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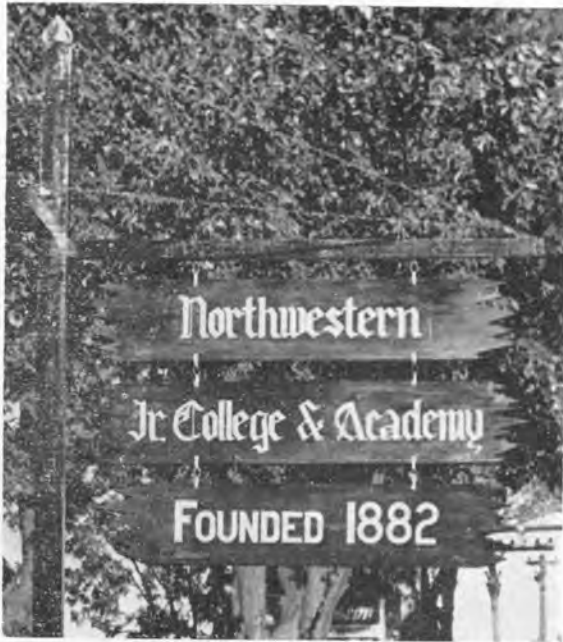
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Alumni Number

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NORTHWESTERN JUNIOR COLLEGE AND ACADEMY

NOVEMBER, 1949



AT THE SIGN OF NORTHWESTERN

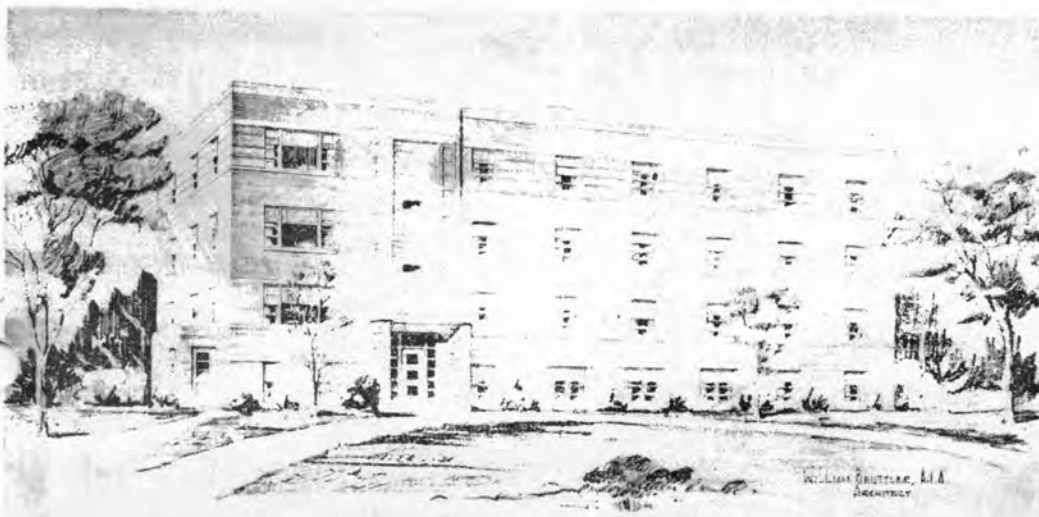
Visitors to Orange City now have definite information that the buildings on a tract of land along Highway Number 10 constitute Northwestern Junior College and Academy. The Academy graduating classes of 1948 and 1949 have presented to the school two artistic signs bearing the school name. The signs are stained with a russet brown color, and the lettering is Old English. Clarence Dorhout of the college class of 1944n, who owns the Sioux Neon and Electric Sign Shop, was the maker of these attractive signs.

Expansion Program

The program of expansion at the college is progressing nicely. The over-all attitude toward the program is favorable both on the part of the churches and of individuals.

The girls' dormitory is now under construction. The building will be approximately 50 by 100 feet, it will have four floors and will adequately house eighty young ladies. It will have a dining hall seating 160 people, a large parlor, a snack bar, and such other facilities as are necessary. It will be completely fireproof and the cost of the building when furnished and equipped will be nearly \$160,000.00. The building is to be completed by August 1st, 1950, and will be ready for occupancy when college opens next fall. The present girls' dormitory will be converted for use by men students, will accommodate thirty-five men, and will be ready for use next fall when college opens.

The Executive Committee is at present studying to determine which part of the building program shall be undertaken next, now that the new dormitory is well under way and the money for it is in hand to a great extent and the remainder in sight. Whether to build, as the next step in the expansion program, more class-rooms or a fieldhouse or a combination of both is the question we must face. There are some immediate necessities that we must meet at once in the matter of buildings. We trust that when the Board of Trustees meets next March plans will be ready for study and approval in order that soon erecting of other buildings may be under way.



We have employed the services of Mr. Thomas K. FitzPatrick, head of the department of architecture, at the Iowa State College at Ames. Mr. FitzPatrick plans the buildings for the College at Ames and for many other colleges. He is at present landscaping our campus. With his leadership and guidance we trust we shall get a campus plan that will guide us wisely in our building program far into the future. We believe it may be said that our expansion program is off to a good start.

NORTHWESTERN BREAKS GROUND FOR GIRLS DORMITORY



Left: President Heemstra speaking.

Center: Rev. H. Colenbrander turning the sod.

Right: Attorney Henry J. Te Paske speaking.

Northwestern Junior College and Academy broke ground for the new girls' dormitory on October 13 at 11:00 A. M. Friends of the institution from various churches in the area had gathered to form a large audience. The ceremony began with the singing of "America", led by Dean E. J. Aalberts. The Rev. Jean Vis, pastor of the First Reformed Church of Sheldon, gave the opening prayer. Dr. Jacob Heemstra, President, gave a message of welcome. The ground was then broken by the Rev. Henry Colenbrander, pastor of the First Reformed Church of Orange City and president of the Board of Trustees of the College. The Rev. Peter A. De Jong, pastor of the First Reformed Church of Sioux Center, spoke on behalf of the Executive Committee. Attorney Henry Te Paske brought a fitting message for the Orange City Chamber of Commerce. The student body was represented by Stanley Sprik, a member of the Sophomore class in the College. The Rev. Harold Hesselink, pastor of the Reformed Church of Alton, and chairman of the Executive Committee, gave the closing prayer. The new dormitory when completed will house eighty girls and will be ready for occupancy by the first of next August if the construction goes per schedule.

STORY OF THE GLEANERS

Scenes on the Campus for a week this fall were far removed from the cloistered halls and ivy-covered walls that we are wont to associate with seats of learning. The bustle and activity were much more suggestive of an active, communal harvest. Cars, trucks and tractors were everywhere. The result, some 3,000 bushels of corn, gleaned from some 300 acres, by more than 300 men and

women, students, faculty, and business men for the building fund of the school.

This was truly a Community enterprise, enlisting the cooperation of many. Farmers generously gave their fields to be gleaned. Others donated time and the use of tractors and wagons. Young and old went out to pick up corn. The business men gave not only of their time but helped with cribbing and storing of the golden harvest. Town, country, and school were joined in happy fellowship.

Not only did Northwestern benefit financially but all elements were drawn more closely together, leading to understanding and sympathy. Mr. Merlyn Kraai and his committee deserve praise for their success in this project.

INFORMATION WANTED

The Alumni office would appreciate receiving information about the following college graduates. The names are arranged according to the year of graduation.

1931

Harriet L. Brink (Mrs. Ray Davidson)
Harriet A. Van Wyk (Mrs. Glenn Webb)

1932

Ruben Bennett Thomassen
William Ypma

1934

Bennett Lee Brink
Albert John Jongewaard
Anna Mary Rylaarsdam
John L. Van Wyk

1935

Alice Wilhelmina Bailey (Mrs. Lew W. Conway)
Henry John De Jongh
Arthur John Reimers

1936

Clarence L. Vande Brake
Henrietta M. Vermeer (Mrs. Charles McKown)

1937

Robert Charles Klein
Rena Vander Wal (Mrs. Wilbur J. Lynge)

1938

Bertha Jeane'te Koerselman (Mrs. Hildred Dykstra)
Katherine Van Maasdam (Mrs. James Brown)

1941

Floyd Merle Clark
Ethel Alice Hoekstra
William Austin Hill Shively

1943

Luella Mae Anglum
Wallace Edwin Doornink
William Vogel



**REV. CHESTER MEENGs IN CONFERENCE WITH A
SCIENCE CLASS DURING CONSECRATION WEEK**

(See Miscellanea)