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Northwestern Junior College
and Academy

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A CAPELLA CHOIR OF THE COLLEGE — ROBERT BAAR CONDUCTING
Choir Leaves in March on a Western Tour.





GREETINGS FROM PRESIDENT WEZEMAN

Yesterday old Zwemer Hall dominated the scene on our campus. Today it is the new class-room building with its magnificent east entrance. We are grateful to God that our institution has grown in physical plant and equipment. Our prayers, hopes and purposes are to help students grow in educational competence, spiritual strength, and those qualities of character that represent the finest type of Christian life.

May you as Northwestern's alumni continue to do everything in your power to help this college to offer a well-balanced and sound education to the youth of our Reformed churches.

GREETINGS FROM ALUMNI PRESIDENT

Fellow Alumni:

Another Classic is in your hands, the first for 1954. Whenever the second semester starts, students begin to count the days left in school. So we, too, begin to think about commencement time and to plan for alumni activities.

A certain well known company has the following advertising on television: "Progress is Our Most Important Product." The progress of students and alumni is Northwestern's most important product. The students are interested in you and in turn need your interest to help them make progress, too.

Much progress has been made on our campus. Another new building

unit has been completed, and its spacious class rooms and laboratories have only added to the putting out of a better product, the student. We are planning to use some of these facilities for alumni activities this spring. Our banquet can be held in the college gymnasium by using the new modern kitchen and other reception rooms.

Make your plans now to visit the old campus this spring as hundreds of others return to our grounds and halls to relive those school days again.

Sincerely,

Paul Colenbrander, A'41, C'4
Alumni President

NORTHWESTERN'S ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION REACHES CULMINATION

During 1953 Northwestern College has been celebrating its twenty-fifth anniversary. The final noteworthy events in the series of celebrations took place during the month of December. One of these was a dinner held on the evening of Friday, the 11th, for representatives of churches of the area - pastors and leading members of their congregations. More than four hundred guests sat down to a feast of food and fellowship in Science Hall. The Hall was attractively decorated to give the Christmas spirit, and carols and organ contributed further to this happy mood.

Musical numbers served as fitting interludes to the addresses of the evening. The first of these after-dinner

speeches was given by Mr. Robert Huisman of Trinity Reformed Church of Sibley, Iowa, who is a member of the Iowa House of Representatives. Mr. Huisman's subject was: "What the Layman Expects of the Christian College." It was stimulating to have one with Mr. Huisman's unique background voice the belief that Christian Colleges are the source of spiritual leadership in all realms. The speaker expressed the conviction that the teaching of arts and sciences must be in line with the revealed Word of God. He said that Christian people should more consistently send their children to Christian schools.

Rev. D. J. Kolenbrander of Steen, Minnesota, discussed the topic: "What

the Minister Expects of the Christian College." His thought was that the Christian college should provide the Christian point-of-view for the men and women who become lay-leaders in church life, and a broad course of study for those who are to become ministers and missionaries. As there is to be a Christian interpretation of what is taught in the class-rooms, so there must be Christian witness also in all campus activity.

President F. H. Wezeman climaxed the program with an address on: "What the Christian College Expects of the Church." He asked that the Church take pride in Northwestern College as her own possession; that the Church undergird the College with her own Christian principles and her theology; that her profession of interest be followed up with performance in the matter of furnishing students and financial support; and that the College be sustained with constant prayer.

Before and after the dinner the guests enjoyed the opportunity of inspecting the newly completed classroom addition to Science Hall. It is cause for joy that as Northwestern completes her first quarter-century, she finds herself so well equipped with

spacious accommodation for her academic program.

An anniversary worship service was held on the evening of Sunday, December 13, in the First Reformed Church of Orange City. At this service a fine program of sacred music was given by the Sioux Center Men's Chorus under the direction of Mr. Joe Wandscheer. The address of the evening was given by Rev. William C. De Jong, pastor of the First Reformed Church of Hull. Discussing the subject "The Christian College and the Kingdom," Mr. De Jong said that the Church, in carrying out the task of building the Kingdom of God, makes use of the Christian College as one of her important instruments. In order to build the Kingdom of God the Church must evangelize the world, indoctrinate and edify her membership, and permeate all realms of life with her beneficent influence. The Christian College is a vital factor in this program, providing leaders to evangelize and to teach, and to spearhead the Church's permeating influence. The speaker said that it is time for the Church to stop treating Christian Education as a step-child.

This service was the concluding feature of Northwestern's Silver Anniversary. The second quarter century has begun.

THE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

Mrs. Dick Muilenburg, who was Reka Visser of the Academy class of 1913, served as president of the Women's Auxiliary for the designated two-year term and was recently succeeded by Mrs. F. H. Wezeman. Mrs. Muilenburg makes the following report on the activities of this enthusiastic organization:

"During the last years as the Expansion Program of Northwestern got under way, the women of our Reformed Church area also caught the spirit. From far and near they responded to the great needs of our college, not only in attendance at our meetings, but also with their gifts and prayers.

"Consequently the Auxiliary was able to continue adding to the furnishing of our girls' dormitory. A lovely buffet was built for the storing of dishes

and the walls of the dining room and of all the corridors were painted. As an added touch of beauty, draw drapes were provided for the windows.

"The 'highlight' of 1953 was our Silver Anniversary meeting in May. A very large number of women came to celebrate the twenty-five years of service given by the Auxiliary to the college. At that time two silver service sets were given to the girls' dormitory.

"Much of the \$4,000 raised during the last few years was realized from the Miniature Apron Fund and from the work of the Banquet Committee.

"This year the Auxiliary hopes to furnish the kitchen in the new addition to Science Hall. Under the blessing of God, we hope to move forward to greater avenues of service."

THE NEW ADDITION TO SCIENCE HALL

It was a happy coincidence that when celebrating the twenty-fifth anniversary of the college we could also celebrate the completion of the new classroom addition to Science Hall. It will be remembered that one classroom unit was added to Science Hall in 1947-48. The newest unit extends eastward from that section, giving the entire Science Hall an "L" shape. The new unit has a large entrance at the east end, inviting corridors and classrooms on three floors, spacious chemistry laboratories, an enlarged music department, smaller conference rooms, faculty-offices, faculty-lounges, and a kitchen. This new unit is already in use, although not all of the equipment has been assembled. Several church-groups and the Women's Auxiliary are



View from Southwest

raising funds for "projects" connected with the completion of the equipment.



View from Southeast



View from Northeast

A NEW PRIZE AT NORTHWESTERN

Beginning this year, students of Northwestern will be permitted to compete for a new prize in the field of Missions. Twenty-five dollars is the prize offered for the best essay on a missionary topic. This amount is to be made available each year by the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church in America, in whose hands has been placed a fund which will bear interest to be used for giving this prize. The fund and the prize will bear the name of "Stegeman" for the following reason:

For several years the descendants of Mannes and Cornelia Stegeman, a

pioneer Dutch couple of Western Michigan, have been meeting annually for their Family Reunion. During these years it has been their practice at each reunion to take an offering for a missionary objective which was at first undefined. These offerings were allowed to accumulate and to form a fund in the hands of a treasurer. The chief inspiration for the building up of such a fund came from the late Reverend William Stegeman, a son of the pioneer couple, who in his lifetime served churches in South Dakota, Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, and Kansas, and was known as an enthusiastic promoter of the cause of tithing or stewardship.

Recently the accumulated money was turned over to the Board of Foreign Missions, with the suggestion that the proceeds be used to supply missionary prizes in the three colleges - Hope, Central and Northwestern. The Board has accepted this suggestion, and the prize

is being offered this year in each school for the first time.

Most of the descendants of the pioneer couple live in Michigan, but some are to be found as far south as Georgia and as far west as California and Washington.

THE COLLEGE CLASS OF 1952

(For this write-up, the Classic owes much to Carole Grooters Veencamp, a member of this class.)

Upon graduation, one-third of the class went on to other schools and colleges for further education and training. More than one-third took up teaching.

Norma Vos is the gal who left the "land of 10,000 lakes" for sunny California. She is teaching in a Christian School in Ripon, California. Doris Norby taught a year in Kentucky and is now teaching in Newell, Iowa.

Bud Ketel spent a year at the College of Puget Sound in Tacoma, Washington; Bill Nienhuis is at Whitworth College in Spokane, Washington; and Wes Kiel is one of our contingent at Hope. Other Hope-ites from our class are Allen Wolbrink and Robert Struyk.

Phil Hesselink has entered military service after a year at Hope. The same true of Harlan Den Beste, who is now a married man. Norman Menning is a senior at Hope and married to Fanny Lammers, C'51. Herman Harmelink, (Mutt who finally parted from his partner Jeff Hesselink), is a senior at Central.

Soon after graduation, Amelia Roetman married Stanley Sorensen, C'52n, and is now living in Melvin, Iowa, where she teaches. Yours truly, Carole Grooters, married Willard Veencamp, in June, 1952. "Hubby" is in the service. We have a baby boy, Scott David. Ruth Vande Garde married George Meendering and is teaching near Hull. Leland Kraai took the vows with Shirley Kreykes in October, 1952, and is now in the service. John Harlan Mouw, also married, is in the army. Duane Poppen married Joan Gebauer of Orange City, and is assistant manager of a lumber yard in Sibley, Iowa. Duane and Joan have a daughter.

Don Van Leeuwen married Faye Jacobsma of Hospers, Iowa, and is at-

tending Westmar College. Gladys Oldenkamp was married in November, 1952, to Cornelius Korver, C'51. Dorothy Oldenkamp, now Mrs. Richard Auberg, is back in Boyden, homemaking. Nolan Mulenburg, married soon after graduation to Marjorie Mouw, is at Iowa State. They have a daughter, Kristin Ann.

Eddie Boote is farming. John Tilstra, so far as we know, is farming. Egbert Gritters is at Iowa State.

Jim Brinkhuis is still smiling in Central, being in his senior year there. Frank Calsbeek went into the service after a year at Augustana College, Sioux Falls. We find Harold De Weerd a senior at Calvin, and Wilmer Elsinga specializing in Business Administration at Drake.

Ruth Block is teaching in a rural school near Little Rock, Iowa, taking home a nice big, fat pay check every month. Charlotte De Boer teaches rural school in Plymouth County.

Darlene De Beer is teaching at Archer, when she isn't writing letters to that certain man at Northwestern Medical School. Eunice Schutt is Mrs. Kenneth Hulstein and teaches alongside of Darlene at Archer.

Irene Dykstra is a Christian School teacher at Corsica, South Dakota. Esther Rozendaal teaches rural school in Sioux County. Jeanette Fedders teaches in the Christian School at Sheldon. Anna Pearl Van Gelder teaches at Calumet. Ruth Jacobs teaches at Melvin; Shirley Kooiker, married to Paul Kaminga, teaches somewhere in Kansas. Burlea Korver is again teaching at Cleghorn, Iowa. Shirley Mackie is teaching for a second year at Hawarden; Angeline Vande Brake continues to teach in Marcus; she says "It's a great life" there. Florence Rienstra, just recently married to Gerard Reinners C'53n, teaches at Collins, Iowa. Rhoda Vande Zande continues to teach in the Christian School in Waupun, Wisconsin. Marie Hoekman, teaching in Chandler, Minnesota, "likes it more

each successive day." Martin Dekkenga is on the staff of the Christian School in Hudsonville, Michigan. Beverly Muilenburg teaches in Ireton. Juanita Olivier is a school ma'am in Harris, Iowa.

William Schol, married to Blanche Kraai C'53n, is in the army. Others in the army are Delmar Westra and Lloyd Woelber, whose wife is Darlene Ten Haken, C'51. Frank Gunnink is in the employ of the Telephone Company of

Hull, Iowa. Don De Jager, who married Norma Jean Frericks, lives in Orange City, Oh, yes, we almost forgot - Eleanor Landhuis, now Mrs. Willis Kleinwolterink, is in her second year of teaching in Orange City, and Helena Huisman left Iowa for Michigan to teach in the Christian School of Imlay City.

I hope most of this information is accurate. At any rate, we surely have reason to be proud of our class.

WHAT'S HAPPENED TO THE CLASS OF 1953?

Answer: The following are teaching at the following places: Jeane Aberson, Maurice; Rudy Bertram, Herman Minnesota; Joann Brink, Newkirk; Rolene Brouwer, Rock Valley; Barbara Calsbeek, Primghar; Marlene De Boer, Christian School, Leota, Minnesota; Joanne Deegan, Little Rock; Corrine Den Hartog, Sioux Center; Donald Den Hartog, Indian Mission School in Zuni, New Mexico; Darlene Doornink, Ireton; Mavis Geurink, Arnold's Park; Margaret Peel Gould, Ellsworth, Minnesota; Dorothy Harms, Clara City, Minnesota; Muriel Koerselman, Mitchell, South Dakota; Beverly Kooiker Wolfswinkel, Rock Valley; Judene Kuipers, Christian School, Sioux Center; Myron Meyer, rural school near Matlock, Iowa; Martha Lou Parsons, Primghar; Everine Plooster, Mitchell, South Dakota; Barbara Riemersma, Sioux Center; Sidney Stallinga, rural school near Doon; Mary Jean Van Batavia, rural school near Boyden; Carol Van Oort, Newkirk; Henrietta Vanden Berg, Christian School, Leota, Minnesota; Muriel Ver Hoeven, Arnold's Park; Luella Vlieger, Sioux Falls, South Dakota; and Joyce Wiersma, Christian School, Lansing, Illinois.

Those who continued college work are the following: John Cleveringa,

Iowa State; Phyllis De Groot, Calvin; Galen De Valois, Iowa State, Ames; Gene England, University of Minnesota; Gerald Heemstra, Hope; Rodney Hoogland, Iowa State Teachers; Edward Korthals, Hope; Kenneth Muyskens, Westmar; Donald Nibbelink, Calvin; Harlan Nyhof, Central; Elsie Schaap, Central; Robert Seliger, State University of Iowa; Jay Van Oort, Iowa State Teachers; Donald Van Der Weide, Morningside; and Jack Wielenga, Iowa State Teachers.

Variously employed are these: Harold Dykstra, road construction work at Hull; Forrest Hubers, Farmers' Co-operative Oil Association, Orange City; Dayton Kraai, Silent Sioux Corporation, Orange City; Clarence Pennings, farming; Nelva Roetman Schreur, office secretary for Klav and Klay La firm, Orange City; Donley Schreur, Orange City Implement Company; Burdett Van Otterloo, working in Grand Rapids, Michigan; and Ralph Wiersma, Colorado Public Service Company, Denver, Colorado.

Those in military service are: in Army - Marvin Bomgaars, Arthur Hielkema, Lawrence Pennings and Larry Petersen; in Navy - Edgar De Vries, Stanley Harms, Marinus Landhuis and John Vande Steeg.

A SPLENDID GIFT

Northwestern's Endowment Fund was greatly increased recently by a gift of \$50,000 from Mr. and Mrs. John Aggen of Fulton, Illinois. The money is administered by Northwestern as an Annuity Fund, from which Mr. and Mrs. Aggen will receive interest during

their lifetime. Mr. and Mrs. Aggen are members of the Second Reformed Church of Fulton, of which Rev. E. Van Engelenhoven, Director of Public Relations, was pastor for six years. Mr. Aggen has been in the greenhouse business for many years.

NEW HYMNBOOKS FOR CHAPEL SERVICES

Chapel services have been enriched this year by the purchase of new hymnbooks, "The Hymnal for Youth," published by the Westminster Press. The

books were dedicated at a special service under the leadership of Professor Robert Baar, head of the Department of Music at Northwestern.

THE MISSIONARY WORK OF DIRK DYKSTRA, A'02

(We are grateful to Dr. G. J. Penning, A'01, for some of the material found in this article.)

Rev. Dirk Dykstra, D.D., a missionary to Arabia since 1906, retired in 1952. He was born at Welsryp, Friesland, Netherlands, but in his childhood came with his parents to Monroe, South Dakota. He was influenced toward interest in foreign missions by his mother, who was very faithful in prayer for many individual missionaries. His early church life was centered in the Sandham Memorial Church of Monroe.

Graduating from the Academy in 1902, Dirk Dykstra went on to Hope College. On finishing his course there in 1906, he went out to Arabia under full missionary appointment. In 1909 he was married to Miss Minnie Wilterdink, a fellow-missionary in Arabia. He took his theological work at Western Theological Seminary during his first furlough, graduating in 1914. His doctor's degree was conferred by Hope College.

Dr. Dykstra has worked in all the mission stations in Arabia. He showed great ability in acquiring the Arabic language, and for years he was considered one of the most competent linguists in the Mission, being a member of the committee which supervises the language study of younger missionaries. He specialized in the colloquial as a means of approach to the common people.

Although Dr. Dykstra was both evangelist and teacher, he also made a unique contribution to the work of the Mission as an architect and builder. His most outstanding monuments as a builder are the Girls' School and the Women's Residence at Busrah, and the Mission Hospital and doctor's dwelling at Matrah.

Of both Dr. and Mrs. Dykstra it can be said that their foremost efforts were to preach the Gospel to the poor, and their labors were greatly blessed. By patient instruction, day after day,

they strove to ground the converts in the faith. They were especially interested in the education of the children of the converts and the mission helpers.

Dr. and Mrs. Dykstra made frequent extensive tours to the villages of Oman, where they became well-known and were always heartily welcomed.



Dr. and Mrs. Dykstra - photo taken near Muscat, Arabia.

At Birka, on the coast, some sixty miles north of Muscat, they had a kind of evangelistic center and huts where they made their home, sometimes for a week or more at a time.

Now permanently retired, Dr. and Mrs. Dykstra are living at Wilterdink Woods, the Wilterdink homestead near Holland, Michigan. Dr. Dykstra says, "We are trying to adjust ourselves to living in U. S. A., far removed from our life work and our life interests."

LEADS IN CANCER RESEARCH

Dr. Alfred M. Popma, A'24, has for several years been prominent in cancer research. At the last annual meeting he was elected president of the American Cancer Society. Dr. Popma lives at Boise, Idaho, and practices there in the field of radiology. He graduated from the State University of Iowa, and has taken advanced work at the University of Nebraska. Before settling at Boise, he had a general practice at New

Plymouth, Idaho. He is radiologist at St. Luke's Hospital in Boise, consulting radiologist for the U. S. Veterans' Hospital there and for the Idaho State Department of Health. He has been president of the Idaho Medical Association and is a member of many professional societies. Mrs. Popma is Dorothy Wiersma, A'24. They have two children - Ann and Mary.

A LEADER IN GENERAL EDUCATION

The Alumni Office has received copies of three articles prepared by Wesley C. Dykstra, A'41, C'43, for the Faculty News Bulletin of Muskingum College, New Concord, Ohio. Wesley is Associate Professor of Psychology and Philosophy at Muskingum. The titles of the articles are as follows: "The Initial Year at Men's Memorial Dormitory"; "Some Ethical Aspects of Political Campaigns"; and "The Role of Critical

Thinking in Education." The last-named article is definitely in the field of General Education, in which Wesley has been doing special research.

Wesley is mentioned in a bulletin "Information about Publications and Leaders in General Education" as a Muskingum staff member who is highly qualified to answer questions and provide consultation in the General Education field.

IN MEMORIAM

Marie K. Zwemer, A'94, was a daughter of the Rev. Dr. James F. Zwemer, who was principal of Northwestern Classical Academy from 1890 to 1898, and for whom Zwemer Hall is named. She was born in East Saugatuck, Michigan. After graduating from the Academy, she attended Western State Normal College (now Western Michigan College of Education) at Kalamazoo, Michigan. She was for some years a kindergarten teacher in Zeeland and Holland and Beechwood, Michigan, and for twenty-five years taught at Annville Institute in the Reformed Church home mission field in Kentucky. The late Mrs. William A. Worthington, who was Henrietta A. Zwemer, A'95, was also connected with the Kentucky work for many years. Miss Zwemer died on October 28, 1953. She leaves a twin sister, Kate, Mrs. S. C. Nettinga of Holland, Michigan, who was also a member of the Academy class of 1894.

Rev. John Wesselink, D.D., of the Academy class of '97, died on Novem-

ber 21, 1953. His higher education was obtained at our Academy, Hope College, and Western Theological Seminary. Dr. Wesselink held several pastorates in the Reformed Church, including the First Reformed Church of Pella, Iowa, which he served from 1913 to 1925. From 1925 to 1934 he was president of Central College. After his service to Central, he lived for several years as a retired minister in Holland, Michigan. He is survived by his wife, who lives in Holland, Michigan, and by a son, William, who is Dean and Acting President of Buena Vista College, Storm Lake, Iowa.

We pay tribute also to Ensign Donald Andrew Oordt, C'50n, who died in his country's service on October 18, 1953. Donald was in his third year in the navy and was one of a crew of nine who lost their lives when their naval aircraft was forced down at sea off the coast of Iceland. Donald was 23 years of age. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mince Oordt of Hospers. Memorial services were held in the Reformed

Church of Hospers. Later the body was returned to Hospers and interred in the Hospers Cemetery.

A few months later a similar disaster overtook Lloyd Bernard Rensink, C'49n, who lost his life off the coast of Korea on January 4, 1954. Lloyd was one of a crew of a Neptune Patrol

Bomber which went down at sea. None of the crew were saved. Lloyd held the rank of Aviation Electronics Technician 2-C. He enlisted some two years ago and had spent a year in Alaska on patrol duty. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Rensink of Boyden, and a married sister.

WEDDING BELLS

Dick Hulst, C'39n, and Marcella Brink - residence, Hospers.

Delmar G. Netten, C'48n, and Renzella R. Andringa, A'49n - residence, Elgin, Illinois.

John R. Brolsma, A'45n, C'50n, and Madelyn Brodt - residence, Orange City.

George E. Tamminga, C'51n and Henrietta J. A. Hofmeyer, A'46, C Special 1952-53 - George in the Navy.

Bernard E. Nibelink, A'49, and Hazel M. Sprik, A'52 - Bernard in the Army.

Barbara Jo Faber, C'51, and J. Neill Munn - Neill in the Navy.

Joyce Adeline Den Hartog, C'51, and Wayne John Kooy - residence, Lansing, Illinois.

Florence Ruth Wissink, C'52n, and Albert John Kroese - residence, Boyden.

Gerard H. Reinders, C'53n, and Florence R. Rienstra, C'52 - residence, Collins, Iowa.

Donley E. Schreur, C'53, and Nelva Mae Roetman, C'53 - residence, Orange City.

Beverly C. Kooiker, C'53, and Bernard Wolfswinkel - residence, Hull.

PERSONALIA

One of our very oldest alumni, at least so far as year of graduation is concerned, is Mrs. Coccia Vande Waa Ver Steeg. Mrs. Ver Steeg graduated from the Academy in 1889. She is the only living member of her class. The others were B. J. Brethouwer, Anthony Te Paske, and William O. Van Eyck. Mrs. Ver Steeg has six living children, and at present she lives at the home of a daughter, Mrs. H. E. Graber, of Fairfield, Iowa, who was Henrietta Van Olst, A'15. Mrs. Ver Steeg's interests are in church-life and in the W.C.T.U. We are grateful to another daughter, Mrs. Abe Levering of Maurice, for contributing information for this item.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Schalekamp of Sioux Center recently celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. They held "open house" at the Central Reformed Church in Sioux Center. Mr. Schalekamp graduated from the Academy in 1895. He has been a druggist at Sioux Center for many years.

Miss Mabel Schuller, A'24, is supervisor of special education for Sac, Ida, and Buena Vista Counties in Iowa. She recently attended a four-day con-

ference of the International Council for Exceptional Children, held at Houston, Texas.

Rev. Henri J. Steunenber, A'25, was one of the Chapel-leaders some weeks ago. His daughter Phyllis is a freshman in our college.

Another chapel-leader was Rev. William K. Reinsma, C'30, of Oskaloosa, Iowa. We were glad to have this visit from a member of the College Pioneer Class.

Melvin E. Berghuis, C'34n, is Assistant Professor of Speech at Calvin College, and at present is acting Head of the Speech Department.

David L. Dykstra, A'32, C'34, is professor of history at Hofstra College, Hempstead, New York. He has his Ph. D. from the University of Wisconsin.

Reese R. Dingman, C'34, holds a research position with the Hughes Aircraft Company at Culver City, California.

Paul L. Dingman, C'36n, is with Sidell's Heating and Air Conditioning Company of Omaha.

Albert Woltzen, C'38, conducts a

magazine bureau at Healdsburg, California.

Rev. Richard N. Vos, C'41, is in Extension Work for the Presbyterian Church in California. He lives at Playa Del Ray. Previously he had a Reformed Church pastorate in Claverack, New York, and later he was pastor of a community church in Riverdale, North Dakota.

Jacob Elwin Muilenburg, C'40, recently became assistant manager of the Kansas City Branch of the Inland Steel Products Company.

Captain Kenneth Dale Raak, C'41, was recently transferred to duty in Germany, where he will be engaged in orthodontic dentistry for families of the U. S. Air Corps.

Kenneth G. Beyer, C'42, holds the position of Assistant to the President at Pomona College, Claremont, California.

Frances Mary Heusinkveld, C'44, is teacher of piano and theory in the Music Department of Upper Iowa University at Fayette.

Ellengray Grotenhouse, C'44n, lives in Tucson, Arizona. She is a technical writer in the aircraft field.

Edgar Vermeer, C'46, has finished his military service and is farming at Boyden.

Marcine Muilenburg De Jong, A'46, C'48, is a teacher in the public schools of Grand Haven, Michigan.

Lester A. Vlieger, C'48, is doing post-graduate work at the State University of Iowa.

Gerald G. Van Arendonk, C'48, is in his senior year at Northwestern University Medical School. We were glad

to have him call at the Alumni Office during his autumn vacation.

Ryan Mulder, C'48n, is statistical analyst for the Wincharger Company in Sioux City.

Edward J. Vander Broek, C'49, is teacher of mathematics in the grades of the public school at Hawarden, Iowa.

Arian G. Korver, A'46, C'49, expects to graduate in June from the Northwestern School of Optometry in Chicago. He is on the President's Honor Roll.

Ralph W. Bronkema, A'47, is a senior in Calvin Seminary. He recently conducted services in the Second Christian Reformed Church of Orange City.

William C. Wood, C'49n, is engaged in forestry. His address is Mineral, California.

James Grove, C'49, teaches mathematics and science in Gaza, Iowa.

Dudley Kool, C'50n, is a Jet Aircraft Mechanic at the Sioux City Air Base.

Duane Heeren, C'51, holds a position with the State Highway Department at Red Oak, Iowa.

Kenneth Wayne Raak, C'51, is with the Seventh Army's 399th Evacuation Hospital in Germany.

Orville Kool, C'51, is a student at the Northern Baptist Seminary in Chicago.

Among callers at the Alumni Office were Cornie Keunen, C'50; James Kempema, C'51; Larry Petersen, C'53; and Arthur Hielkema, C'53. Cornie is a middler at Western Theological Seminary. The others are in the service.

OUR MAILBAG

Lloyd Woelber, C'52, writes from Taegu, Korea, "In case you don't remember me, I'm the guy that used to give you about the most trouble in your classes back in '51 and '52. Those days were quite a bit different from

what they are now. Instead of being one of a couple of guys among a bunch of girls, it now has changed to being just another guy among many, many guys. I think I liked it better the other way. I can't complain, though. I was

in Japan until about two weeks before they signed the cease fire, then they shipped the whole division over to Korea. About the only difference it made was that I no longer had to pay postage or income tax. On army wages there isn't much tax to pay, but every little bit helps.

"I was a mechanic on army aircraft for quite a while, but last week they offered me a desk job with the aviation section, so I am now an office boy. I

think we have it about as good as any EM in the army."

From Dr. Jacob Prins, Minister of Evangelism of the Reformed Church in America, we received the following greeting: "Please accept my sincere thanks for sharing your booklet with us. It is well done and gives a wealth of information which can help me in sharing publicity concerning our school there as I go in and out among the churches of our denomination. Many thanks."

NORTHWESTERN STUDENT RECEIVES 4-H HONORS

Miss Jean Roskens, a student at Northwestern College, is one of six 4-H members in Iowa who are being awarded high recognition. Each of these six receives a \$100 educational scholarship given by General Foods Corporation of New York. Jean has reached a high

level of accomplishment in the field of food and nutrition and also along the line of clothing and home furnishing. In 1952 she was designated outstanding 4-H girl in Dickinson County. Her home is in Milford, Iowa.

MINISTERS AND WIVES SPEND "BLUE MONDAY"

On Monday, November 9, about eighty ministers and wives from the four-state area - Iowa, Minnesota, South Dakota, and Nebraska, had their autumn dinner-meeting on the campus. They enjoyed dinner and fellowship at Heemstra Hall. Special musical numbers were sung by Northwestern stu-

dents, a current-events film was enjoyed in the gymnasium, a tour through the new class-room addition of Science Hall was conducted by Rev. E. Van Engelenhoven, and the group returned to Heemstra Hall to close the day with afternoon tea.

ADULT EDUCATION AT NORTHWESTERN

In past years the facilities of Northwestern have sometimes been used for night classes in the line of Bible Study and Sunday School Work. This is not being done at present, but in the last few years opportunity for adult study has been put on a systematic basis for those who wish to gain higher qualifications in the teaching field. Most of those who attend the classes are teachers themselves in various grade schools of the area. The courses meet the requirements of the

State Board of Educational Examiners, and those who attend continuously can qualify for the Standard Elementary Certificate.

The attendance at these classes runs as high as sixty or seventy. The courses are taught by members of the regular teaching staff of the college. The courses being given this (second) semester are Classroom Problems; Children's Literature; Reading, Writing, and Discussion; and Health and Nutrition.

THE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP



The Christian Fellowship is a group that was formerly called the Christian Service Club. It is usually thought that such an organization consists only of prospective ministers and missionaries, but at Northwestern we stress the idea that all professions and occupations should be approached from the point of view of Christian dedication. So the Fellowship includes in its membership not only those who have chosen to be ministers or missionaries but all students who wish to live lives dedicated to Jesus Christ, no matter what their choice of life-work may be. This group holds frequent meetings for prayer and for conference with Christian leaders. The gospel-team program is directed by this organization. The faculty-sponsor of the Christian Fellowship is Dr. Heemstra.

SERVING THE COMMUNITY

One yardstick by which the usefulness of a school is measured is that of Community Service. The faculty of Northwestern is at present giving study to this subject in its monthly Staff Conferences. One important service being rendered by Northwestern has been mentioned in the report on Adult Education in this number of the Classic. Other items that we might mention are the visits of Gospel Teams to our churches, addresses by faculty members at meetings of service-clubs and men's brotherhoods, and participation by our choir in numerous public programs. Musical and dramatic programs open to the public also deserve men-

tion. Another feature - rather new - is the costume-renting activity of the Dramatics Department. Outside groups in churches and schools can call upon this department for the use of costumes that they need for some of their occasional programs. A small fee is charged. The participation of faculty-members in the activities of local churches - as consistory members, Sunday-school teachers, choir-leaders, and the like, is something of the same nature. Each spring a theological conference for church-leaders is held at the college.

This year the college is serving the community by sponsoring certain programs of high cultural value. One of

these programs was presented in November by Dr. Konrad Wolff, who is both musician and musicologist, with a doctorate from the University of Berlin. His piano selections - both modern and classical - were preceded by spoken interpretations bearing on the theme - "How to Listen to Music." It was a privilege to hear Dr. Wolff's artistic

playing and to learn something more about intelligent listening.

On Monday, February 1, members of the community joined with teachers and students to hear a lecture on "India and World Peace," by Dr. Amolek Mehta of India, who has held posts of great responsibility in the Indian government.

READING SERVICES

So much to read, so many fine books and magazines - and so little time! Do you want to increase your reading speed so as to do more justice to all this fine literature? Your complaint is not uncommon. To help people who wish to learn to read faster, Northwestern has reading-acceleration services, directed by Miss Marion Hull of the faculty. The mechanical apparatus shown in the picture is called a Reading Accelerator. Miss Hull is operating the machine. Miss Barbara Hellenga of the college freshman class is taking the part of the person who wonders what the machine can do.



DR. DE KOCK VISITS NORTHWESTERN

On December 4, 1953, the faculty conducted a workshop on Christian Education. The leader of the discussions was Dr. Walter D. De Kock of Central College, who had attended a three-week conference on this subject at Boston, Massachusetts, in the summer of 1953, under the auspices of the

Danforth Foundation. Dr. De Kock explained at length what the characteristics of a Christian, church-related college should be, and answered questions put to him by members of the group. In the recess-period there was Koffie Kletz in Heemstra Hall.

FACULTY NOTES

A study entitled "Survey of Teaching Psychology in Junior and Community Colleges," prepared by Dean Edwin J. Aalberts, was published in a recent issue of the American Psychologist Magazine, the official organ of the American Psychological Association.

Professor Howard W. Lyon, our

chemistry instructor, has been attending several meetings of the Sioux Valley Section of the American Chemical Society. Such meetings have been held in Sioux Falls, Brookings, Vermillion, and Sioux City. The group is to meet on Northwestern's campus on March 6.

OUR LIBRARY

Henry O. Vaag is our industrious and capable librarian. He has a Master's degree in English, but each year is taking summer courses in Library Science, and hopes soon to have his Master's in that field also. The assistant librarians are Mrs. H. V. E. Stegeman and Mrs. Ralph J. Mouw. Those who have not visited Northwestern in recent years will be surprised and delighted when they see the library in its new form. The walls of two adjoining class-rooms have been taken out to make the library much more spacious and airy than before. The stacks have been placed at wider intervals. There is more room for such miscellaneous equipment as a library should include. A new tile-floor makes the interior attractive.

The library is constantly striving to serve a functional purpose. Weekly bulletins are issued to the faculty. These deal with worthwhile articles in current magazines, with the new books that are constantly being added, and with statistics showing the amount of use that is being made of the library facilities. Recently one report dealt entirely with film-strips that are on

hand for faculty-members to use in their class-rooms.

From time to time special shipments of books are received from large libraries for temporary use by our teachers and students. The library has put on several most interesting exhibits, including the following:

Photographs from the Chicago Tribune on Manners.

Japanese wood-block prints by some of Japan's greatest artists.

An exhibit of Bibles in several languages during Bible week.

A poster listing the "favorite books" of faculty members.

Posters designed by the Class in Children's Literature.

A display of religious books in connection with Consecration Week.

The school is grateful to those who donate books to the library. Among the donors (pardon omissions) have been Rev. M. A. Stegeman, Miss Jeane Noordhoff, A'98, Mr. Earl T. Klay, C'38n, Mrs. John E. Oggel, and the estate of Miss Mae Vande Steeg.

OUR MAILBAG - Continued

Henrietta Ernisse Klumper, C'49, writes: "For some time now I have been wanting to write you. I want you to know how much it means to me to receive the Classic. I especially enjoy-

ed the last issue with its pictures. I was truly shocked to read of the accidental death of Virginia Turner. She was my room-mate for a year and a half." Henrietta's address is Edgerton, Minnesota.

FACULTY NOTES - Continued

Professor Nelson Nieuwenhuis of the History Department is a member of the Commission on International Justice and Goodwill of the Reformed Church in America. He recently attended a meeting of this Commission at Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Coach Colenbrander has had a successful season with his basketball squad, the result being that Northwestern was in the high brackets

among all the Junior College teams of the state. The State Tournament is scheduled for February 16-20.

Professor Baar is bringing his A Capella Choir into final shape for the annual spring tour. The tour will begin on March 17, with stops in Nebraska, Kansas, Colorado, and South Dakota. The Sunday of the tour will be spent in the Denver Churches, and the group is anticipating a fine trip to scenic

spots around Denver on the preceding Saturday.

Miss Clara Van Til, whose duties include the principalship of the Academy, has already done much to

make the Academy proud of itself. The newest enterprise is a course in Home Economics for the Academy girls, taught by Mrs. D. Q. Storie of Orange City.

IN MEMORIAM - Continued

It was only recently that we heard of the passing of Dr. Richard de Zeeuw, A'02, who for many years was a member of the Botany Faculty at Michigan State College. Dr. de Zeeuw graduated from Hope College in 1906, and re-

ceived his Ph. D. from the University of Michigan in 1909. He died on September 13, 1953, survived by his wife and two sons. An account of Dr. de Zeeuw's career was published in the Classic of August, 1950.

GIFTS FROM ALUMNI

Just recently an alumni couple surprised us happily with a gift of \$160.00 for the Music Department. Another graduate, when responding to

our current questionnaire, sent \$15.00 for the Art Department. These donors choose to remain anonymous, but may their tribe increase!

ACADEMY Y-TEENS AND WORLD FELLOWSHIP

A "scarf of friendship" has been sent by the Y-Teens to a Y.W.C.A. group in Athens, Greece. The scarf was handblocked and stenciled by the Academy art class under the direction Miss Fern Smith. The design has

Zwemer Hall in the center and the words "Northwestern Academy" around the margin. The scarf was on display at a local store before being sent to Greece. Mrs. H. V. E. Stegeman is the Y-Teens sponsor.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE

Please take notice of the message from your Alumni President in this number. The commencement activities this year begin on Friday, May 28, and close on Monday, May 31. These include Alumni Day on the 28th, the Baccalaureate Service on the 30th, and Commencement Exercises on the 31st.

The Alumni Office is sending out a special call to anniversary classes to hold reunions during the commencement period, preferably on Alumni Day. However, reunions need not be limited to anniversary classes. We hope that many others will try to get together with their old school friends at our 1954 Commencement.

The Alumni Questionnaire, to which we referred in the November Classic, has been put into the mails. Your co-operation will help to make the survey a success and to insure the usefulness of the Alumni Office. If for some reason you did not receive a questionnaire, please let us know.

H. V. E. S.

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