show a remarkable 61% increase, and UMC is expecting its largest group of international students ever.

The increase in students hasn't caused too many growing pains, however. According to Kreager, UMC has added several class sections to meet the increased demand. He says the hiring

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From the President



Gerhard Ross

On Sept. 18, 2000, the NWSA Board of Directors elected a slate of officers, which included Bonnie Holmquist as secretary/treasurer, Ray Dusek as vice-president, and me, Gerhard Ross, as president. It is an honor to be chosen to serve you, and with it comes the opportunity to write to all of you.

Our thanks to Bill Gatheridge, who served so well as President and to his fellow Board Members, who faithfully attended Board meetings, and made possible our annual reunions. We also appreciate the past support that you as Alumni have given to the Heritage Fund.

The Centennial Park Gazebo Project is the most recent and visible accomplishment of the NWSA Alumni effort, made possible by your donations, and particularly by Harris Peterson's donation of \$50,000 towards this project. Our Executive Director, Del Roelofs, whose office is nearby in Selvig Hall, reports that the Gazebo is used regularly by "lounging" students as well as for official events. It has been designed with plenty of electrical outlets, and the anticipation is that it will be a Christmas holiday delight.

The entire Centennial Park Project is more than the Gazebo. Gardens and walkways are planned. The goal is

completion by the Centennial Celebration in the year 2005. A suggestion by Dr. Andrew Nielsen was received and his letter is attached. (see p.23) Others have expanded upon Dr. Nielsen's idea by suggesting that we preserve sayings that NWSA Alumni associated with NWSA instructors. For example, Dr. Soine: "It's not dirt, it is soil"; Mr. Dunham: "First you ditch, and then you fertilize"; Miss Retta Bede: "If the shoe fits, put it on"; etc. It would be interesting to hear from you, if you have a favorite memory or quote.

As NWSA Board members, we are looking forward to your continued support of the NWSA Heritage Fund. This year we are going back to sending out annual fund drive letters from the Crookston Campus. Follow-up calling will be done by the Foundation staff from the Minneapolis Campus. We look forward to visiting with you.

--Gerhard Ross

NWSA Texas Social

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Tuesday, March 6

Mr. Gatti's Pizza

4100 N 2nd Street

McAllen, TX

More information to follow...

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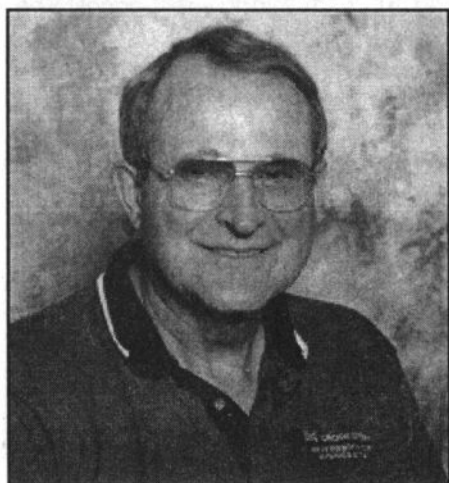
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From the Director



Del Roelofs

You've all heard, I'm sure too many times, the old cliché, "time flies when you're having fun." Well, I must be having fun, because it seems to me that we were just getting ready for the reunion and now we're into a new school year. Before you know it we'll be planning for the 2001 reunion.

We had a very good turn out and a great time at the reunion in June. Our special thanks to JoAnne Carlson, Betty Floan and Donna Kuta for all their special help in making the 2000 All-School Reunion one of the best.

The golf scramble and bus tour were well received. As a matter of fact, several people have asked that these two activities be included in the schedule next year. We had beautiful weather on Saturday for the pig roast and dedication of the Harris A. Peterson Gazebo. For those of you who haven't seen the gazebo, let me tell you, it has really added a new dimension to the beauty and utility of the mall area. Plus, it is getting a lot of use by both campus and community groups.

Speaking of the new school year, things are really popping around here. Enrollment is at an all-time high with an increase of nearly 200 students, which puts the total number of degree seeking students at 1,180. The total headcount is at 2,775, which I know is also a new high. Headcount represents all students enrolled, full-time, part-time, degree seeking, and non-degree people.

We also have a few changes to report. We have four new NWSA Alumni Association Board members. They are Bonnie Holmquist, Warren Hamerick, Wilford Dostal, and Roger Odegaard. Retiring board members this year were Bill Gatheridge, Conrad Zak, Willie Huot,

and Ken Poole. I sure had a good time getting to know and working with each of the outgoing board members, and I want to thank them for their dedicated service and wish them the very best in the future. NWSA officers elected for this year are as follows: President Gerhard Ross, Vice-President Ray Dusek, and Secretary Bonnie Holmquist.

Another change we experienced this summer was the move from UTOC to Selvig Hall. Our office is now located on the second floor of Selvig Hall in Room 208. We will be housed here until the renovation of Kiehle Building is completed in late 2002. Along with our new quarters, a new staff member joined us at the beginning of fall semester. Her name is Elizabeth Tollefson. Liz is a Scientific and Technical Communications major at UMC, and she works part-time as an office assistant.

Your president, in his column, speaks about the Heritage Annual Fund Drive and the Centennial Park Project, so I'll not steal his thunder. Just let me say, in closing, that if you have questions about these or other matters, please feel free to call me or stop by the office for a visit if you are in the area.

--Del Roelofs

A Record-Breaking Year From the Director of Development, Del Roelofs

The University of Minnesota Foundation recently announced a record-breaking year for private giving to the University.



For the year ending June 30, 2000, donors contributed \$234 million to the University of Minnesota. This was an increase of 73 percent, or \$99 million more than the \$135 million that was raised last year.

UMC also had a record-breaking year when it surpassed \$1 million for the first time in its Development Office history. Gifts totaling \$1,068,142 were recorded for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2000.

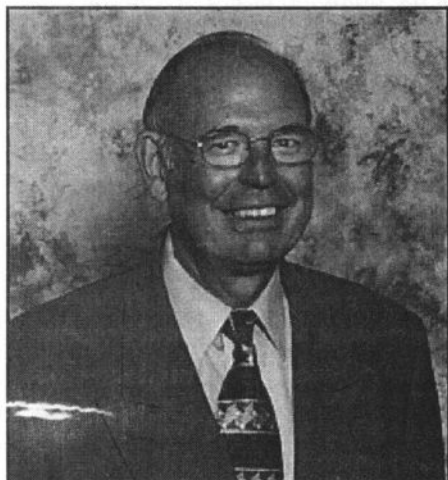
This represents a percentage increase of 39 percent over the \$765,982 received the previous fiscal year.

These results also mean that we are

making outstanding progress on Campaign Minnesota thanks to our many donors. The Crookston campus has raised \$3,333,429 toward its \$5 million goal. This total represents 66 percent of our Campaign Minnesota goal. The Capital Campaign is scheduled to run through June 30, 2003.

If you are interested in receiving information on the campaign, or, better yet, wish to make a gift, please contact me at 218-281-8438 or 1-800-232-6466 Extension 8438, or feel free to stop by our new offices on the second floor of Selvig Hall. And thanks to those of you who have already made a contribution!

From the Chancellor



Donald Sargeant

The fall harvest is in full swing, and nature is displaying its splendor as I write this note. The color of the trees and flowers make it special on campus. And the students have been actively involved in classes, clubs and organiza-

tions, and special events such as Homecoming. In spite of all the change, the core values of student life and of nature give us a foundation.

This fall the University sponsored an Economic Summit in St. Paul. While listening to the speakers there were some themes. One was that the most important part of economic development is education—the willingness to continue to learn. University graduates are the first vital step to economic growth.

Then the organizations that embrace training, technology, and global understanding do the best. Even though the service economy is slowly replacing the product economy, both require new processes (e-business or automation or a niche) and new knowledge that require more learning. Our goal at UMC is to prepare graduates to be self-learners in the work force.

I received a very nice letter from Ruth Pilkey Faleide. Her father was a professor of Animal Husbandry in the 30's and 40's at the Northwest School. She grew up on the campus here in Crookston. She was complimenting UMC on its recognition as a U.S. News and World Report 2001 Best College, and she indicated that she knew her father would be extremely proud of how the college had changed and grown. It is great for UMC to be thought of as continuing to serve in an exemplary manner.

Another Aggie, Charles Samuelson, advanced class of '44, shared with me a very thoughtful paper he had prepared summarizing his memories and the value of the Northwest School. The paper is a great reflection of the educational role of the Northwest School in those early years. We are always pleased when you keep in touch with the campus.

—Donald Sargeant

Enrollment Up Across The Board at UMC

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of additional faculty has helped maintain course availability.

The one area where growth *did* create a challenge was in the campus residence halls. Gary Willhite, Director of Residential Life, says that campus residence halls and apartments are at full capacity. "At one point," he says, "we had nearly 20 people on a waiting list for our campus housing. We worked with local motels to provide some temporary overflow housing options."

More students also meant more computers. In late August the college received shipment of 1200 new notebook computers, which were issued to students when they arrived to begin fall courses. The standard issue machine is the IBM ThinkPad i series 1482 model. It features a Celeron 500 MHz processor, 128MB RAM, 12GB hard

drive, 14.1" TFT screen, DVD-ROM, Windows 2000/Office 2000, and 56Kb built-in modem. This fall marks UMC's eighth year providing notebook computers to all students and faculty.

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Students are quick to recognize the benefits of UMC's technology-rich environment. Cameron Brauer, a sophomore from Ellendale, North Dakota, says, "It's hard to imagine going to college anywhere else. I just can't imagine having to sign up for time in an overheated, busy and obsolete computer lab to do all my work. If I wake up in the middle of the night with a notion to work on a paper or send my grandma

an e-mail, I can just roll over, grab my computer off my desk and work right there."

Graduates, too, see the benefits. Kevin Leiran, a graduate and member of the class of 1999, says, "The technological instruction I received at UMC has given me a competitive edge. I was hired by the Minneapolis firm of Wold, Jacobs, & Johnson to be their summer clerk. During the interview, one of the partners told me that the reason I was being interviewed was because of my background in technology. He said he didn't care if I was a summa cum laude . . . The technology was what got me the job."

It's comments like these that lead Kreager to believe that UMC's enhanced reputation over the past few years is a strong contributing factor in the enrollment growth. "Growth and success usually lead to more growth and success, and everyone wants to be a part of a successful organization," he says.

Development Office Welcomes Liz Tollefson



Liz Tollefson

Hi, My name is Elizabeth Tollefson, but you can call me Liz. I am happy to be a part of the Development Office. It is a privilege to work with Del Roelofs and Ardis Thompson. I work in the Development Office approximately 16 to 20 hours a week.

My husband, Terry, and I have three children, Ted, Carrie and Megan. Each of them has enjoyed being a student at the University of Minnesota, Crookston (UMC), and I can now say that I am a UMC student as well. I am majoring in Scientific and Technical Communication and hope to graduate in

the spring of 2003. I am happy to be back in school!

My father-in-law, Russell Tollefson, also attended school here and graduated in 1945, so the Northwest School of Agriculture (NWSA) is part of my family's history. It is so much fun learning more about UMC's history and feeling a part of the pride that is the legacy of the NWSA. I hope to have the opportunity to meet more of you as time goes by, and someday I hope to be counted among the UMC alumnae.

—Liz Tollefson

NWSA Alumni Board



2000 NWSA Alumni Board

Standing: Ray Dusek '57, Berneil Nelson '42, Gerhard Ross '45, Roger Odegaard '60, Wilford Dostal '48, Del Roelofs, Warren Hamrick '48, David Tucker '61

Seated: Bonnie Vesledahl Holmquist '51 and Arlone Thoreson Cymbaluk '47
(Not pictured: Irene Pulkrabek Larson '44 and Marilyn Balstad Melby '55)

Scenes From The Reunion

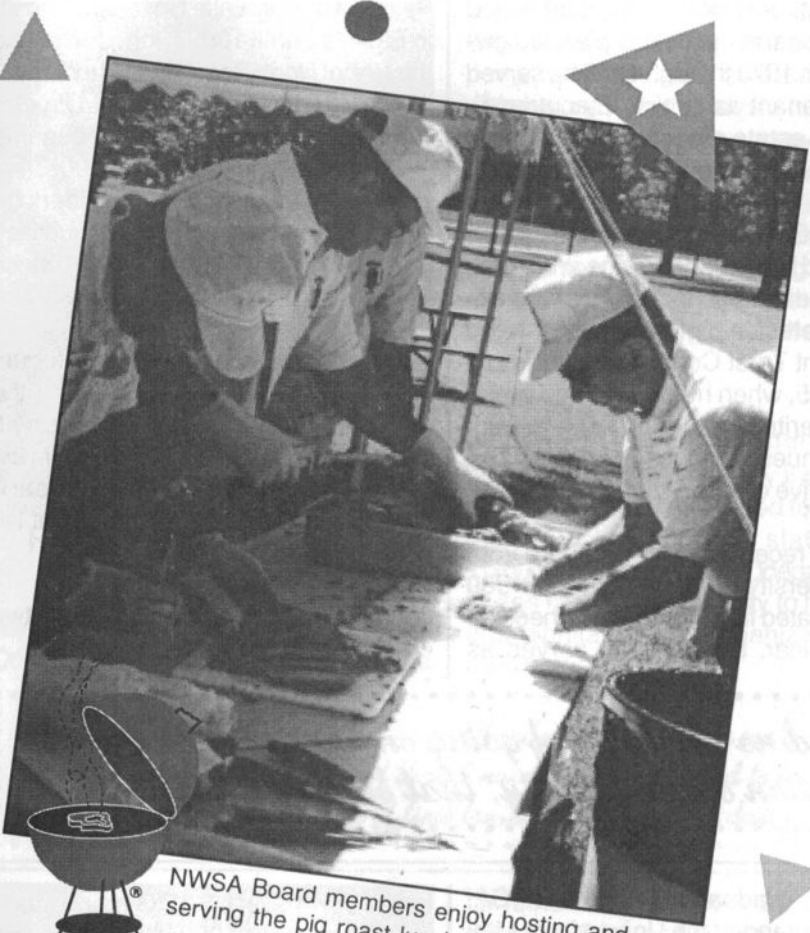


NWSA alumni enjoying the beautiful day and the Gazebo dedication.

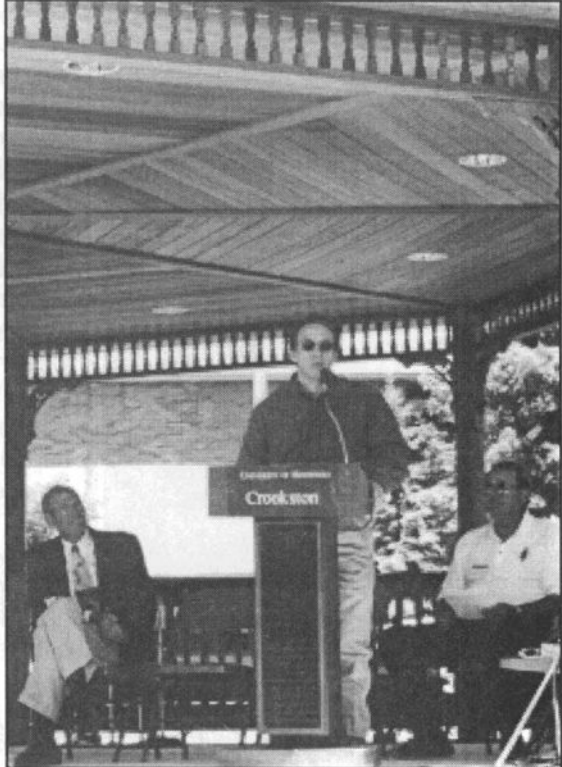


Alumni enjoying the luncheon camaraderie.

Scenes From The Reunion



NWSA Board members enjoy hosting and serving the pig roast luncheon to alumni.

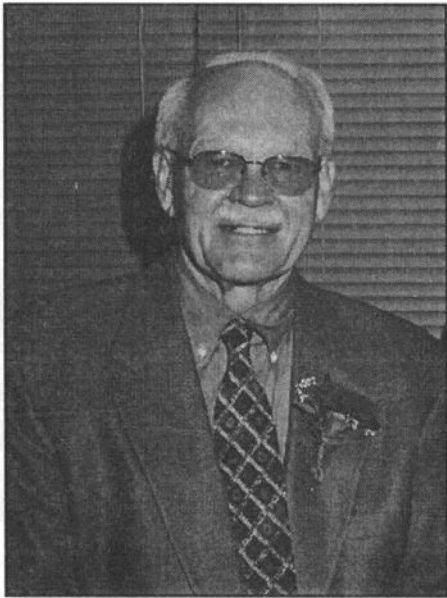


Steve Edwardson, representing Harris Peterson and Minn-Dak Growers, at the dedication of the Gazebo.



The NWSA Alumni Choir performing at the dedication of the Harris Peterson Gazebo.

Top Aggies Honored



LeRoy M. Johnson '50 (adv)
Glenview, IL

LeRoy M. Johnson is an established professional in the field of planned giving. From 1978 through 1995 he served the Covenant as its first executive director of estate planning services and coordinated the estate planning program of the Evangelical Covenant Church, Covenant Benevolent Institutions, and North Park College and Theological Seminary. In 1988 he was appointed president of the newly chartered Covenant Trust Company and served until 1995, when he was named president emeritus. Although semi-retired, he continues working with clients and prospective clients nationwide.

Johnson received his B.A. degree from the University of Minnesota. In 1960 he graduated from North Park Theological Seminary, and then he served as

Pastor of the Lily Lake Covenant Church in Elgin, IL, until 1963. Johnson joined the staff of North Park College and Theological Seminary as Assistant Director of Development in 1963. He became Chief Development Officer in 1965, and in 1973 was named Vice President for Development. He has been a qualified Certified Financial Planner (CFP) since 1992.

LeRoy is a member of the Ministerium of the Evangelical Covenant Church; the Chicago Estate Planning Council; Kiwanis International; and serves on the board of directors of Covenant Home and Covenant Enabling Residences of Illinois.

Johnson and his wife Carole, have two children and three grandchildren.

"When I began high school I had no intention of going on to college, but with the encouragement and inspiration of the faculty, that became a reality."



Dr. Andrew Nielsen '49
Oak View, CA

Following graduation from the NWSA, Andrew attended the University of Minnesota and received his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1954 and his Bachelor of Science and his Doctor of Medicine in 1957. He completed his internship at Anchor Hospital in St. Paul in 1958. He did his Surgical Residency at Wilford Hall Hospital, San Antonio, TX, from 1963-1967. Dr. Nielsen received Certification from the American Board of Surgery in 1968 and was recognized as a Fellow by the American College of Surgeons in 1970.

Dr. Nielsen's occupational contribution included general practice in St. Paul

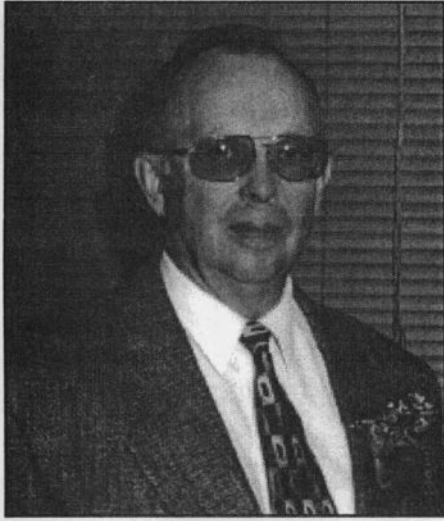
from 1958-1959; USAF General Medical Officer 1959-1963; USAF Surgical Practice 1968-1979 with various assignments; private surgical practice in Alabama from 1979-1990. In 1990 he retired to California.

Presently a member of Grace Lutheran Church, Ventura, CA, where he has been congregation Vice President and Financial Secretary and Chairman of the Evangelism Committee.

Dr. Nielsen states that his main accomplishment in life along with the help of his wife, Thea, is the raising of four successful children.

"Main highlight and impact of NWSA Days was to prepare myself to attend the University of Minnesota and meet my future wife, Thea".

Top Aggies Honored



Roger Odegaard '60
Crookston, MN

After graduation from the NWSA, Roger Odegaard joined the National Guard and

spent several years in the local Guard Unit. During this time, he had the opportunity to rent some land and farmed with his dad on the family farm. His interest in dairy grew, and eventually he bought out his father's interest in the dairy operation of Registered Holsteins, the land, and machinery. Today, his son, Kevin, is farming with him on the family farm where they raise sugar beets, small grains, alfalfa, soybeans and corn.

Because of Roger's interest in the dairy business, he became very involved in many organizations related to dairy on the local, county, and state level. Throughout the years the Odegaard family has had the opportunity to host several dignitaries and organizations on their farm.

Roger's service to organizations, church and community are numerous and only a few will be mentioned here. He has held all the offices of his church. Has been President of the Red River Valley Winter Shows, the Red River and Polk County American Dairy Association. He and Gail have been honored as West Polk County's Outstanding Farm Family and Outstanding Dairy Family of the Year, and they have received the Red River Valley Farmer and Homemaker Award. They are members of the University of Minnesota Foundation Presidents Club, and Roger has received the Torch and Shield Award from UMC.

Roger and his wife, Gail, have four children and one grandchild.

"Because of the influence that Dr. Ed Fredericks had upon me in my dairy classes, I became very interested in dairy management. Because of that, I not only worked hard to improve my management and herd skills, I also spent a considerable amount of time trying to improve the dairy industry."



Andrew Skaar '40
Thief River Falls, MN

After graduation from NWSA, Andrew, better known as Andy, began farming on the family farm that his grandparents homesteaded in 1885. Andy and

his father were both born and raised on this farm. Andy and his brother Leonard currently reside and are engaged in the day-to-day farming operations of the same land homesteaded by their grandparents.

Andy served on the Pennington County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Directors, and on his township association board. He was a member of the Red River Development Committee for over 30 years and served on the Red River Valley Winter Shows Board of Directors.

Andy has continued his ag-related education by attending one or two seminars, almost every year since graduation from NWSA.

He served 12 years in the Minnesota House of Representatives. He was active on several committees and made a number of trips to Washington, D.C. to influence legislation favorable to Northwest Minnesota.

Andy also supports the University of Minnesota, Crookston and is our newest Heritage Society member. He has also contributed to the work and efforts of the 4-H Foundation.

He has served on the Council of Trinity Lutheran Church and also the Board of Directors. He has been recognized by the Northwest Farm and Home Development and also the Pennington County Crop Improvement Association.

"The NWSA Class of 1940 Motto can be compared to Andy's lifelong contributions as: "Everywhere in Life the True Question is Not What We Gain, But What We Do."

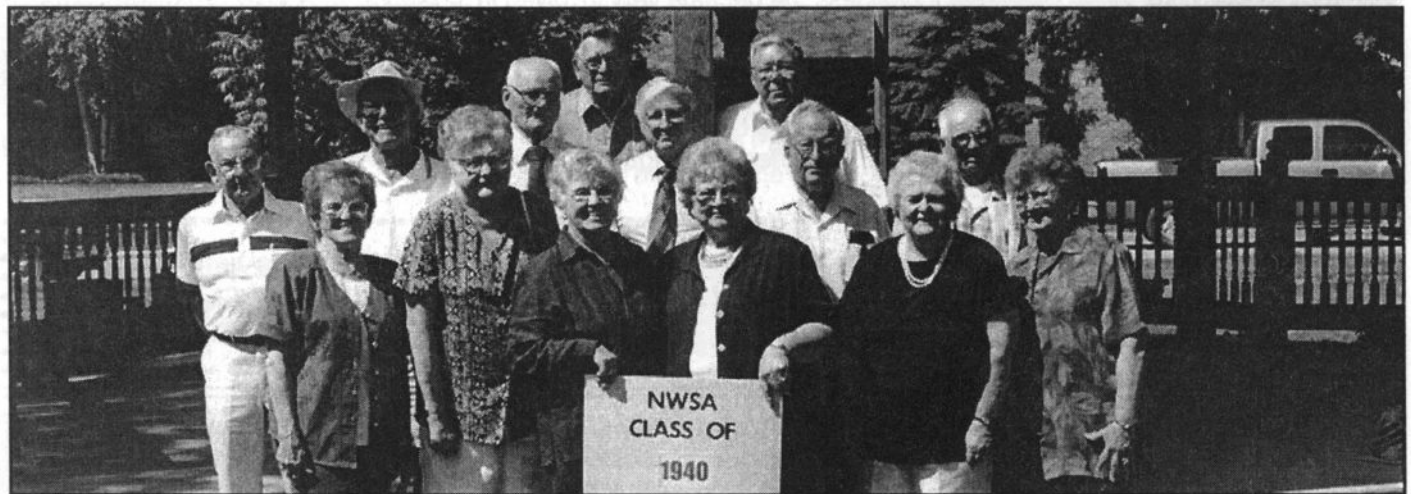
NWSA Reunion Class Photos



1930 Herbert Nisbet, Rose Polski Anderson, Alvin Degerness



1935 Joyce Stamnes Bothum, Olive Steen Olson



1940 *Front Row:* Esther (Norum) Gee, Glendora (Erickson) Ficken, Margaret (Ristad) Bankers, Eleanor (Olson) Snustad, Camilla (Ecklund) Johnson, Evelyn (Sorvig) Radzak. *Middle Row:* LeRoy Maidment, Gene Musselman, Andrew Skaar, Jay Bergh, Don Nelson, Roy Hanson. *Back Row:* Lloyd Lund, Roy Lerud.



1945 *Front Row:* Colleen (Skeie) Aakhus, Anna Mae (Ecklund) Blade, Ruth (Norum) Ragsdale, Pauline (Finkenbinder) Purath, Margaret (Johnson) Seemann. *Back Row:* Gerhard Ross, Geneva (Iverson) Sparby, Delores (Hamre) Grant, Bernice (Lindstrom) Harder, Moris Webster.

NWSA Reunion Class Photos



1950 *Front Row:* LeRoy Johnson, Harriet (Balstad) Hanson, Luella (Brekke) Karevold, Eunice (Peterson) Waterworth, Betty (Hoff) Fredman, Mary (Randall) Norgart, Joyce (Anderson) Lee, Alice Joy (Christenson) Lapp, Elaine (Kopecky) Johnson, Donna (Danielson) Peterson, LaVonne (Skeie) Borgmann, Dr. Andrew Nielsen. *Middle Row:* Russell Lee, William Kosmatka, Howard Thompson, Charles Sylvester, Howard Halvorson, Philip Hamre, Dennis Driscoll, Clayton Brandt, Lyle Kasprick, George Huard, Peter Fehr, Arne Filjipi, Maynard Laymon. *Back Row:* Floyd Blawat, Orris Thureen, Earle Peterson, Charles Brantner, Duane Wimpfheimer, Lauritz Jensen, Eldon Thompson, Thomas Lapp, Earl Munter, Orvald Rokke.

NWSA Reunion Class Photos



1955 *Front Row:* Mary Lou (Arveson) Wolden, Jean (Stromstad) Vigness-Parker, Harlene Hagen, Marilyn (Balstad) Melby, Marlys (Love) Finkenbinder, Glen Finkenbinder. *Middle Row:* Willard Loing, Jeanne (Vanek) Prokosch, Marge (Iwen) Mergner, Barbara (Kagg) Lekstrom, Keith Chisholm, Donald Craigmile, Jim Roberts. *Back Row:* Marvin Engesether, LeRoy Sondrol, Jim Olson, Charles Zammert, Roger Landreville.



1960 *Front Row:* Donna (Babinski) Kuta, Bette (Hovet) Nelson, Sandy (Tvinnereim) Folk, Jane (Stromstad) Hasse, Roberta (Bohnsack) Hager. *Middle Row:* Gary Knepper, Terry Nelson, Ardell Magnusson, Leo Jaszczak, Kenneth Straus, Russell Schumacher, Dan Straus. *Back Row:* Richard Danielson, Roger Kluzak, Roger Odegaard, Terry Stadstad, Wallace Philipp.



1965 Kenneth Drees, Daniel Wallace, Larry Wilkens, Don Lubinski, Allen Sjostrand

Class Notes

Arlene Christianson Pickard '56 **Camas, WA**

As editor of the Oregon Episcopal Church News, Arlene was honored with three awards (an award of excellence and two awards of merit) in annual competition among nearly 500 entries in the Episcopal Communicator's Polly Bond competition at the group's annual conference in Chicago in late March and early April. The Polly Bond Awards were established in the mid-1970's by Episcopal Communicators to acknowledge excellence and achievement in Church communications. Polly Bond, now deceased, was a founder of the Episcopal Communicator's organization and a recognized and respected professional. Also last spring, Arlene was honored as the 1999-2000 Portland Professional of the Year by the Consumer Science Business Professionals. In 1978-79 she was national chairman of one of the predecessor organizations to CSBP and has been active in the organization on a national level as well as in the several different states where she lives.

Martin A Chilson '36 **Tucson, AZ**

Joined the Coalition Conservation Corp at the camp at Blackduck, MN. Joined the US Army in '39 at Fort Snelling. I was in the Korean War, and I was in Alaska before it became a state. Retired from the U. S. Air Force in '60. Am now living in Tucson AZ.

Don E LaPlante '39 **Hayward CA**

Attended recent reunion but only found two of us from Class of '39, Dorothy Billberg and myself. My son and I enjoyed ourselves at the reunion. Appreciated the effort of committee, under leadership of Bill Gatheridge. My thanks for all your efforts.

Raymond '47 and Marvlyn '48 **Vesledahl Stromstad** **Beltrami MN**

Celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary in July, 2000.

Stanley '55 and MaryAnn **Johnston**

Angus, MN

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Chester Dawe '50 **Stephen, MN**

Due to different reasons I will not be able to attend the Reunion. I attended special classes, January through March in '50. The school was interesting. I remember mostly my roommates including Roger Nelson from Hawley, MN. I was married May 28, 1980, and my wife passed away May 22, 1996. I sang a solo for Presbyterian Church Centennial in June 1994. I sang in the Church Choir from October '79 to May '92. I can remember some of the basketball games and wrestling matches. I live on the farm east of Stephen. I have lived there all my life except for about two years in the military service.

Viola Jensrud Kaus '50 **Bemidji, MN**

Ralph and I were married in the fall of 1950. He is a Duluth native graduating from the University of Minnesota Duluth in '51. Moved to Bemidji 40 years ago and raised our five children there. Ralph retired early, 20 years ago, and our favorite pastime is traveling in our motor home about six months of the year. We now have 17 grandchildren and three great grandchildren. They are all scattered from Alaska to Florida. Our winters are spent in the south, via way of our children and their families. Life has been good to us.

Mary Lou Wolden '55 **Gonvick, MN**

Married for 44 years, five children, six grandchildren. I've been a church organist for 35 years. I make quilts, garden, belong to bible study and group, member of Women's WELCA. I go visit grandchildren, enjoy homemaking, baking and cooking.

Heimer Swanson '41 **Pipestone, MN**

I graduated in the Advanced Class of '42. I spent about a year on the home farm and then about two and a half years in the service. I later attended the U of M and became a Vo-Ag instructor. I taught at Lake Benton and Pipestone for 38 years with most those years in the Adult Farm Business Management Program at Pipestone. I am married, have three children (one boy and two girls). My hobbies since retirement include church work, locally, and music—church and barbershop.

Willard Loing '55 **East Grand Forks, MN**

After graduation, I have held many jobs. While in Nebraska, I belonged to the Toastmaster Club. In 1972 I had open heart surgery, and then I came back home to Grand Forks to recover. In the past 25 years I have worked at American Crystal Sugar Co. in East Grand Forks. My wife Ellen owned and operated a lawn service for several years. I also have been Eagle's President of our local Eagles Club 350 in East Grand Forks during the years 90-91. I am now looking forward to "retirement" sometime this fall.

Eloise Wold Soltzak '57 **Barnesville, MN**

Eloise, originally from Roseau, MN, grew up on a dairy farm as one of eight children. She and her twin sister Elaine roomed together at the NWSA. After 29 years of teaching, Eloise will retire. Eloise and her husband, Dennis, have six children spread out across the country, so they will have plenty of places to visit. Congratulations Eloise!



Class Notes

NWSA Advanced Class of 1950

ANDERSON, LOWELL
Eden Prairie, MN 55344

ANDERSON, RUDEE
Deceased 08-11-99

BANGEN, ERWIN
Hot Springs, MT 59845

BARTOS, VERNICE LANGE
South St Paul MN 55075

BERGMAN, ARLENE SOLBERG
Clearbrook MN 56634

Spouse: Erick
Number of Children: 4
Grandchildren: 13
My husband and I were married in 1955.

We had a dairy farm. I finished college and taught school for 37 years, retiring in 1992. Our youngest son lives about a quarter mile



away, so I have been babysitting our granddaughter, who is 4 years old. They are expecting twins in August, so I suppose that will keep me busy. My husband and I have traveled quite a bit. We just got back from Atlanta, GA, visiting our son and his family. Our oldest daughter lives in Hutchinson, MN, and our other daughter lives in Baudette, MN.

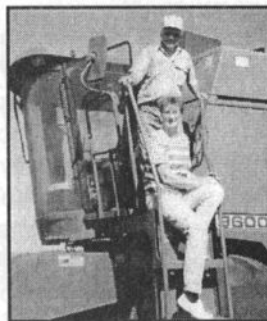
BERNSTROM, ESEL
Renville MN 56284-0246

Spouse: Geoline
Number of Children: 3
Number of Grandchildren: 11
Spent many years working in various banks, retired from that in 1995. Presently, employed at Southern Minnesota Beet Sugar Coop. Married 47 years, enjoy our kids and grandkids.

BLAWAT, FLOYD
Greenbush MN 56726

Spouse: Alice
Number of Children: 2
Number of Grandchildren: 5 1/2

Got out of High School and started to farm with my parents for a couple of years. Went into the Army for two years, returned home to farm. Farm-



ing at this time was not too profitable, so went to work in Raine, WI, for J. I. Case as a certified arc welder. In '57 married Alice and in '60 bought some more land moved back to Greenbush. Started to farm and work at Lunsett Plumbing and Heating at Grand Forks for a few more years. Gave up working out in '65 and have continued farming since. I am retired and put most of my land into CRP, but am busy as ever. I enjoy fishing, hunting and spending time with my family.

BORGMANN, LA VONNE SKEIE
Alexandria MN 56308

Number of Children: 4
Number of Grandchildren: 9
After graduating from NWSA in '50, I went to Moorhead State and majored in elementary education. My first teaching position was in Sauk Centre, MN. It was there that I met and married my husband. We lived on a dairy farm and later moved to Brooklyn Park, where I continued teaching in the Osseo district. In '74 we moved to Lake Amelia near Glenwood and later to Alexandria, where we have lived the last 21 years. We owned and operated the Oak Grove Dairy Distributorship in and around Alexandria. My husband and I retired in '95. We love to visit our grandkids, and we have spent a couple of winters in Arizona. This July we are going to Norway.

BRANDT, CLAYTON
Roseau MN 56751

Spouse: Mavis
Number of Children: 2
Number of Grandchildren: 1
'52 to '56 Army in Japan; spent 20 years selling cars; worked at Polaris Ind. and retired. Lived in Roseau entire life.

BRANTNER, CHARLES JR
Brantners Arabians
Moorhead MN 56560

COLSON, ROBERT
Licanto FL 34460

DRISCOLL, DENNIS
Las Vegas NV 89121

Number of Children: 5
Number of Grandchildren: 16
Graduated from University of North Dakota in '55 and entered Air Force Pilot Training in Aug '55. Spent 22 years in the Air Force flying mostly single seat fighters. Retired from the Air Force in '77 with rank of Lt. Col. and have lived in Las Vegas, NV, since retirement. Worked for Denny's and Sizzler Restaurants for 13 years, with the last as gas market manager for Sizzler. Had a stroke in '90 and retired from the work force. Have found golf, hobbies, and family have kept me very busy.

ELGIN, EUNICE H. PETERSON
Mesa AZ 85206

Have We Heard From You Lately?

Let us know any information or news you'd like to share. Photos are welcome. Please include year of graduation.

Via US Mail: NWSA Alumni Association, University of Minnesota, Crookston, 2900 University Avenue, Crookston, MN 56716 or **E-mail:** ardis@mail.crk.umn.edu or **Phone:** 1-800-862-6466 ext. 8437.

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EMPTING-HOVER, TILLIE BAIRD Vancouver WA 98664

e-mail address: tilykins@cs.com

Spouse: Laurence

Number of Children: 3

Number of Grandchildren: 7

Married right after school graduation. Lived in Dilworth and Valley City.

Raised three wonderful kids.

I feel my children were my greatest accomplishment in life. Divorced after 28 years. Moved to Vancouver and remarried a good man and have three stepdaughters, one stepgrandson, and two step great grandchildren. My husband and I go to Yuma, AZ, for 3—5 months in the winter. We started out in a motor home and rambled around the areas down south. After 6 years we decided to stay in one spot and bought a park model in Yuma and now drive back and forth. I would love to correspond with some of you and get in touch again. Aren't computers fun! We got one last summer and we both enjoy it. Hello to everyone and God Bless You All!



FEHR, PETER Minneapolis MN 55422-2326

Spouse: Doris

Number of Children: 4

Number of Grandchildren: 5

College and Medical school, graduation in '57.

Internship at Minneapolis General Hospital. 10 years in Cameroon, West Africa as a medical missionary '58-'68. Ob-GYN in Minneapolis, MN, '72 to present. We enjoy travel.



FELTMAN, EVALENOR SCHUSTER Grand Forks ND 58201

FILIPI, ARNE

Denver CO 80221

Spouse: Beverly

Number of Children: 3

Number of Grandchildren: 4

After graduation the Army sent a letter asking for my presence for two years, came back in Sept. '54

and married in '55, moved to Denver, CO, '56. Three children and four great ones, which I should have had first — more fun! Worked for trucking company for 28 ½ years, and they went belly up. Started my own business of repairing window shades and am still doing it, but I'm kind of semi-retired.



FORTIN, DARRELL Grand Forks ND 58201

FREDMAN, BETTY HOFF Alexandria MN 56308

Spouse: Arlie

Number of Children: 2

Number of Grandchildren: 7



After high school I worked as a nurses aide in Conrad, MT. In '51 we were married and in '52 returned to rural Eagle Bend, MN, and started dairy farming. In '73 we downsized, and I attended Alex Tech College and received my degree in nursing as a LPN. I worked

as charge nurse at Knute Nelson Memorial Home for 20 years. In '55 we retired in Alexandria. We enjoy our condominium and have a wonderful church family. We have two sons and daughter-in-laws and seven grandchildren, who are so special and bring joy to our lives.

GENDON, MILLICENT PECK Bemidji MN 56601

GREGOIRE, LEE Eugene OR 97440

GUST, JOY VATNSDAL Strathcona MN 56759

Spouse: Joseph

Number of Children: 5

Number of Grandchildren: 13

Number of Great Grandchildren: 2
Received Teachers Elementary Certificate and taught school for five years. Married in '56, stay home mom for 26 years. Worked 17 years at Polaris. I am now retired and spend time traveling.

HALL, KATHRYN KOWALIUK Pensacola FL 32504

HALVORSON, HOWARD

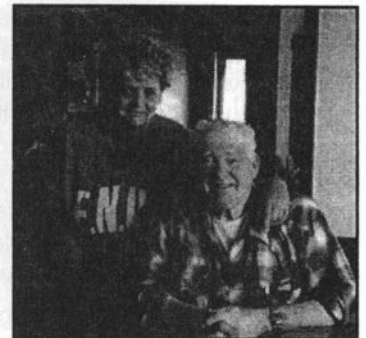
East Grand Forks MN 56721

Spouse: JoAnn

Number of Children: 4

Number of Grandchildren: 8

Farmed and spent summers working for Crystal Sugar in East Grand



Forks for 38 campaigns. Retired in '98, still live on farm but rent land out.

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HAMRE, PHILIP
Nielsville MN 56568

Number of Children: 5
Number of Grandchildren: 6
Lifetime farmer.



HAMRICK, MARWOOD
Deceased 10-24-96

HANSON, HARRIET BALSTAD
Grand Forks ND 58201

Spouse: James
Number of Children: 2
Number of Step Grandchildren: 2



I attended college at Bemidji State and Mayville State Teachers College. Following graduation, I taught in rural schools for five years. Married James in '56. We continue to live on our North Dakota Centennial farm southwest of Grand Forks. Jim is retired from American Crystal Sugar Company, and we rent out our farm land. I did volunteer work for many years in my church, our community, homemakers, and 4-H. Also worked part-time in retail sales. I am a proud mom in the fact that both my children are completing their Master's degrees this year. I was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease in '90. Although I have been slowed by the disease, I continue to do volunteer work.

HELGESON, ARTHUR
Bejou, MN 56515

HIGGINS, PETER
Deceased

HUARD, GEORGE
Shoreview MN 55126

Spouse: Joyce
Number of Children: 2
Number of Grandchildren: 3
US Air Force from '50 - '54 as a radar maintenance/repairman, Korea one year. Attended University of North Dakota '54-'58 receiving BS in Electrical Engineering. Electronics Design Engineering '58-'62; worked for Westinghouse, Honeywell, Control Data; engineering management '74-'96 at Ball Corporation and Cardiac Pacer-makers. Retired in '97. Winter in Texas and summer in Twin Cities.

JOHNSON, ELAINE KOPECKY
Minot ND 58701

Spouse: Charles
Number of Children: 3
Number of Grandchildren: 4

After graduation in '50 I worked for an insurance company in Grand Forks, where I met Chuck. We were married in '52 and moved to Minot in '57. I worked as a secretary in my husband's real estate and insurance office for 6 years. I then worked for 18 years at a savings and loan, where I held several positions, including secretary to the president. So I fulfilled my ambition to be a "private secretary" twice! We now enjoy retirement and spending time with the family.



JOHNSON HARRIS
Route 1 Box 65
Drayton ND 58225

JOHNSON, LEROY
Glennview IL 60025

Spouse: Carole
Number of Children: 2
Number of Grandchildren: 3 3/4
Graduated from University of Minnesota, Seminary, married in '60. Pastor for three years, Vice President for Development at North Park University for 15 years, President of Covenant Trust Company for 20 years. Life has been good for us, and we are grateful. Semi-retired.

JOHNSON, MERLYN
Drayton ND 58225

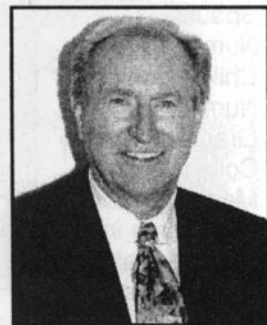
KAREVOLD, LUELLE BREKKE
Moorhead MN 56560

Spouse: Gilmore
Number of Children: 4
Number of Grandchildren: 6 plus 3 step grandchildren
Number of Great Grandchildren: 2 plus 3 step great grandchildren
We were married in '51 and are now retired and living in Moorhead. Two of the children are here. I have Parkinson's disease, have had it for 15 years. Went to a doctor in California and had an operation, so I am pretty good. The operation did wonders.

KASPRICK, LYLE
Orono MN 55364-9754

Spouse: Kathleen
Number of Children: 5
Number of Grandchildren: 3

US Navy '51 '55; Married Harriet Lydick, NWSA '51 in '53; University of North Dakota '55-'59 with BS/BA in '59; CPA with Arthur Andersen in Minneapolis '59-'69; Pepsi-Cola Bottling in Minneapolis '69-'88; Tropicana Hotel and Casino, Las Vegas '70-'72; Key



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Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Miami '72-'86; married Kathleen '77; IVAX Corporation '87-'97; North American Vaccine, Inc. Columbia MD '88-present; Boards of directors of the University of North Dakota Foundation and the Alumni Association '93-present; have remained a resident in the Minneapolis area since '59; a lot of personal travel in last 10 years.

KOSMATKA, WILLIAM

Minto ND 58261

Spouse: Annie

Number of Children: 6

Two years in the Army from '53-'55. Married '57. Farmed from '51 - '69. Served as electrician with American Crystal Sugar in Drayton from '69-'79. Returned to farming from '79 - '84. Went with Minto Insurance Agency from '84 to present.

KOWALSKI, CLARION

Delano MN 55328

KRAUSE, DORIS HERBERG

Crookston MN 56716

LANGEMO, MARLANE DREES

McIntosh MN 56556

LAPP, THOMAS and ALICE JOY CHRISTENSON

Bemidji MN 56601

Number of Children: 4

Number of Grandchildren: 7

Tom served two years in the service before we were married in '55. He graduated from Bemidji State University in '59.

His first teaching position was at Baudette till '64 when we moved back to Bemidji teaching in Red Lake for 25 years. He's working part time in Real Estate after retiring. Alice



Joy attended Bemidji State University for two years before teaching. Later completed four-year degree. Taught 10 years while raising our four sons and daughter. Enjoy golfing and fishing.

LARSON, MILES

Hillsboro OR 97124

LAYMON, MAYNARD

Warren MN 56762

Spouse: Jo Ann

Number of Children: 3

Number of Grandchildren: 3

After graduation my brother and I started farming together. In '54 I went to the Army for two years.



After my return from Korea, I came home and took up farming again. I got married in '60. We raised three children, and in '85 my brother and I dissolved our partnership. I went into farming with my youngest son, but he was killed in an accident in '90. This was very hard on the family, but I kept on farming for a few years by myself until my retirement in '93. I am retiring from American Crystal Sugar Company on the first of August of this year after 37 years of employment at the Crookston plant. My wife and I plan to spend a lot of time from now on at our cabin at Union Lake with our family. We have three grandsons to go fishing with.

LEE, JOYCE ANDERSON

Sun City AZ 85351

The biggest influence in my life during the last 50 years has been education. It all began when I started teaching in a one room rural school with seven students. The



more college education during summers and evenings, the bigger the schools until teaching the last 27 years in Fargo, ND. I never had the opportunity of attending college during the regular year, so I did my undergraduate work at Mayville State and my graduate work at NDSU during summers and evenings. I loved teaching. It gave me the challenge of writing curriculum, supervising student teachers, teaching summer school, and serving on various related educational programs. Since retirement nine years ago, my emphasis has been turned toward church activities. This has included vice-president of the church council, chairperson of the trust committee, member of WELCA, usher and most gratifying of all: a Stephen Minister (care giver to people homebound or in assisted living homes) of American Lutheran Church of Sun City. I'm the layperson from the Cactus Conference and on the board of congregational ministries to the Grand Canyon Synod. I've traveled to all the continents, including Antarctica, at least once. I've studied educational systems in England, USSR, Zimbabwe, and Tanzania. Hot air ballooning over the Serengeti, Macrolight flying over Victoria Falls, Paragliding and white water rafting in Alaska, photographing penguins in Antarctica, observing the wildlife on safari in Africa, walking the Great Wall, and visiting the Forbidden City in China, shopping Hong Kong, climbing Ayres Rock in Australia, and the two most memorable of all: tracing Martin Luther's life in Germany and my Holy Land Pilgrimage.

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LEE, RUSSELL Albuquerque NM 87111

Spouse: Helen
Number of
Children: 2
Number of
Grandchildren: 2
*The following is taken
from the Albuquerque
Journal:*



When the Rev. Russell Lee retires he will have performed 1,162 baptisms, 567 marriages, 172 funerals and 3,170 sermons. During his more than 30 years of ministry in Albuquerque, he's watched his congregation grow from 200 to about 2,400 members, making Faith Lutheran the state's largest mainline Protestant church.

In the 1890's, Lee's grandparents immigrated from Norway to northwest Minnesota. His parents, who farmed the fertile Red River Valley near Fosston, expected Lee, the fifth of eight children, to be a farmer also. Instead, Lee, a high school dropout, experienced a "spiritual type awakening" at 19. Lee was admitted to college on academic probation and was ordained a pastor in the American Lutheran Church in 1960. After working four years in Pierre, SD, Lee and his wife, Elaine, accepted a pastorate in Albuquerque in 1964.

Like his father, who used to rise at 5:30 am to milk cows, Lee is always up at that hour for a workout. "I've been running for over 30 years," says Lee, a trim 65-year-old who runs up to an hour each day.

Over the years, Lee says, some of the high points as a minister have come when he witnessed people growing spiritually. His lowest point occurred in 1990 when his wife died of cancer. He remarried Helen Viker in 1995. He plans on doing volunteer work in Albuquerque as well as "make myself available to churches of all denominations."

LORENSEN, DELORIS JACKSON Strathcona MN 56759

LINDSTROM, CARROLL
Argyle MN 56713
Spouse: Beverly
Number of Children: 3
Number of Grandchildren: 10



In '58 we were united in marriage and blessed with three sons. We have lived on the family farm east of Argyle since our marriage and farmed until '80, when I rented out the land and went to work in the assessor's office for Marshall County in Warren, MN. I worked there until my retirement in '97. I still do contract work for them in the winter months. We have had a wonderful 42 years of marriage and the Lord has been so good to us and blessed us in so many ways!

LUSSO, CLIFFORD Revere MA 02151

MEYER, DONALD C
Battle Lake MN 56515

MILLER, WALTER
Forest Lake MN 55025

MOE, DUAINE
Puyallup WA 98372

**MOHAMED, MARLYS
MUNSON**
Sunrise Beach MO 65079

MUNTER, EARL
Sioux City IA 51106

NEEDHAM, JO ANNE LERUD Littleton CO 80123

Spouse: Merl
Number of Children: 2
Number of Grand Children: 2
St. Olaf college with BA in '57; Swedish Hospital School of Nursing '55

NIELSEN, ANDREW
Oak View CA 93022
Spouse: Thea

NORGART, MARY RANDALL
Mesa AZ 85215

**PETERSON, DONNA
DANIELSON**
Minneapolis MN 55430
Spouse: Leslie (deceased)

Number of
Children: 5
Number of
Grandchildren: 4
I've lived in Minneapolis since I was married in '53. My husband of 43 years died from cancer in '96. Three of my children live in the



Mpls. area, one in Salt Lake City, and one in Kona, HI. So I enjoy traveling to interesting places. At home, I volunteer at my church and try to find time to sew, and I love estate sales!

PETERSON, EARLE
Apache Junction, AZ 85220

POLLACK, JAMES W
Minneapolis, MN 55416

PRICE, RAYMOND
Deceased 7-23-83

PURRINGTON, WAYNE
Deceased 5-1-97

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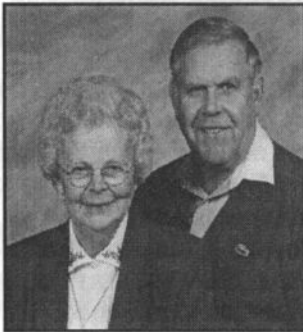
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ROEHL, WILLIS

Fergus Falls, MN 56537

Spouse: Joyce
 Number of Children: 5
 Number of Grandchildren: 11
 Number of Great Grandchildren: 1

After graduation I started farming. I married my 4-H sweetheart in '51. We fed up to 700 beef cattle in a year and



grain farmed for 50 years. We are now retired from a successful farming career and have moved into Fergus Falls. I still farm about 100 acres just so I don't forget. As a couple we have traveled to 26 different countries in the last 15 years and will be in Greece on the Reunion date. I often wonder what happened to the Munter's from Fosston, my roommate and good friends. I spent many years on the Carlisle Town Board, West Otter Tail County Fair Board and Otter Tail County Extension Committee. In '74 I was honored to return to the Crookston Winter Shows as King Agassiz of West Otter Tail County. My schooling at Northwest School of Agriculture changed my life for the best.

ROISLAND, IRENE FJELD

Thief River Falls, MN 56701

Check out a new site on the Internet, just for NWSA alumni:

www.crk.umn.edu/people/alumni/NWSA-sch-life/index.htm

ROKKE, ORVALD

Newfolden MN 56738

Spouse: Gloria
 Number of Children: 4
 Number of Grandchildren: 7
 Number of Great Grandchildren: 1

I have been farming, raising livestock and grain. I served in the army '53 to '55. I worked for American Crystal Co. Now retired and have a home on our farm.



SCHRECK, PENELOPE ERICKSON

Anoka MN 55304

SLOMINSKI, EVELYN MESHESKE

Mesa AZ 85206

SOLUM, KEITH

Argyle MN 56712

SUTHERLAND, HAROLD

San Jose CA 95130

Spouse: Florence
 Number of Children: 3
 Number of Grandchildren: 3

'51 to '55 Navy; married in '54. '57 to '87 US



Postal Service, Oakland and San Jose, CA. '89 to '94 Supervise mail room Tanden Computers, Cupertino, CA. '94 to '96 mailroom Stratacom Inc, San Jose, CA. '96 to present mail center, shipping and receiving - CISCO systems, San Jose CA.

The picture was taken on our 46th Anniversary while on vacation at Kona, HI.

SUTHERLAND, JAMES

Minneapolis MN 55428

THOMPSON, ELDON

Barnesville MN 56514

Spouse: Mary Ann
 Number of Children: 3
 Number of Grandchildren: 4

I started farming at the age of 17 and lived on the home farm until June of '95. Mary Ann and I have been married 43 years. We had an auction in June of '87 as I retired from farming. On September '87 we started a hunting preserve. I have enjoyed it as I have had customers from all over the United States and some from China and Germany. It is open from September 1 to December 1, depending on the weather. In June '95 we sold the farmstead and moved to Barnesville. We have spent twenty-one winters in Apache Junction, AZ. In the spring of the year I work at the Fertilizer Plant. I do a lot of fishing in the summer and hunting in the fall.

THOMPSON, HOWARD

Pelican Rapids MN 56572

THUREN, ORRIS

East Grand Forks MN 56721

Spouse:
 Number of Children: 3
 Number of Grandchildren: 3
 Married in '52 and was a guest of Uncle Sam from '53 to '55. Spent 19 months of that time in France. Retired from farming. Enjoy golfing and traveling.

TRASKA, ADELLE *Deceased*

TRIBON, FRANCES HOFACRE

Buffalo MO 65622

Spouse: Herman
 Number of Children: 3
 Number of Grandchildren: 7
 Number of Great Grandchildren: 4



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VESLEDAHL, JOEL
Deceased

VOXLAND, HARLAN
Deceased '91

WAHLSTROM, DUWAYNE
Tucson AZ 85710

WALLENBERG, RAYMOND
Whittier CA 90605

WATERWORTH, EARL
Newfolden MN 56738

WATERWORTH, EUNICE A. PETERSON
*Verdant Valley Farms
Newfolden MN 56738*



WATERWORTH, WILLIAM
Deceased 10-08-96

WIMPFHEIMER, DUANE
Euclid MN 56722

Spouse: Mildred
Number of Children: 4
Number of Grandchildren: 6
Served two years in the Army, got married and after 25

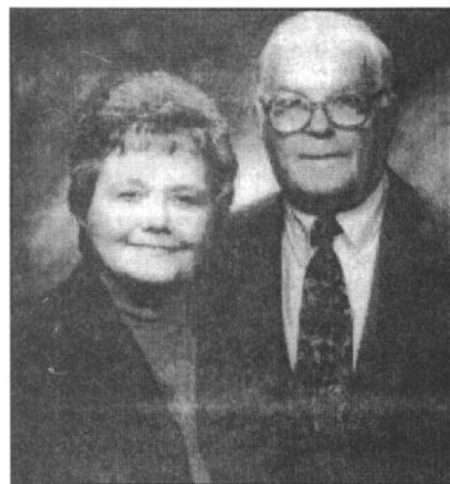


years, I lost my wife. Remarried after three years and we won't talk about that one, and after two and a half years remarried again. It's going very well, and I really enjoying our retirement.

WITIKKO, LUCILLE SWENSON
*RR 2 Box 297
New York Mills MN 56567
218 385-3439*

Spouse: David
Number of Children: 1
Graduated from Nursing (RN) '55, worked in Minneapolis for six years. Worked on Home Parish at Lake Park from '62-'68. In '69 to '70 worked as RN relief worker in Nigeria, West Africa, during the Civil War at Biafra, '70 to '85 worked as Director of Nursing Littleford Hospital. Married in '80 and moved to Monticello in '85. There worked part time in a nursing home and in the school as School nurse. Dave is a pharmacist graduating from pharmacy School at University of Minnesota, Minneapolis. He worked in pharmacy at Littleford Hospital and then at Big Lake. In '99 we moved to New York Mills, where he is in Seip Drug Store. On May 1 we purchased our home here on 40 acres of wooded land and are in the process of getting settled.

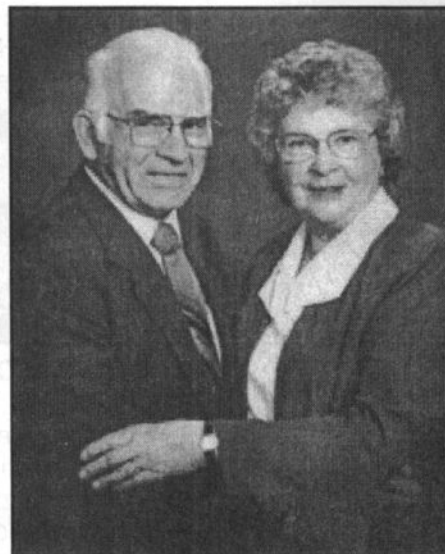
Happy 50th Anniversary



Mary Ann '49 (adv) and Stanley Johnston

An open house honoring Stanley and Mary Ann Johnston, Angus, Minnesota,

on their 50th Wedding Anniversary was held Sunday, July 16 at the Jim Johnston residence, Warren, Minnesota. The event was hosted by their children and their families - Jim and Jan Johnston, Terry and Orlyn Gaddis, Sandy and Doug Camp, Kim and Wayne Moen, Scott and Marion Johnston, Chris and Robyn Johnston, Jill and Paul Anderson, and Jennifer and Dennis Tate.



Ray ('48 adv) and Marvie ('49 adv) Stromstad

An open house was held July 16 to celebrate the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Ray and Marvie Stromstad. The open house was held at Resurrection Free Lutheran Church located on the western end of Beltrami.

In Memory Of . . .

NWSA Alumni who are no longer with us. Through out their lifetime, these individuals developed a rich heritage, traveled many pathways, and encountered numerous experiences. Their memory will remain as part of the Northwest School of Agriculture.



John R Bach '43
East Grand Forks MN
May 4, 2000

Robert W Brekke '40
Nielsville, MN
July 19, 2000

Andrew D Brule '44
Gentile MN
September 19, 2000

Arnold R Brummond '59
Gwinner, ND
March 26, 2000

Helen Krogstad Clementson '34
Erskine MN
May 26, 2000

Larry D Coauette '51
Shelly, MN
September 5, 2000

Melvin Dale '30
Erskine MN
May 9, 2000

Irene Schell Evans '28
Warroad, MN
June 18, 2000

Grace Dahlen Hammer '44
Thief River Falls, MN
August 29, 2000

Everett Hesby '33
Moorhead MN

Inga Hoberg
Bemidji MN
September 8, 2000

Edward A Hoeft '54
Vancouver WA
September 17, 2000

Marcus B Horntvedt '38
Baudette MN
September 22, 2000

Carl Johnson
Newfolden
June 14, 2000

Richard Jones '48
Argyle MN
June 26, 2000

Lucille Hedlund Kildal '37
Bagley, MN
September 4, 2000

Stella Sorenson Larson '25
Glendale, AZ
April 21, 2000

Willis G LaPlante '45
Crookston MN
May 7, 2000

Clarence Marcotte '35
Red Lake Falls, MN
March 30, 2000

Marion John Nelson '42
Minneapolis, MN
September 6, 2000

Robert Overend
Hallock, MN
December 26, 1999

A Melvin Pearson '36
St Paul, MN
February 6, 2000

Harry E Philipp '45
Thief River Falls, MN
August 5, 2000

Dennis C Plante '45
Crookston MN
August 27, 2000

Dallas C Radi '46
Lake Park, MN
June 14, 2000

Ella Short Sannes '25
Fosston MN
September 14, 2000

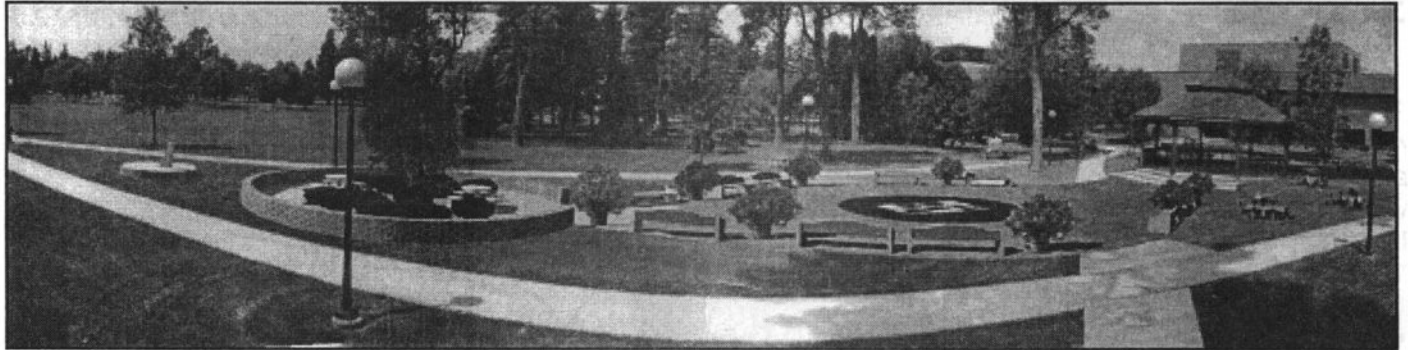
Vernon Stenerson '32
Dalton, MN
July 15, 1999

Clayton Stordahl '28
Roseau MN
October 6, 2000

William Wilson, Jr. '36
Greenbush, MN
June 26, 2000



Become a Sponsor of the Centennial Park Project



Proposed Centennial Park, photo renderings are courtesy of Dick Widseth, Widseth Smith Nolting.

As we celebrate the dedication of the Harris A. Peterson Gazebo, we wish to thank you for your support. The Gazebo is the initial piece of the Centennial Park Project. Plans are to develop the Centennial Park which will encompass a NWSA Memorial Garden to the north and east of the Gazebo and a Centennial Plaza area to the south. This project will provide a "Town Square" atmosphere to this beautiful area of our Campus.

Where: On the northeast corner of the Campus Mall adjacent to the Sunken Gardens. This site has easy access to parking, Bede Hall Ballroom and Sahlstrom Conference Center which can provide catering and access to restrooms for special events. This site will provide a living historical link between the Northwest School of Agriculture and UMC.

Why: This facility will accentuate a "Spirit of Community" providing a meeting place while taking advantage of the beautiful surroundings that make our campus a special place. The Gazebo and surrounding area can provide a place to host reunions, weddings, concerts, talent shows and many other special events.

Construction of the Gazebo was made possible thanks to a generous donation by NWSA Alum Harris A. Peterson ('42). Harris is the the owner and CEO of Minn-Dak Growers, Ltd., a world-wide supplier of mustard, buckwheat, and confection sunflower ingredients to the food industry. Harris says, "The NWSA was an important part of my life. My fellow classmates and I were like family, and I think we all had a tremendous advantage in realizing our dreams by attending the Northwest School of Agriculture."



Harris A. Peterson

We wish to thank the UMC Facilities Management personnel for their hard work and dedication that made this project a reality: Kent Freberg; Paul Schultz; Bernie Elseth; Jerry Rude; Greg Benoit; Michelle Holman; Neil Vraa; Jared Robinson; Ted Paul; and Denny Kuzel.

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Kiehle Building Renovation Moves Forward

One of the oldest buildings on campus will get a much-needed makeover during the next two years. The Minnesota Legislature recently approved the Kiehle Renovation and Expansion Project with \$6.5 million being appropriated during the last session.

The Kiehle Project Committee has met regularly over the past year and a half, and the group is in the final design development stages. Widseth, Smith, Nolting, and Associates are the architects for the project.

While Kiehle Auditorium is the largest assembly space on campus, it has been underutilized. That is because the present state of Kiehle Building does not meet current safety code requirements, nor does it meet the current standards of accessibility, fire safety, egress, sanitary facilities, and potentially electrical and mechanical systems. The renovation project will remedy these code issues.

The original 1910 portion of Kiehle Building is historically valuable and is eligible for listing on the National Registry of Historic Places. It was one of the first buildings constructed on campus, and its architectural form is distinctive. UMC

is committed to preservation of its historic buildings wherever possible. The renovation plan will maintain the distinctive architecture of the original building and allow the expansion to serve as a transition to the UMC Library, which will maintain a link on the north side. Historians will be happy to hear that the murals flanking the stage in Kiehle Auditorium will also be preserved.

The Kiehle Building was constructed in 1910 and has had additions to both the south (the lobby/stairwell) and the north (the Kiehle Annex). The current south entrance will be entirely replaced with a new, more accessible entry and stairwell/elevator system connecting to the second floor.

The original building will become a more prominent part of the campus as the home of UMC's Alumni and Development Center. Plans call for that area to include a "heritage room" where items such as trophies, photos, and other mementos will be on permanent display. Items from UMC and from the Northwest School of Agriculture will showcase each school's history.

To the north, the project will provide for expansion of the current Kiehle Annex.

On the first floor, this expansion will be designated a "technology center," and it will allow UMC to centralize all technology-related services and staff. This co-location will make the entire operation more efficient and effective, and it will also facilitate the development and refinement of technology skills for students, staff, and faculty.

On the second floor of the Kiehle Annex, expansion will allow more space for UMC's Music and Theater Department, including a new music classroom/rehearsal room. The expansion will also allow for improvements to be made to the library. Current plans call for a student technology center to be located on the second floor, where students will have access to various multi-media computer workstations.

Construction bids will be received in the spring of 2001, with construction to begin in early summer of 2001. The final completion date for the entire Kiehle Renovation Project is scheduled for July 2002, with occupancy following immediately. The incoming class in 2002 should have a great "new" facility that celebrates UMC history and looks forward to the future of technology.

To: NWSA Alumni Association

At the dedication of the gazebo it was mentioned that if there were any suggestions for the Centennial Park project, to forward them.

I suggest that a "Memorial Walkway" be included in the area of the benches in the Park. This walkway would consist of the placement of several pilasters (3-4 feet high by 18 inches square with a beveled top) upon which would be placed bronze plaques. The separate plaques would list as a group the past and present:

Superintendents of the Ag School

Academic instructors of the past 25 years of the school

Individual plaques with bas-relief for the Ag Courses, i.e.

Pilkey with poultry, Foker with farm machinery, Kiser with animal husbandry and so on

This would serve as a permanent "Memory Lane" to the origin of the Ag School and its mission of providing a "high school" for farm families who could not attend a more traditionally scheduled school.

Congratulations for the incredible reunion and related activities. My wife and I enjoyed our time there.

Sincerely, **Andrew A. Nielsen, M.D.**

Special NWSA Reunion Guests



"Can you believe this is the former NWSA Alumni Association President"— William J. Gatheridge '64. JoAnn Straus Carlson '61 'dressed up' a cardboard replica of Bill for the Friday evening social at Northland.



Among the many NWSA alumni attending, we were fortunate to have former faculty member Rose Polski Anderson (Mrs. Siegel Anderson) who is 97 years young join us. She was on the faculty from 1926 -1932.

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