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SUMMER ISSUE

*Northwestern College
and Academy*

Orange City, Iowa

AUGUST, 1959



PROSPECTIVE NORTHWESTERN STUDENT GROUPS increasingly tour the campus and meet faculty members. These young women from Little Rock, Iowa, visited the campus recently with Mrs. Harms.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Northwestern stands on the threshold of the 1959-60 academic year, which will mark a new and significant step in the development of the institution. The addition of the third year of college this September is the initial step in the granting of the first baccalaureate degree in the newly-approved four-year academic program for teacher training.

It is encouraging to observe the continued growth of Northwestern. As indicated in this issue of the "Classic," three new teaching staff members have been added for the new year who have the earned doctorate degree. Moreover, during the past summer a large percentage of the teaching staff has con-

tinued with advanced graduate study. The campus facilities augmented by the new Men's Dormitory, are rapidly improving. There is a fine prospect for another excellent student body for the new year. Last month Northwestern completed its 8th consecutive fiscal year without a deficit in its operating fund.

These are a few of the encouraging highlights that forecast a "Great Future" for Northwestern. The continued and increasing support of our alumni, churches, and friends will insure Northwestern's goal of serving as a "Great Christian Educational Institution."

—Preston J. Sterenga,
President

FACULTY SUMMER GRADUATE STUDY

MISS MARILYN DE BEER, Academy English and Speech instructor, is working on her Master's Degree at the University of Minnesota.

PROFESSOR GEORGE DE VRIES, who teaches Social Sciences at Northwestern, is doing graduate work at the University of Iowa.

STEPHEN EKDOM, Principal and instructor at Northwestern Academy, is doing graduate work at the University of Minnesota.

PROFESSOR THEORA ENGLAND, of Northwestern's Speech and Drama Department, is a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Minnesota.

PROFESSOR HAROLD HAMMERSTROM, of Northwestern's Chemistry Department, is studying at Emory University, under a National Science Foundation Fellowship.

DR. BLAISE LEVAI, of Northwestern's English Department, is studying at the University of Iowa, with an

Assistantship in the field of Journalism.

PROFESSOR NELSON NIEUWENHUIS, of Northwestern's History Department, is studying at the University of Wyoming, under an award from The Carnegie Fellowship in the Institute of International Affairs.

DEAN M. FERN SMITH, of Northwestern's Art and Music Department, engaged in a Dean's Workshop at the State University of Iowa.

REV. HENRI STEUNENBERG, Sociology and Religion Instructor at Northwestern, is engaged in graduate study at the University of Wyoming.

PROFESSOR THOMAS TEN HOEVE, of the Biology Department, is doing graduate work at Western Michigan University.

MISS HELEN VAN WECHEL will complete her Master's Degree work in Library Science, this summer, at the University of Denver.

NEW "N" CLUB OFFICERS

At a recent meeting of the Northwestern "N" club, the following officers were elected for the 1959-60 term:

President - Vernon Newendorp

Vice-President - Leonard Krommendyk
Sec'y-Treas. - Clarence Peters

Thanks to the officers of 1958, for their fine spirit of cooperation.

VALEDICTORY MESSAGES OF 1959

"The Forward Look"



"If you do not think about the future, you cannot have one." These few words from "Swan Song" are powerful—we cannot shrug them aside. "If you do not think about the future, you cannot have one." A certain make of automobile is said to have "the forward look". What about us? Doesn't this quote mean that we too are to have "the forward look"? Yes, the future is our entire existence. It is what, where, why, and how we are and will be. The future is ours and what we make of it. We must look forward, face it, and prepare for it. We who are attending educational institutions, whether it be kindergarten, grammar school, Northwestern College and Academy, or the university, we are preparing for the future. Preparing, yes, but what about the correct attitude of "the forward look?" We say, "Forward ever"—but how?

First of all, we must face the future with caution. We may realize the importance of the future but still use it wrongly. We cannot rush into it blindly. Planning for the future and doing it in a cautious manner is necessary. Let it not be said of us that we are fools for we "rush in where wise men fear to tread." In our daily experience I think we can see where being cautious, thinking, and planning deeply enriches fulfilled experiences. You received a good grade on the examination you took Monday afternoon. Before that exam, you faced the future with caution, you didn't rush into it blindly but prepared and studied for the future—the exam. Isn't it gratifying to know that your cautious diligence "paid off"?

Secondly, we must face the future with courage. Being overly cautious is not wise for we defeat our purpose. If we are being cautious we can hold our head up high and take those for-

ward strides with springy steps and confident courage. Strong courage is a virtuous talent and it should be cultivated. What more important phase of our life than the future? Certainly we can take the following words by Henry Ward Beecher to heart: "Every tomorrow has two handles. We can take hold of it with the handle of anxiety or the handle of faith" . . .

Lastly, and most important of all, we must face the future with Christ. Certainly each of us is desirous of a happy and complete future. However, such a marvelous thing cannot be attained without faith in the Heavenly Father and His Son, Jesus Christ, as our own personal Saviour. In this "handle of faith" lies the key to a happy, complete future. We speak of a well-rounded education. How about it? Are we preparing for a well-rounded future? It can be obtained only when we yield Christ the center and best of all we are and have. If we have taken hold of the "handle of faith" then Christ has promised us His nearness for all the future for He said, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world" . . .

The coach and members of our basketball team have often told us how beneficial our support and encouragement can be. As graduating seniors of the Academy and sophomores of the college, we too need encouragement. We must acknowledge that our finest hope comes from the author of the book of the future. Christ says, "Let not your heart be troubled." He promises us His peace and nearness. The Apostle Paul also, through inspiration of the Holy Spirit, encourages us to face the future bravely and confidently when he says, "So run, that ye may obtain."

The fact of our future is certain. We can learn from the past but must not let that limit us. We must face the future cautiously, courageously, and with Christ. Remember "if you do not think about the future you cannot have one." Do you have the forward look?

BETH BONNEMA

Valedictorian, 1959 College Class

"Whither Thou Goest"



We, as students, have reached another goal in our journey through life. Will this be our last important step, or will we continue upward and onward to higher achievements?

Wherever we go we will take separate paths to reach our individual aims, but in any task or desire we must remember that even though "the mind is hopeful; success is in God's hand."

The mind is hopeful; this does not mean a wishful hope that exists in fairy tales. It means a genuine desire for something a person believes can be obtained if he honestly tries.

Hope can be compared to a hinge on a door. Even though a hinge is a very small part it is a very important part for on it depends whether the door will open or close. So it is the word hope that opens or closes the door to the future.

Hope is the substance that will make us go on when everything seems to go wrong. Dark clouds of misfortune, failures and sorrow gather but we will go on with hope knowing the sun is shining above the clouds.

We must also take faith with us wherever we go, for with faith we will be like a ship which sails fearlessly into new oceans with its new stars and new winds. The same captain that sailed her in past oceans will sail her in future oceans and the ship will be unafraid knowing she is under his watchful and sleepless care. That is how our faith must be—fearless—with our eyes set upon Christ the Captain of our lives. For we too will sail into new oceans of life and there find new friends, much happiness, and many opportunities; but we too will feel the contrary winds of doubt that will try to drive us off course and make us lose sight of our goals. Each time we must reach out in prayer, the life line, to our captain and then with renewed faith in our hearts we will go into new oceans of life.

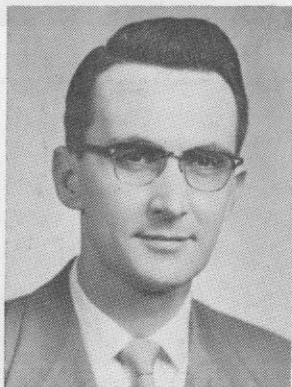
Even with hope and faith we must also have love to give to those we meet.

Love never fails, bears all things, speaks no evil and endures forever. Love is the crowning grace that will make our future life complete. So with hope for the future, faith in the future and love crowning the future we will go forth knowing that whither we go the Lord shall preserve our going out and coming in from this time forth even and for evermore.

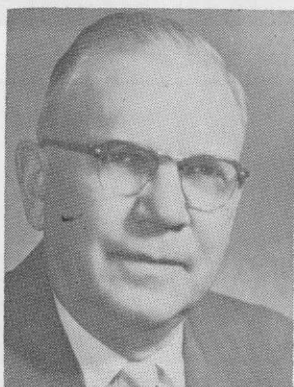
MARY POLL

Valedictorian, 1959 Academy Class

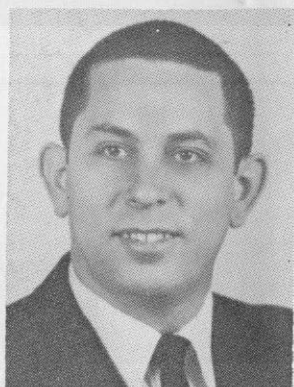
FULL-TIME ADDITIONS TO NORTHWESTERN'S TEACHING STAFF



Stephen A. Ekdorm is the new Principal of the Northwestern Academy. He is an Alumnus of Northwestern College, and received his B.A. degree from Buena Vista College. He has an earned Master's Degree in Natural Science from the University of South Dakota, and is currently engaged in advanced graduate study at the University of Minnesota, where he was awarded a National Science Foundation Scholarship.



Dr. Thomas N. Risk has been appointed Professor of Education and Psychology. Dr. Risk received his Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin and has served on the Staffs at the University of South Dakota, Friends University, and the University of Southern California. He is the author of a textbook in Education, and is currently completing a text on "Guidance and Character Education."



Dr. Sylvio Scorza has been appointed Professor of Bible and Languages. Dr. Scorza is a graduate of Hope College, Western Seminary, and has an earned Doctor's Degree from Princeton. He has been on the teaching staff at Lancaster Seminary, and Western Theological Seminary. Dr. Scorza is author of various articles in professional journals.

PART-TIME ADDITIONS TO NORTHWESTERN'S TEACHING STAFF

Mr. Max Leget has been appointed part-time Instructor in Organ. Mr. Leget received his Bachelor's Degree from Buena Vista College, and his earned Master's Degree in Sacred Music from Bob Jones University.

Dr. Robert A. Rohwer has been ap-

pointed part-time Instructor in the Department of Sociology for the Evening School. Dr. Rohwer earned his Bachelor's Degree from Morningside College, and his Master's and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Wisconsin. He is the author of several publications concerning Rural Sociology and Economics.

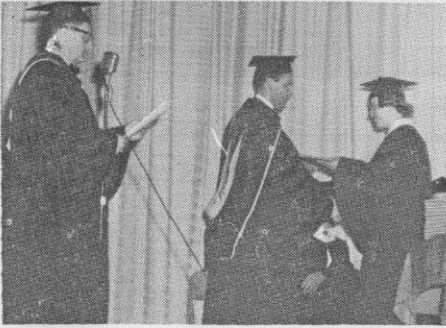
RECENT GIFTS TO NORTHWESTERN

- From the family and friends of the late Mrs. George Douwstra, \$41 to the memorial Chapel Fund.

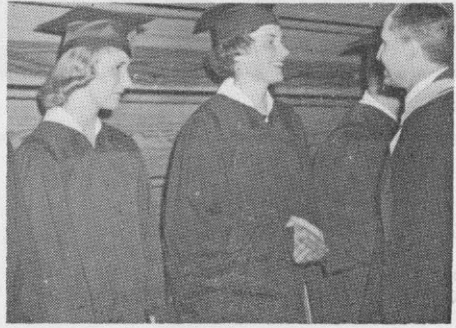
- Northwestern recently received a gift of books from Mr. Wm. Kalsbeek of Orange City, Iowa. The volumes are a valuable addition to the expanding library facilities of Northwestern.

- From the William Scholten family of Edgerton, Minnesota, \$100 as a memorial gift to the Men's Dormitory, in memory of the late William Scholten.

- Northwestern's library recently received a set of "Christian Century" magazines, from Mrs. A. Duryce Crooks of Glen Rock, N. J.



DEGREES and diplomas were presented by President Stegenga to students certified ready for graduation by Registrar, Rev. L. Nattress, left.



THEIR WORK DONE, Northwestern's graduates in receiving line accepted congratulations of friends and faculty-members. Prof. Ralph Mouw is at right.

1959 COLLEGE GRADUATES, AND THEIR PLANS

Frank R. Ackerman - Hampton College; John Otto Bartels - College; Donald Wayne Bogaards - Hope; Beth Joanne Bonnema - College; Joanne Harriet Boom - Teach; William Charles Boote, Jr. - Northwestern; Delores Joyce Borgman - Teach; Joyce Mary De Boer - Teach; Neva Jean De Jager - Teach; Linda Ann De Jong - Teach; James Arlyn Dekker - ; Frans De Vries - Central College; Darlene Dee Doorenbos - Teach; Donald Wayne Dykstra - Hope; Aleva A. Earnest - Teach; Dale O. Ferwerda - Northwestern; Dale Eugene Fleck - Boulder, Colo.; Marlys Ruth Gortmaker - Teach.

Wayne Douglas Hinrichs - Central College; Clarice Ruth Huisman - Teach; Roland James Hulstein - College; Dorothy Mae Jansma - Teach; Richard A. Jansma - Hope College; Donald Dale Jiskoot - College; Donald Lee Jurriaans - College; Delora Lynn Koele - Northwestern; Marilyn Joyce Kolenbrander - Teach; Benjamin Duane Landhuis - College; Arlis Shirley Langerock - Teach; William Leonard Lee - Hope; Robert William Looyenga - Hope; Arlen L. Mieras - College; Irene Mouw - Teach; John T. Mouw - College; Richard John Mouw - College.

Sharon Rose Muyskens - Teach; Judith Ann Nattress - U.C.L.A.; Donna Lee Newendorp - Teach; William H. Roelofs - College; Rhea Faye Roetman - Teach; Lorraine C. Roghair - Business; Jean Carol Salie - Teach; Jean Geraldine Scholten - College; Jerry Scholten - College; Arend Schreur - Teach; Kenneth Wayne Slothouber - College; Ames C. Smith - College; Ruth Elaine Steunenberg - Teach; LeRoy A. Suess - Hope; Dorothy Jean Te Grootenhuis - Northwestern; Frances Mae Van Binsbergen - Teach; Paul Eugene Vande Berg - Teach; James Milton Vanden Berge - College; Marceil Kay Vanderbush - Teach.

Hendrik Vander Pol - Central College; Ane Thomas Vander Schaaf - Central College; Wayne Ralyn Vander Schaaf - College; Warren J. Van Der Werff - Central; Marvella Jean Vander Wilt - Business; Paul Van Engelenhoven - College; Rodney D. Van Klompenburg - Business; Arlo James Van Vugt - College; Harold Van Wattering - College; Gerrit Hendrik Veldhuis - Northwestern; Edward Glen Veldhuizen - Hope; Wayne Dale Vermeer - College; Freddie Norman Vogelzang - College; Joann Francis Vos - Teach; Deona Rae Wassink - College; Harold Wayne Westra - Teach; Allen Zevenbergen - Northwestern.

1959 ACADEMY GRADUATES, AND THEIR PLANS

Judith Bloemendaal - Nurse; Waldon J. Boer - College; Bernard L. Fedders - College; Arden J. Jasper - College; Charlene Jasper - College; Wayne Langstraat - College; Arlene Jane Mans - College; Mary Ann Poll - Nurse; Ruth Stephens - College; Roger Vander Schaaf - College; Arnold Dean Vogel - College; Paul R. Welwood - College.

WEDDINGS

William C. Boote, Jr., C '59 and Anna Joyce Vander Wilt. R - Orange City, Iowa.

Shirley Langstraat, C '57 and Verlin Goering. R - New Ulm, Minnesota.

Kathleen Vander Maten, C '57 and Herbert Kuyper. R - Sioux Center, Iowa.

Helen Dey Van Klompenburg, C '57 and Gerald Wayne Jongerius. R - Orange City, Iowa.

Thelma Te Slaa, C '58 and Harlan Ten Haken. R - Hull, Iowa.

George L. Douma, C '57 and Louise Hanemaayer. R - Orange City, Iowa.

Sylvia Joan Vander Kooi, C '57 and Donald Dale Romberg. R - Vermillion, S. D.

Carole Heemstra, C '57 and Donald Kempema. R - Sheldon, Iowa.

LaVonne Sterler, C '57 and George Blankers. R - Archer, Iowa.

Frederick Henry Lamfers, C '54 and Evelyn Rose Lammers. R - Sioux Center, Iowa.

Virgil Vos Dykema, Cn '59 and Darlene Jean Oordt. R - Willmar, Minn.

Sharon Lee Sandbulte, C '58 and Edwain Dale Kats. R - Rock Valley, Iowa.

Marlin Vander Wilt, A '53, C '55 and Judith Mulder. R - Chicago, Ill.

Arlys Van Bruggen, Cn '57 and Dennis Feenstra. R - Ireton, Iowa.

James L. Balkema, C '57 and Monita Mortensen. R - San Diego, Cal.

Marie Landhuis, C '57 and Donald Rave, C '56. R - Lake Benton, Minn.

John William Cleveringa, C '53 and Marjorie Morris. R - Mondamin, Iowa.

Mary Kots, C '57 and Luverne Plagge. R - Mapleton, Iowa.

Sharon De Wild, Cn '59 and Fred Tilstra. R - Rock Rapids, Iowa.

Allene Schmalzriedt and Wm. Leonard Lee, C '59.

Patricia Louise Ballou, C '57 and Clifford Gene Muilenburg. R - Orange City, Iowa.

Lydia Voogd, C '58 and Harold Westra, C '59.

Marlene Van Meeteren, C '57 and Roger Jordon. R - George, Iowa.

Darlene Roelofs, Cn '55 and Marion Mouw. R - Sioux Center, Iowa.

Henry W. Rikkers, C '40, and Betty Tjaden. R - Hull, Iowa.

Carolyn Arlene Vermeer, C '51, and Dallas C. Rohlf. R - Odebolt, Iowa.

FUTURE NORTHWESTERNITES

A daughter, Pamela Jean, to Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Hoppe, (nee: Carol Fonkert, C '57).

A daughter, Carla Joy, to Mr. and Mrs. John Westra, (nee: Carol Kleinwolterink, C '56).

A son to Mr. and Mrs. Bastian Wabeke, C '57.

A son, Scott Allen, to Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Huisman, (nee: Irene Vegter, Cn '56).

A daughter, Patty Jo, to Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Geurink, Ac. '56.

A daughter, Gayle Lynn, to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Haarsma, (nee: Beth Muilenburg, Ac. '49).

A son, Jeffery James, to Mr. and Mrs. James Bergsma, C '51 (nee: Marjorie Bonthuis, C '58).

A son, Charles Peter, to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Bender, (nee: Joyce Muilenburg, C '41).

A daughter, Barbara Jean to Mr. and Mrs. Les Kiel, C '54 (nee: Annetta Roskens, Cn. '54).

A son to Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Korver, Cn. '47.

A daughter, Renee Gail, to Mr. and Mrs. Leon Roggen, C '42 (nee: Edna Mae Blom, C '42).

A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Jean Van Oort, (nee Josephine Boender, C '51).

A daughter, Denise Rae to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kaminga, (nee: Shirley Kooiker, C '52).

A son to Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Cambier, Cn. '42

A son to Mr. and Mrs. Martin Dekkenga, C '52.

A son, Jeffrey Scott, to Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Mouw, Cn. '47 (nee: Marcia Jean Van Peurse, Ac. '45).

A daughter, Gayle Evon, to Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Korver, C '51 (nee: Gladys Louise Oldenkamp, C '52).

A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Kool, Cn. '53.

A son, Bryan James, to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Van Gorp, (nee: Joyce Wolbrink, Cn. '54).

A son, Randall Paul, to Rev. and Mrs. James Brinkhuis, C '52, of Willow Lake, S. D.

DEATHS

Rev. John W. Brink, Ac. '06. Retired Clergyman, Orange City, Iowa. Died, April 14, 1959.

Mrs. George Douwstra, (nee: Gertrude De Jong, Ac. 1900) Died April 21, 1959.

ENROLLMENT PROSPECTS 1959-60

BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE

Several former students of Northwestern have enrolled for the third year offerings, and look forward to graduation in 1961 with the Bachelor's Degree in the new teacher training program. There is still time to register for this new phase of Northwestern's expanding program. Direct your communications to the Admissions Office of the College, Orange City, Iowa.

ASSOCIATE IN ARTS DEGREE

The enrollment for the Freshman and Sophomore years looks most promising.

(Enclosed with this "Classic" is a student information brochure: "Guide Lines to Your Future." You may want to give it to a prospective "Northwesternite.")

However, there still is room for a few more in each class. If you know of any worthy prospect, please send the name and address to the Office of Admissions, Northwestern College, Orange City, Iowa.

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ACADEMY

The enrollment for the Academy also shows promise for 1959-60. If you know of students whom you feel would benefit from the Academy program, send their names to The Admissions Office for a direct contact.

NORTHWESTERN EVENING SCHOOL COURSES, 1959-60

First Semester

Education 306 - Audio-Visual Aids and Techniques.

Education 225 - Curriculum Experiences in the Elementary School Program.

Geography 302 - Introduction to Geography.

Speech 303 - Speech correction for the teacher.

Second Semester

English 332 - Creative Writing.

Education 306 - Audio-Visual Aids and Techniques.

Sociology 231 - Rural Sociology.

OUT OF THE MAIL BAG

"Thank you so much for sending us the Classic. We look forward to and enjoy each issue. The growth of Northwestern is of great interest to us, and we do enjoy reading about our Northwestern friends."

Jean and Les Kiel
2314 N. 85th,
Seattle 3, Washington.

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"I receive the Classic, and enjoy it very much. It is a source of inspiration to see Northwestern making its beacon shine ever further each year. I am glad she is rapidly expanding and hope she may continue to do so under God's direction."

Robert Boehm
215 So. Randall
Rock Rapids, Iowa.

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"Thanks so much for the Classic. I do enjoy reading it very much. It keeps me up with the news of Northwestern. Please find enclosed the balance on the

Rotary Loan, which I used while at Northwestern. It was a God-send to me."

Kay Grobe
Spirit Lake, Iowa.

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"Just a note to say that we enjoy receiving The Classic in this far away part of the Union. It gives us a sense of closeness with those whom we knew when we went to school.

We would enjoy to receive The Classic at this address."

Hilda and Peter Van Leerdam
Box 6-132
Anchorage, Alaska

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"Enclosed you will find my final check in payment of the Rotary Loan from the College. I certainly appreciate everything Northwestern has done for me and I pray that God will richly bless Northwestern in the future. I will be thinking of you often."

Dorothy De Boer
Boyd, Iowa

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COLLEGE FACILITIES serve a variety of denominational and community purposes. Here, pastors of the churches of Classis of Germania are pictured at a dormitory entrance during a recent meeting on campus.