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by

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A Pageant Commemorating the

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

of

Northwestern College

1928

— Orange City, Iowa —

1953

Welcome

alumni of Northwestern! and a word of thanks for your loyal support over the years. May these three days of celebration of our 25th Anniversary be joyful ones for you, and may they be filled with pleasant memories of your college days.

—Paul Colenbrander
President Alumni Association

How The Pageant Was Made

When I was born, my father was a pre-ministerial student in a small denominational college. I grew up on the campus of another junior college, where my father was professor of Bible and Languages. I graduated from a Christian College and I believe in Christian education.

These things, plus the cherished friendships of students and faculty members whom I have met at Northwestern, have been the inspiration for this pageant.

In general, I hope the pageant leaves with the audience the following impressions: an appreciation of the dreams and vision which the board and the faculty members possessed more than twenty-five years ago; the steps and personnel involved in the actual organization of the college; the growth and leadership in the various departments of the school during its existence; a vivid representation of the fields of service for which the college prepares its graduates; and finally, a strong challenge to aid in the future service and expansion of Northwestern.

In the main, writing the pageant was a pleasure and helped me to cultivate a healthy respect for the people who had the "vision" to dare to undertake the founding of the school.

—Mrs. H. L. England

Scene 5. Presenting the First Graduates

Place: Northwestern Campus
Time: June, 1930

Scene 6. Enduring Bad Times

Place: Northwestern Campus
Time: Depression and War Years

Scene 7. Returning to Prosperity

Place: Northwestern Campus
Time: The 1940's

Part II—Silver—Refined by God's Spirit

Scene 1. Expanding—the 1950's

Place: Northwestern Campus
Time: The Present

Scene 2. Inaugurating Dr. Wezeman

Place: First Reformed Church
Time: October 24, 1951

Scene 3. Receiving Approval from North Central Association

Place: Auditorium, Science Hall
Time: March, 1953

Scene 4. Reliving College Days — Later Years

Athletics:

Homecoming
State Basketball Champions

The 25th Anniversary of the beginning of the College Department at Northwestern is signaled by evident signs of expansion, and the new period now begun should soon usher in the day of the beginning of the senior college program. A review of the past gives hope and courage for the future.

—Dr. Jacob Heemstra
President, Northwestern College, 1928-1950

The Sources of the Pageant

PRIMARY :

Dr. Jacob Heemstra, who was installed as president of Northwestern at the time of its origin and who served for 23 years, then resigned and is at present instructor in Religion.

Mrs. Jacob Heemstra, first president of the Women's Auxiliary.

Miss Fern Smith, director of music, 1928-1953, and leader of Northwestern's choirs for 25 years.

Rev. H. Colenbrander, president of the Board of Trustees of Northwestern since its founding.

Edwin Aalberts, Dean of Northwestern College.

Members of the first class of Northwestern who still live in or near Orange City.

Numerous students and faculty members of the past twenty-five years.

SECONDARY :

Complete files of **The Beacon**, College newspaper which had its beginning 25 years ago.

Copies of **De Klompen**, College annual.

Files of the **Church Herald**, a periodical issued weekly by the Reformed Church in America.

Copies of **De Volksvriend** and **The Sioux County Capital**, local newspapers.

Copies of alumni bulletins and catalogs which are filed in the office of the Registrar.

Complete program files maintained by the departments of music and speech.

Minutes of the Women's Auxiliary.

The Acts and Proceedings of the General Synod of the Reformed Church of America.

Forensics :

Interpretive Reading
After-Dinner Speaking
Radio Speaking

Dramatics :

The Happy Journey
The Barretts of Wimpole Street

Music :

The College Choir

Scene 5. Serving the Community

Place: Orange City and Surrounding Area
Time: 1928-1952

Epilogue—Silver—Lighting the Path

Scene 1. Serving the World

Scene 2. Threading the Ray

We are indebted to Mrs. H. L. England, one of our faculty, for writing and producing the colorful pageant depicting significant events occurring during the first twenty-five years of Northwestern College. Beautifully and impressively, this pageant displays through drama, narration, pantomime, moving pictures, and music, the cultural, social and spiritual significance of the College in the life of this community, the denomination and the nation. It reveals clearly the wondrous and incalculable blessings of God, continuously bringing growth, vitality, strength and purpose to this Kingdom project.

—Dr. F. H. Wezeman
President, Northwestern College

**Greetings to Northwestern alumni,
students,
parents,
friends.**

May Northwestern's service to you in the training of the "every-student" for "every-day" Christian leadership be multiplied each year.

—Miss M. Fern Smith
Instructor, Northwestern College, 1928-

The Music In The Pageant

Organist	- - - - -	Mrs. E. Bolluyt
Pianists	- -	Elaine Hesselink and Wilmer Ver Meer
Soloists: "Shadows Fall O'er Me"	- - - -	Broad Mrs. E. Van Engelenhoven
"Slumber Song"	- - - -	Broad Robert Baar
"For He Shall Give His Angels Charge Over Thee"	- - - -	Broad Jeneva Breed, Ruby De Wild and Ruth Grooters
"The Valley of Blessing"	- - - -	Fischer Ruth Grooters
"O Saviour, Hear Me"	- - - -	Gluck
"Praise Ye The Lord"	- - - -	Mendelssohn Glee Club
"God of Our Fathers"	- - - -	Roberts-Warren
"A Mighty Fortress"	- - - -	Martin Luther-Mueller Pageant Choir
"Go You, Northwestern"	- - - -	Van Etten
"Starter March"	- - - -	Ribble College Band

Cast

Prologue—

The Silver Lantern Girl	- - -	Minerva De Beer
Trumpeters	- - -	Bernard Koerselman, John Rozendaal, and Stanley Van Der Weide
Silver Lantern Girls in Drill	- - -	Annie Gelling, Eunice Jouwstra, Dorothy Kroontje, Audrey Muilenburg, Shirley Nettinga, Catherine Roelofs, Jean Roskens, Twila Russman, La Donna Van Klompenburg, Dena Van Oort, Shirley Van Put- ten, and Joyce Wolbrink
Narrator	- - -	Rev. Charles Boonstra
Readers	- - -	Mrs. R. Auberg, Mrs. H. Duven, David Muyskens, Bill Oostenink, Mrs L. Pennings

Part I

Scene 1.

Mr. Anthony Te Paske	- - -	Maurice Te Paske
Chairman of the Board	- - -	Gerrit Slobbe
Members of the Board	- - -	Robert Dunlop, Donald Jurriaans, Merlyn Kraai, Irwin Muilen- burg, Gerrit Rens, William Schalekamp, and Arie Vander Stoep

Scene 2.

Rev. Henry Colenbrander (25 years ago)	- - -	Paul Colenbrander
Rev. Z. Roetman (25 years ago)	- - -	J. E. Ellis
Rev. J. D. Dykstra (25 years ago)	- - -	Ed Den Beste
Dr. Jacob Heemstra (25 years ago)	- - -	Albert Heemstra
Miss Nellie Kuyper	- - -	Ruth Grooters
Mr. Manson	- - -	Marvin Hoff
Mr. Gillespie	- - -	Milton Van Roekel
Mr. De Witt	- - -	Bob De Haan
Mr. Van Zanten	- - -	Jack Vander Wilt
Miss Sikkink	- - -	Mrs. M. Vander Wel
Miss Brockmeier	- - -	Mrs. A. Vogel
Miss Korver	- - -	Geneva Van Wyk
Miss Adcock	- - -	Kathryn Hibma
Miss Smith	- - -	Mrs. Corene Warner

Staff

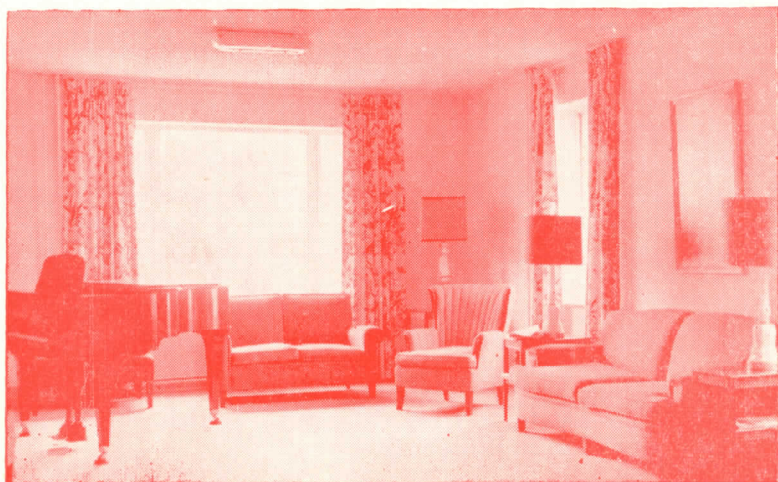
General Chairman	- - -	LeRoy Nattress
Script	- - - - -	Mrs. H. L. England
Director	- - - - -	Mrs. H. L. England
Advisor to the Director	-	Dr. David W. Thompson, Department of Speech, University of Minnesota
Correlators	- - -	Mr. and Mrs. A. Aalberts
Silver Lantern Drill	- -	Helen Van Wechel
Decorations	-	Mrs. H. Dykstra and Mrs. L. Nattress
Lights, Sound	- -	Richard Auberg, Stanley Duven, Eugene Haverdink, Jim Hibma, Marvin Hoff, Ralph Mouw, John Thompson, and Marlen Van- der Wilt
Stage	- -	Henry Muyskens, Gerrit Oldenkamp, Andrew Vander Zee and E. Van Engelenhoven
Movies	- - - - -	Howard Lyon
Music	- - -	Robert Baar, Mrs. E. Bolluyt, Mr. and Mrs. Jackson Hospers, Miss Fern Smith
Makeup	- -	Mrs. R. Dunlop, Mrs. R. De Kraay, Mrs. O. Dorschner, Mrs. H. Duven, Mrs. D. Ford, Mrs. L. Kepp, Mrs. E. Klay, Mrs. M. Kraai, Mrs. L. Roggen, Mrs. L. Pennings
Seating	- -	Ralph Mouw, Ted Van Bruggen
Costumes	- -	Margaret Block, Jeneva Breed, Marion Hull, Jean Roskens, Aletha Symens, Mrs. H. Vaag, Marlene Van Loh, Dena Van Oort, Clara Van Til
Properties	- -	David Dykstra, Nelson Nieuw- enhuis, Eldon Beukelman, Maynard De Boer, Eugene Haverdink, John Helmus, Marvin Hoff, Leroy Ketel, Lester Kiel, Ted Stientjes
Publicity	- -	Mrs. J. Heemstra and Mrs. F. Wezeman
Souvenir Booklet	- - - - -	Henry Vaag

Scenes 3 and 4.

President of Women's Auxiliary	-	Mrs. J. Heemstra
Mrs. J. D. Dykstra	- - -	Mrs. B. D. Dykstra
Auxiliary Members	- -	Mrs. H. Colenbrander, Mrs. G. Haverkamp, Mrs. S. Hibma, Mrs. J. W. Hofmeyer, Mrs. J. Mouw, Mrs. P. Mouw, Mrs. D. Muilenburg, Mrs. W. Te Paske, Mrs. K. Vande Waa, and Mrs. F. Wezeman
The Glee Club	- -	Pete Bartels, Norman Bon- nema, Jeneva Breed, Arie Brouwer, Ruby De Wild, Carole Heemstra, Gladys Korver, Harriet Korver, Dorothy Kroontje, Bill Oostenink, Dena Van Oort, and Wilmer Ver Meer. Elaine Hesse- link, Accompanist
Chairman of Debate	- -	Lyle Vander Werff
The Debaters	- - -	Bernard Koerselman, Fred Lamfers, Wilmer Ver Meer, and Willis Voss
Students in Campus Scenes	- - -	Allen Boeve, Thelma Brands, Jeneva Breed, Mary Ann Cals- beek, Edna Damsteegt, Maynard De Boer, Dor- othy Friese, Barbara Hellenga, John Helmus, Josephine Jansen, Marilyn Kooiman, Harold Net- ten, Leona Riphagen, Lorraine Roghair, Willard Rozeboom, Arda Schroedermeier, Herlan Schut, Aletha Symens, Burdell Symens, Helen Van Ab- bema, Marion Vande Brake, Marilyn Vande Garde, Russell Vande Steeg, Marlene Van Loh, Rouletta Van Pykeren, Cornelius Wabeke, Shir- ley Wassink
Ruth	- - - - -	Harriet Korver
Boaz	- - - - -	Arie Brouwer
Angels	- -	Joan Dekker, Diane Mattlin, Ruth Oordt, Helen Pennings, Margene Ter Horst, and Betty Vegter
Nettie	- - - - -	Audrey Muilenburg
Ben	- - - - -	Norman Bonnema
Jane	- - - - -	Nelva Keunen
Band Members	- -	Grace Bloemendaal, Ruth Grooters, Bernard Koerselman, Betty Lammers, Leo Landhuis, David Muyskens, Marlene Oordt, Phyllis Steunenbergh, Toni Vander Berg, Norman Vander Lee, Stanley Van Der Weide, Ella Mae Vander Wilt, Henrietta Van Maanen, Carol Veencamp, Shirley Wassink, Judith Wezeman, and David Wolbrink
Majorette	- - - - -	Karen Ver Hoef

A Chronology of Northwestern College

- 1928—The Junior College is established upon approval of General Synod, and the institution is named Northwestern Junior College and Academy. Thirty students are enrolled in the freshman class, and the college is formally opened on September 5.
- 1928—Rev. Jacob Heemstra is installed as President of the Junior College and Principal of the Academy.
- 1928—The Northwestern Beacon is founded.
- 1928—The Women's Auxiliary is organized.
- 1930—The two-year Normal Course in the Junior College is accredited by the State Board of Public Instruction.
- 1931—The Junior College becomes a member of the American Association of Junior Colleges.
- 1931—The General Synod adopts the Junior College department as an accredited Junior College of the Reformed Church in America.
- 1940—Plans are made for building a Girls' Dormitory.
- 1943—The Board of Trustees is enlarged under the new Articles of Incorporation of Northwestern Junior College and Academy.



Scene 5.

Class of 1930 - - - Arie Bomgaars, Hester Cleveringa, Wilbur De Jong (Irwin Muilenburg), Adelphos Dykstra, Josephine Dykstra (Sally Bonthuis), Adair Engstrom (Mrs. C. Groen), Alys Eringa, Charles Greenfield (Don Mouw), Albert Heemstra, Albert Hylkema (Earl Bonnema), H. D. Fred Leck (Milton Bogaard), John Willard Mouw (Marvin Vander Wel), Bernard Neal Mouw (Bob Utech), John Harm Mulder (Robert Dunlop), William Korver Reinsma (Stanley Duven), Adrian Schalekamp, Fred Stuart (Ray Lubbers), Dick Vander Wilt (Wilbur Ver Steeg), Wilhelmina Van Veldhuizen (Mrs. J. Ver Steeg), and Helen Van Wechel

Dr. Jacob Heemstra

Scene 6.

Class of 1944 - - - Virginia Bartels, Henrietta Bronkhorst, Marlys De Jong, Edna Dragstra, Chalice Jonker, Rosella Menning, Wanda Muilenburg, Alene Rowenhorst, Dorothy Ver Doorn, Carole Zevenbergen

Dr. Jacob Heemstra

Scene 7.

Students (See Scenes 3 and 4.)

Part II

Scene 1.

Silver Lantern Girl, Narrator, and Reader

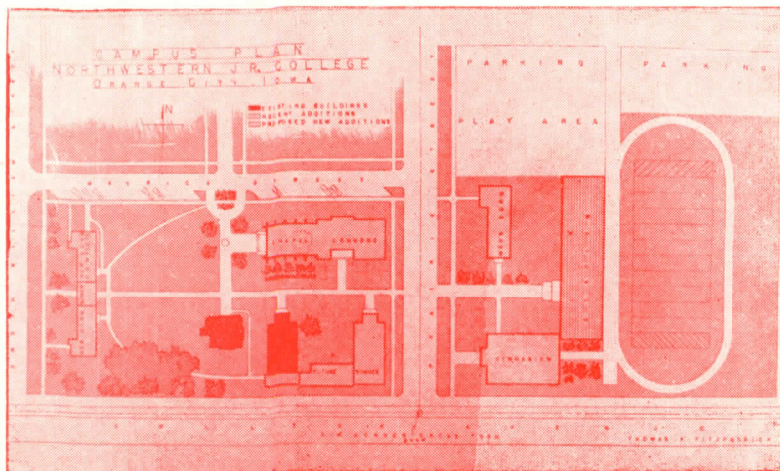
Scene 2.

Dr. Frederick Wezeman, Dr. Henry Colenbrander, and Dean Edwin Aalberts

Scene 3.

Dean Edwin Aalberts and Dr. Frederick Wezeman

- 1945—Dykstra Hall is opened as the Girls' Dormitory.
- 1948—The addition to Science Hall is dedicated.
- 1949—The General Synod gives Northwestern Junior College permission to expand into a four-year school.
- 1950—Heemstra Hall, new girls' dormitory, is completed.
- 1950—Dr. Heemstra resigns.
- 1951—Dr. Frederick Wezeman, of Chicago Christian High School, is inaugurated President of Northwestern College.
- 1952—Zwemer Hall is remodeled; the library is renovated.
- 1953—Northwestern College is accredited by the North Central Association of Schools and Colleges.
- 1953—Another addition to Science Hall is built.
- 1953—Northwestern College celebrates its 25th Anniversary.



Scene 4.

- Homecoming Queen - - - Evelyn Bolks
- Attendants - - Carol Onken, Arlene Roos;
Donna Ver Hoef, Karen Ver Hoef; Arloa Korver,
Gladys Korver
- Basketball Team - - Ervin Hibma, Jim Hoog-
land, Leroy Ketel, Lester Kiel, Leo Landhuis, Bob
Mouw, Howard Schutt, John Van Sloten, Gerry
Van Surksum, and Jack Ver Steeg
- Cheer Leaders - - Marlene Johnson, John
Landegent, Donna Ver Hoef, Karen Ver Hoef
- Interpretive Reading - - Lois Dykstra
- After-Dinner Speaking - - Bill Oostenink
- Radio Speaking - - Trudy Dykstra
- Elizabeth Barrett - - Evelyn Bolks
- Robert Browning - - Harold Schoep
- Ma Kirby - - Betty Lou De Jong
- Pa Kirby - - John Rozendaal
- Caroline Kirby - - Hazel Sprik
- Arthur Kirby - - Stanley Sybesma
- The Pageant Choir - - Viola Bonestroo, Jen-
eva Breed, Kathleen Cleveringa, Joan Dekker,
Ruby De Wild, Lois Dykstra, Ruth Grooters, Eu-
nice Jouwstra, Harriet Korver, Dorothy Kroontje,
Diane Mattlin, Arloa Muilenburg, Shirley Net-
tinga, Carol Onken, Jean Roskens, Twila Rus-
sman, Joyce Schuiteman, Phyllis Steunen-
berg, Toni Vander Berg, Ella Mae Vander Wilt, La
Donna Van Klompenburg, Dena Van Oort, Carol
Veencamp, Donna Ver Hoef, Karen Ver Hoef,
Shirley Wassink, Peter Bartels, Eldon Beukel-
man, Arie Brouwer, Leroy Ketel, Duane Koele,
Bernard Koerselman, John Landegent, Kenneth
McMurray, George Meerdink, David Muyskens,
Alvin Netten, Bill Oostenink, Willard Rozeboom,
Ted Stientjes, D. Q. Storie, John Thompson,
Henry Van Aartsen, Norman Vander Lee, Stan-
ley Van Der Weide, Marlen Vander Wilt, Lyle
Ver Hoef, Jack Ver Steeg, Ronald Voordeman.

Esther (Duven) Aalberts, Muriel Baar, Ethel (De Graaf) Bogaard, Agatha (Te Paske) Bolluyt, Rolene Brouwer, Viola Bynes, Vera (Pennings) Colenbrander, Betty (Giesen) De Jong, Geraldine (De Cook) Ekdorf, Alma (Oordt) Ford, Ann (Schoep) Groen, Darlene (Vande Berge) Kiernan, Gertrude (Brink) Kraai, Elizabeth (Colenbrander) Paekel, Marlys (Mouw) Pennings, Edna (Blom) Roggen, Hester (Cleveringa) Vande Garde, Clara Van Engelenhoven, Doris (Mulder) Vogel, Alfred Aalberts, Robert Baar, Norman Bastemeyer, Gene England, Dwight Grotenhouse, Earl Klay, Dayton Kraai, Merlyn Kraai, Howard Lyon, Clifford Mouw, Eugene Mulder, Carl Pennings, Leon Roggen, Henry Vaag, Ted Van Bruggen, Eugene Van Wyk, Lawrence Van Wyk.

Epilogue

Scene 1.

Teachers	-	-	Rolene Brouwer and Kenneth Muyskens
Minister	-	-	Bernard Koerselman
Missionary	-	-	Darlene Doornink
Engineer	-	-	Alvin Netten
Farmer	-	-	Dayton Kraai
Servicemen	-	-	Norman Bonnema and Dudley Kool
Speech Pathologist	-	-	Gene England
Coach	-	-	Burdell Symens
Nurse	-	-	Nelva Roetman
Doctor	-	-	Ray Breed
Lawyer	-	-	Ed Schelhaas
Homemaker	-	-	Jeane Aberson

Scene 2. (See Prologue and Part II, Scene 4)

If your name has been omitted, please bear in mind that it is an oversight—and forgive us.