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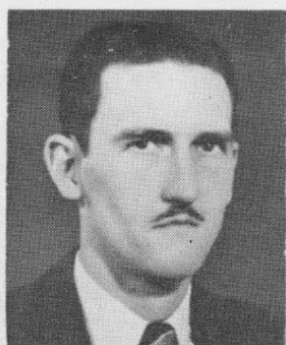
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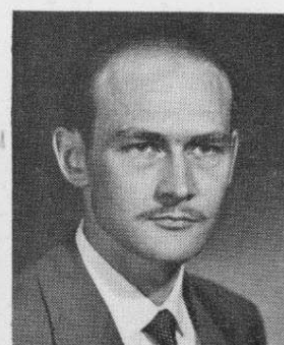
NORTHWESTERN JUNIOR COLLEGE AND ACADEMY

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John Gilbert Heemstra
Academy, 1939
College, 1941

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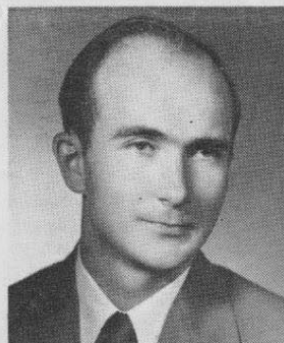
Frank William Heemstra
Academy, 1941
College, 1943



JACOB HEEMSTRA
Academy, 1906
President, 1928-1951

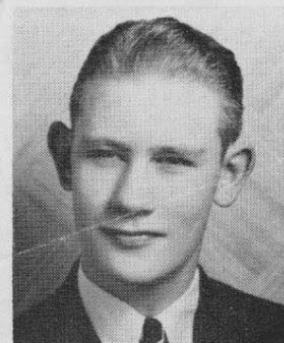


MRS. JACOB HEEMSTRA



Raymond J. Heemstra
Academy, 1943
College, 1946

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HEEMSTRAS



Howard C. Heemstra
Academy, 1946
College, 1948

1951 COMMENCEMENT

SUNDRY EVENTS

Our Commencement season was again one of those busy, happy and impressive times. It began with the tea given for the 1951 graduates of the college and academy by the Faculty Dames. This event took place on Wednesday afternoon, May 16, at the home of Mrs. Vera Penning Colenbrander, academy 1941, college 1943.

The year-end meeting of the Women's Auxiliary was held in Heemstra Hall on the afternoon of Tuesday, May 21. It was reported that \$1676 had been raised by a special miniature apron project in the churches, and that the auxiliary has already raised \$6600 for equipment in the girls' dormitory. Women from the American Reformed Church of Orange City presented a playlet and served refreshments.

On two evenings Miss Fern Smith presented her piano pupils in recitals. A new feature this year was an evening given to the performance of three one-act plays, under the sponsorship of Mrs. H. L. England.

On Thursday, the 24th, the faculty was host to the 1951 college graduates at a breakfast in the parlors of the American Reformed Church. The three Hawaiian members of the class — Francis Riney, Ted Sagami, and Eddie Matsui — were especially honored, and decorations were Hawaiian in character.

Friday, May 25, was Alumni Day. Farewell Chapel was held that morning. Members of the fiftieth and twenty-fifth anniversary classes were honored guests, and were introduced to the students and visitors. Rev. Z. Roetman, academy 1901, conducted devotions. Rev. Henry Fikse, academy 1918, father of one of the academy seniors, delivered the address of the morning. Honors and awards were announced and the Academy seniors received Bibles given by Mrs. Fred Lubbers of Sioux Center in memory of her husband, Dr. Fred Lubbers. The Campus Farewell, usually an outdoor ceremony, was held indoors on account of rain.

In the afternoon a number of graduates and former students came to the Alumni Tea as guests of the faculty. This pleasant event took place in the dining-room of Heemstra Hall. We only wish that more of our old-time Northwesterners would accept our hospitality.

The Banquet

The Alumni Banquet was held that evening at the Community Hall. The attendance was gratifying, and a fine spirit prevailed. Rev. Ellsworth Dykstra, academy 1938, college 1939, vice-president of the Alumni Association, led in the opening prayer; Prof. Ralph Mouw, academy 1936, college 1938, president of the Association, introduced the toast-master, Gerrit J. Slobe, academy 1900. Roger Petersen of the college class of 1951 led the group-singing; Barbara Jo Faber spoke as representative of the 1951 graduates; the secretary, Mrs. Lester Foreman, college 1940, conducted the roll call of classes; Laurence Van Wyk, college 1936, furnished special music, being accompanied by Betty Teske of the class of 1951; Attorney Henry J. Te Paske, a member of the Board of Trustees, gave the main address, which included a recognition of the services of Dr. Heemstra as president of the school for 23 years; Mr. Mouw called upon Mrs. Heemstra as "honored guest" of the evening, to arise, and presented her with a corsage bouquet which was pinned in place by John Gilbert Heemstra, academy 1939, college 1941. Mr. Mouw presided at the business-session, during which Dr. H. V. E. Stegeman reported on the amount received to date in the Zwemer Hall Campaign, Rev. E. Van Engelenhoven spoke about the contemplated next step in increased class-room accommodations, and the following were elected as officers of the Alumni Association for the year 1951-1952: Rev. Ellsworth C. Dykstra - President; Alfred T. Aalberts - academy 1931, college 1933 - First vice-president; Reka Visser Muilenburg - academy 1913 - Second vice-president; Alida Hibma - academy 1940, college 1942 - Secretary; Marion Wiersma - academy 1934, college 1936n - Treasurer.

During the roll call of classes, Attorney Albert H.

Manus of Freeport, Illinois, spoke for the class of 1901, and Elmer Den Herder was spokesman for the class of 1926. The closing prayer was offered by Dr. H. Colenbrander, President of the Board of Trustees.

Baccalaureate Service

The baccalaureate service was held at the First Reformed Church on Sunday evening, May 27. Dean E. J. Aalberts presided. Among those taking part in the service were Dr. H. Colenbrander, Rev. T. R. Oegema, college pastor, and Rev. E. Van Engelenhoven, Director of Public Relations. Musical numbers were sung by the academy and college choirs. The sermon on "God and Your Desires" was delivered by Rev. Maurice Marcus, pastor of the First Reformed Church of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Music for the processional and recessional was played by Elizabeth Colenbrander Paekel, academy 1935, college 1937, and Alida Hibma.

Commencement Program

Through the courtesy of the Chamber of Commerce of Orange City, it was possible to hold this program in the Community Hall. The occasion was unique on account of the presence of His Excellency, the Ambassador from the Netherlands, J. H. Van Roijen. The opening prayer was offered by Rev. Peter Van Es, academy 1923, father of one of the 1951 graduates. Dean Aalberts, who presided, presented the Vice-Consul for the Netherlands, T. E. Klay, who in turn presented the Honorable Charles B. Hoeven, Congressman from the Eighth District of Iowa. Mr. Hoeven then introduced His Excellency Ambassador Van Roijen, who spoke at length about world affairs and the cordial relations between the Netherlands and the United States. Salutatory and Valedictory messages for the academy were spoken by Forrest Hubers and Clarence Penning, respectively; similarly, the college salutatory was spoken by Lavonne Kados, and the valedictory by Stanley Vander Aarde. Pianists for the processional were Philip Hesselink and Allen Wolbrink of the college Freshman class. A piano duet was played by Betty Teske and Fenita Harmelink of the college graduating class. Diplomas were awarded to 57 college graduates and to 14 academy graduates. Rev. Herman A. Harmelink, academy 1924, whose daughter was in the college graduating class, led in the closing prayer and pronounced the benediction.

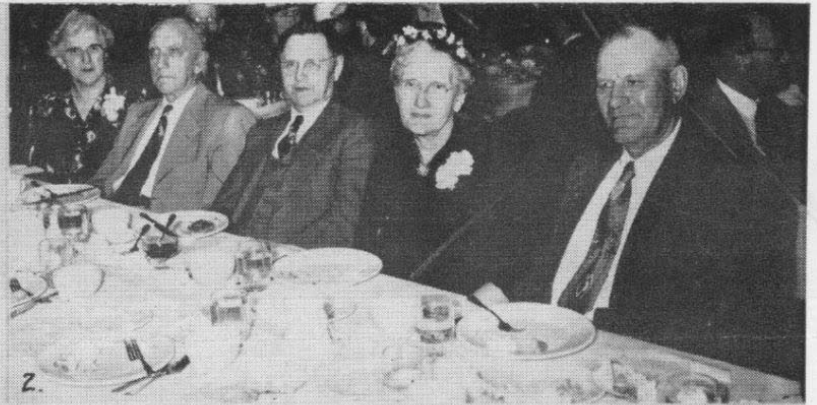
It was regrettable that President Heemstra, although making a good recovery from his illness, could not be present at the various commencement activities, but happily it was possible for him to "listen in" on the Alumni Banquet, the Baccalaureate service, and the Commencement exercises by means of an address system.

Before the members of the faculty separated for the summer, they met at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Heemstra to leave with them a token of appreciation in the form of a handsome kitchen set. Representatives of the Board of Trustees conveyed to Dr. and Mrs. Heemstra a monetary gift of \$1000. Dr. Heemstra terminated his duties as president on August 1, and plans to teach Bible and Psychology at Northwestern during the coming year.

CAREER DAY

Our second annual Career Day for high schools of Sioux County was held on the campus on Tuesday, May 1. Hundreds of boys and girls spent the day with us, gaining insights on numerous possible vocations. We were glad to have among our thirty conference leaders the following alumni of Northwestern: Gerrit Rens, college 1933; George Heusinkveld, college 1936; Howard Duven, academy 1933, college 1935n; Dick Dykstra, college 1943; and Paul Colenbrander, academy 1941, college 1943. Dr. Ray Bryan of Iowa State College was the speaker of the day. Rev. J. A. Veldman of Orange City led a devotional session.

Alumni Reunion Groups



- No. 1. Henrietta Van Rooyen De Jong, academy 1901, and alumnae daughters. Left to right: Harriet De Jong Kuiken, academy 1943; Mrs. De Jong; Margaret De Jong Vander Wel, academy 1932; Jeane De Jong Vander Berg, academy 1928.
- No. 2. Class of 1901, at Banquet, left to right: Mrs. Albert H. Manus; Albert H. Manus; Z. Roetman; Mrs. De Jong; Mr. J. G. De Jong.
- No. 3. Mrs. Jacob Heemstra being honored at the Alumni Banquet. Left to right: Mrs. J. G. Heemstra; Mrs. Jacob Heemstra; John Gilbert Heemstra; Mrs. Ralph J. Mouw; Mr. Mouw; G. J. Slobe.
- No. 4. Academy Class of 1941. Left to right: Upper Row: Otto J. Huizenga; Paul Colenbrander; Bernard Reinders. Lower Row: Vera Pennings Colenbrander; Henrietta De Groot Vander Weerd, Marcia Hubers Zwiep.
- No. 5. Academy class of 1926 at Banquet. Left to right: Upper Row: Bert Vander Berg; H. Van Klompenburg; Bernard Wobbema; Elmer Den Herder; S. Vande Garde. Lower Row: Mrs. Vander Berg; Cornelia Stander Van Klompenburg; Mabel Ver Steeg; Mrs. Wobbema; Mrs. Den Herder; Hester Cleveringa Vande Garde.
- No. 6. Academy Class of 1926 at Alumni Tea. Left to right: Upper Row: Jeanette Lubbers Kleinwolterink; Bert Vander Berg; Arthur Van Meeveren. Lower Row: Mabel Ver Steeg; Dorothy Vande Berg Wiersma; Cornelia Stander Van Klompenburg; Hester Cleveringa Vande Garde.

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A WORD FROM OUR RETIRING PRESIDENT

The alumni roll of Northwestern is becoming a formidable list. During recent years it has been growing rapidly. This year alone seventy graduates were added to the roll, and in addition there will be a considerable number more whose names will be added to the roll as non-graduates. As we lay aside the responsibilities of the President's office, we are conscious of the fact that by far the larger number of those whose names appear upon this roll were students in this institution during the twenty-three years of our administration.

In addition to those who attended during the years of our administration, we are also personally acquainted with a large number of those who graduated in earlier years. To me the fact that we have been privileged to sign the diplomas of 884 graduates, and to become acquainted with nearly 1800 students during our administrative period in this institution, and with most of the earlier alumni, is a source of great gratification and joy.

We are conscious of the fact that death has taken its toll and not only of those who are the older alumni but also of those of more recent years. As we have become acquainted with the constantly moving stream of students who have come and gone, we rejoice in the fact that so large a number have continued in further study for various vocations and professions; that so many have gone into full-time Christian service and that all have been able to find a place of usefulness and service in life.

As we relinquish our administrative responsibility may we say "Thank You" to all alumni for your words of encouragement, your expressions of appreciation, and your gifts and efforts to help make the work of the institution a success. We will ever cherish the associations of the past, and trust that your interest in your Alma Mater may ever continue.

Jacob Heemstra, President

ANNIVERSARY CLASSES

Academy Class of 1921

Johanna Dykema Salie received several letters from classmates, and is giving The Classic the benefit.

John R. Dethmers writes: "I attended Hope College from '21 to '24 and while there, met Miss Aleen De Jong, whose father was Dr. Conrad De Jong, who practiced medicine in Orange City prior to 1912. She spent most of her life in Grand Rapids, Michigan, until we were married in 1931. Leaving Hope College, I attended the Law School at the University of Michigan from '24 to '27. I then started the practice of law at Zeeland, Michigan. I started out my political career first as a Justice of the Peace, then as City Attorney. In 1930 I was elected Prosecuting Attorney of Ottawa County, serving for eight years. We lived for four years in Zeeland and thereafter moved to Lake Macatawa just outside the city of Holland, maintaining my law office in Holland. We have three children, Bob, 19; Dave, 15; and Marjorie, 5. In 1942 I began serving as the Republican State Chairman for Michigan; in 1944 was elected the Attorney General of this State, and in 1946 was appointed, and thereafter elected, to the Supreme Court of Michigan, on which I still serve."

Mrs. Salie writes, "As for myself, I am a farmer's wife and have lots of work. I have three children. My son is a Lieutenant in the Air Force and is a Jet Pilot Instructor at Williams Air Base near Phoenix, Arizona. My older

daughter, married, lives at Plainview, Nebraska. My younger daughter graduated from Morningside College with honors this spring."

Bessie Dyk is connected with the Business Offices of Berea College, Kentucky.

Clarence Groot serving a church at Imlay City, Michigan, gives us this report: "I was a bachelor minister for ten years but got married in 1939. We have three children — Mary Ann, 9; Jacqueline Fay, 7; and Clarence II, 5.

"I have been in the ministry for almost twenty-three years. This is my fourth charge — the others were Brocton, Minnesota; Middleburg, Iowa; and Waupun, Wisconsin; and now Imlay City, the garden spot of Eastern Michigan. If you plan to take your (first or second) honeymoon and go to Niagara Falls, be sure to stop in."

Gerrit Heemstra gives us his story, as follows: "From 1921 to 1925 I went to Hope College, Holland, Michigan, during the school year and did Chautauqua work during the summer months. From 1925 to 1928 I attended Biblical Seminary in New York and New York University, receiving my Bachelor of Sacred Theology from Biblical Seminary and my Master of Arts from New York University in 1928. During the summer of 1926, I was a missionary for the Congregational Church among the lumberjacks in Maine. During the summer of 1927, I was a missionary for the Reformed Church among the Indians of Oklahoma. Year 1928-1929 was spent in Africa and Asia as a student of the American School of Oriental Research and as Director and Teacher of the Travel Institute of Bible Research with headquarters at Jerusalem. 1929 to 1931 was spent in Europe as a student at Edinburgh University and Oxford University and as Assistant Minister in St. Thomas' Church, Edinburgh. Since 1931 I have been the pastor of the Pompton (New Jersey) Reformed Church. In 1932 I married Georgeana Ryan from Syracuse, New York. We have a very happy home with a daughter, Mary Ann, ready for college and a boy, James Willard ready for high school. I am very much interested in the Reformed Church and particularly in its educational institutions. At present I am a Superintendent of the New Brunswick Theological Seminary and a member of the Hope College Board of Trustees, as well as a member of the Northwestern Junior College Board.

E. George Schutt of Paw Paw, Michigan, has the following story: "After June, 1921, I spent one year teaching a rural school near Maurice, Iowa. The next two years I spent at Hope College, followed by one year at Western Michigan College at Kalamazoo. I taught for three years in Gobles, Michigan, from 1925 to 1928. After that I returned to Western Michigan to get my A. B. degree, and returned to Gobles as superintendent in the fall of 1929. I was married in June 1929, to Ileta M. Nicolai and have one daughter, Lianne, fourteen years of age. I was superintendent in Gobles for six years and left there to become County Superintendent of Van Buren County in July, 1935. I have been in that position since that time.

"Perhaps the outstanding incident of the last sixteen years has been the modernization program in our county in cooperation with the W. K. Kellogg Foundation. We published a brochure covering this activity which received international recognition.

"I have a Master's Degree from the University of Michigan and have spent some time at Michigan State, Northwestern University, M. I. T., and New York University. Professionally I have served on many state-wide committees and am now a member of the governing body of the Michigan Association of School Administrators, and have been chairman of the M E A.

"Outside of education, I belong to the Masonic Lodge and Kiwanis. I have served as Lieutenant Governor of the Michigan District of Kiwanis as well as local offices. I am also listed in 'Who's Who in the Midwest' and 'Who's Who, in American Education' and 'Leaders in Education'."

Floyd Vander Meer of Battle Creek, Michigan, writes: "I am now finishing my twenty-second year teaching history in Central High School. Prior to that I taught three years in St. Johns, Michigan. Between these two jobs I attended the University of Michigan graduate school and received my Master's degree in History. At present I am

also coordinator of Visual Aids in our High School. Our High School has about 1600 students (10-11-12) with a faculty of approximately 75. My wife is the former Jane Welling from Grand Haven, Michigan, who was in my college class. We have one daughter, Carol Ann, now 14, in the eighth grade in the Junior High School."

Gerrit Vander Stoep writes from Pittsfield, Illinois: "I am in the hatchery business and really busy at this time of the year. We hatch about a half-million a year. My wife and I have four children. The oldest is a boy twenty-four years old now and still single. He graduated from the University of Illinois in Engineering Physics and is now a seismologist for Shell Oil Company. The next in line is a daughter who is keeping house for her husband who is attending the University of Illinois under the G. I. Training Bill. They have two children. My third child is a daughter, who is a Junior in High School, and the last is a little girl in the first grade, six years old."

Gerritt D. Wesselink resides in Washington, D. C. He writes the following: "After leaving N.W.C.A., I went to Hope College graduating in 1925. Then to Harvard Law School, graduating there in 1928. I practiced law in Kansas City, Missouri until 1931, at which time I went to Chicago and became a member of the firm of Crowe, Gorman, Mulder, and Wesselink. I was with that firm until November of 1942, at which time I enlisted in the Army. After about eight months as an enlisted man I was sent to officers' candidate school at Ann Arbor, Michigan, and came out a Second Lieutenant. I remained in the Army until July of 1946 and was released from active duty as a major. I am presently a Lt. Colonel in the Air Force Reserve. While I was in the Army I met a very charming British girl, and we were married in Washington, D. C., in 1944. My wife is from Scotland and her maiden name was Marion Paton. Our first child was born in 1945. His name is John Stewart. Our second son was born in 1948 and our first and only daughter was born in 1950. I am presently a member of the Armed Services Board of Contract Appeals. I have been doing this type of work for almost five and a half years now—five of them as a civilian attorney. My offices are in the Pentagon Building."

Bertha Van Stryland, who is Mrs. John Heemeyer of Castlewood, South Dakota, brought her husband with her to the Alumni Banquet.

Mary Siegers, wife of Rev. Henry Korver of Fillmore, California, writes: "I taught Latin and Mathematics in High School in Allegan, Michigan for five years after I was married, and then I had two children, Ken, 17, and Joy 13. Ken graduates from High School this year and Joy will enter High School next year. I am now teaching Bible to 550 children every week in Released Time. Every child is dismissed from school one hour a week for Bible study. I enjoy that work very much. We are in a Presbyterian Church of 650 members and the climate in Fillmore is about perfect. Roses blooming all year."

Academy Class of 1931

Alfred T. Aalberts was correspondent for the Academy class of 1931. From D. Ivan Dykstra he secured the following: "After graduating from J. C. in 1933, I went to Hope and was graduated in '35; then I spent three years at Western Seminary; from there I went into graduate study at Yale; in '40 I became the minister of the Reformed Churches at Stone Ridge, High Falls, and Cottekill in Ulster County, New York. I was married in June, 1941 to Kathryn Wisse, who graduated from Beaver College in Philadelphia in '40 and had taught for a year in the high school in Lodi, New Jersey; we remained in New York until May of '43, when we moved to the First Reformed Church of North Paterson in Hawthorne, New Jersey. Our first son, Brian, was born in '42, and Darrell came to join him in '45. In '47 we moved to Holland, Michigan when I was appointed Professor of Greek, and my toilsome years with dear old Father Hiram began to pay off. In the meantime in '45, I had completed my dissertation and received my doctor's degree from Yale. I served as Professor of Greek until last September, when, after the death of Dr. Van Saun, I was appointed Head of the Department of Philosophy at Hope—and that is as far as I have gone. We're having a grand time."

Kathryn Raman Wagner gives us the following curriculum vitae: 1933, graduated from Northwestern Junior College; 1933 to 1936, taught in Sherman Township; 1937

Kalamazoo, Michigan, Western Michigan College of Education; 1938 to 1940, taught in Ypsilanti, Michigan; 1941, got B. S. degree from Michigan State Normal, Ypsilanti, Michigan; 1941 to 1943, taught in Detroit; worked on Master's Degree at Michigan; 1943, England; 1944, France; 1945, Germany; 1946, Holland, Belgium, Italy, and Corsica. 1947, back in U.S.A. Taught in Detroit; 1948, same in Detroit; 1948 to 1949, taught in Osaka, Japan. Acting Principal; 1949-1950, taught in Tokyo, Japan; 1950, got my MRS degree. Finally made it! 1951, teaching in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

AT PUT-IN-BAY

Jacob Verduin, college 1937, is connected with the Franz Theodore Stone Institute of Hydrobiology, which is a part of the University of Ohio. He writes from Put-in-Bay, Ohio.

"My title is Associate Professor of Hydrobiology. The work we do here is a bit out-of-the-ordinary. We represent the only year-round biological station (fresh-water) operating in the U. S. A. During the summer we have students from Ohio schools and surrounding states studying the 'formal' courses offered during the two six-week sessions held at that time. During the other nine months of the year we supervise the research of about a dozen graduate students, and carry on a research program of our own. We have excellent research facilities consisting of a well-equipped laboratory on South Bass Island (Put-in-Bay) and power-boats of several sizes and speeds for use on collecting trips.

The Verduins have bought a farm on South Bass Island, and have been very busy for the past two years remodelling the house—the oldest one on the island! The farm (37 acres) is mostly woods with about ten acres of tillable land. It has 300 feet of lakeshore, however, and



THE SHIP BIOLAB

a fair (marble-sized gravel) beach. The house is inland and well-screened by trees from the wintry blasts which are notorious on the shore. In winter our only means of transportation to the mainland is via Milton Herschberger's "airlift," which uses ancient but well-kept trimotor Ford planes. In summer auto-ferries run from Sandusky, Port Clinton, and Catawba Pt. The Catawba Pt. Ferries, "Miller's," run every 90 minutes during the summer season, so any N. J. C. alums who happen to be passing through northern Ohio some summer would do well to consider a side excursion to Put-In-Bay to see the Stone Institute and visit the Verduin tribe—Jake, Bethy, Lans, Jan Christine, and Charlotte Maria."

Of the good ship BIOLAB (see picture) Dr. Verduin writes: "I am enclosing a snapshot of our research boat BIOLAB and its skipper Paul Webster. I believe this picture tells a more interesting story than a snapshot of my family would. The BIOLAB is equipped with machinery to facilitate sampling both the water and the lake bottom. Paul Webster is a native 'trap-net fisherman' and an expert boatman."

IN MEMORIAM

Hart Beyer, Academy 1892

Hart Beyer, who practiced medicine for a half century and gave over 43 years in service to the people of Pittsville, Wisconsin, died in that city on April 15, 1951. He graduated from Rush Medical College in 1900, and practiced his profession in Sioux Center, Iowa for about eight years before moving to Wisconsin.



Hart Beyer

On December 18, 1950, Dr. Beyer's fifty years in the medical profession were the occasion of a celebration in the Pittsville Community Hall. Congratulatory addresses were given by the Mayor and other community leaders, and a scroll was presented to him as a "thank you from the whole town."

Dr. Beyer was health officer in Pittsville for thirty years, city clerk for twenty years, and a member of the school-board for three years. He was an associate member of the clinic in Marshfield, Wisconsin, and a member of the "fifty-year club" of the state Medical Society.

Dr. Beyer was married to Etta Warren in 1905. At the time of his death he lived with a sister, Miss Bertha Beyer. The funeral services were held in Pittsville.

Gertrude Harmeling Ensing, Academy 1895

Gertrude Henrietta Harmeling of Vashon, Washington was the eldest child of Stephen John and Alida Harmeling. She was born in Spottswood, New Jersey on April 25, 1879. Her childhood years were spent in New Jersey and South Dakota. Her family moved to Washington in 1901 and settled on Vashon Island in 1903. Here Miss Harmeling established Vashon's first kindergarten and also taught first grade.

She was married to Dr. George Henry Ensing in 1911. Dr. Ensing served overseas in the first World War with a Canadian Medical Unit. After Dr. Ensing's death, Gertrude lived with her parents, caring for them in their declining years. She was a member of the Vashon Presbyterian Church being active as pianist and as a member of the Women's Society. She herself suffered from ill health for many years, but she was known for "her sparkling companionship, her expressions of sympathy to others who were ill, and her helpful letters." Her skill in crocheting produced many lovely gifts for her friends and their children. Her death occurred on February 18, 1951.

She is survived by her daughter Alice, two grandchildren, one sister, and four brothers.

Hubert J. Vander Meide, Academy 1902

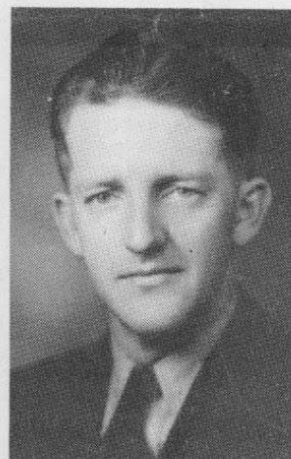
Hubert J. Vander Meide was born in Orange City on January 19, 1884. His parents were A. Vander Meide and Elizabeth P. as, pioneers in Sioux County. In 1911 he was united in marriage with Minnie Van Gorp, Academy 1905. They lived on a farm northwest of Orange City for almost forty years. Mr. Vander Meide died in Orange City on May 18, 1951. He belonged to the American Reformed Church in Orange City. He is survived by his wife, two sons Harvey and Robert, one daughter, Loraine, who is Mrs. John Kleinwolterink, eight grandchildren, and two sisters, Mrs. Minnie Mouw of Sioux Center, and Mrs. George R. Ross of Arcadia, California. His death was preceded by several years of impaired health.



Hubert J. Vander Meide

Edwin J. G. Bloemendaal, Academy 1928, College 1930

Edwin Bloemendaal belonged to the first graduating class of the college department. He was the second member of this class to pass away, the other having been Gerrit De Groot. He was born on a farm near Orange City on December 4, 1910, and graduated from the academy in 1928, after which he took the two years' college course. He finished his medical study at the State University of Iowa in 1936, interned at Providence Hospital in Detroit, Michigan, and spent a few years with the C. C. C. During the Second World War he gave four years of service as a surgeon of the 24th Infantry Division in Hawaii, Australia, Goodenough Islands, New Guinea, and Beak Islands. After his discharge from the army as a Colonel M. C. he took a six months postgraduate course at the University of Minnesota. For the past five years he was a practicing physician at Lake Park, Minnesota.



Edwin J. G. Bloemendaal

He passed away unexpectedly on April 1, 1951, leaving his wife, who was Elizabeth Wirzfeld, and two children, David, aged 11, and Julie, aged 9.

NORTHWESTERN AT MISSION FESTS

Mission Fests have again been held in numerous Reformed Churches this summer. The programs included presentations of Christian Education, and Northwestern was represented on several of these programs by Prof. David Dykstra, Dr. H. V. E. Stegeman, and Rev. E. Van Engelenhoven.

WEDDING BELLS

- Philip W. Mouw, college 1936, and Virginia Leach, Residence - Honolulu, T. H.
- Lloyd E. Van Horsen, college 1939n, and Dorothy Ruth Balfour, Residence - Downey, California.
- Florence Geneva De Raad, college 1942n, and Clarence Vander Griend, Residence - Lynden, Washington.
- Helen Mae Beyer, college 1944, and Chester Dean Hull, Residence - Whittier, California.
- Darlene E. Vanden Berge, academy 1946, college 1949, and Thomas E. Kiernan, Husband in National Air Guard.
- Alma Jane Doornink, college 1948, and Paul H. Sulhoff, Residence - Mason City, Iowa.
- Newman De Haas, college 1948, and Albertha Gertrude Foreman, college 1949, Residence - Silver Springs, Maryland.
- Kenneth H. Vermeer, college 1948, and Jean Rens, Residence - Holland, Michigan.
- Esther Jean De Wild, college 1948, and Elmer Koedam, Residence - Rock Valley, Iowa.
- Hermine Jonker, college 1948n, and William Windle, Residence - Sioux City, Iowa.
- Paul Mulder, college 1948n, and Kathleen Poppema, Residence - Rantoul, Illinois.
- Sidney LaFleur, college 1949n, and Marilyn Utech, college 1949, Residence - Winner, South Dakota.
- Audrey Elvina Moss, college 1949, and Leonard Leo Topp, Husband in military service.
- Dorothy B. Westra, college 1949n, and Albert Van Gorp, Husband in military service.
- Cecil P. Van Peurse, college 1949n, and Reathal Ann Vreeman, college 1950n, Residence - Orange City, Iowa.
- Cornie Keunen, academy 1948, college 1950, and Alvina Mae Sprik, academy 1949, Residence - Pella, Iowa.
- Delores Wynia, college 1950n, and George Dahlenburg, Residence - Menno, South Dakota.
- Arthur Vogel, academy 1950, and Shirley Darlene Spyker, academy 1950, college 1952n, Residence - Orange City, Iowa.
- Willard G. Korver, academy 1950n, and Frances Hartog, academy 1952n, Residence - LeMars, Iowa.
- Howard J. Brinkhuis, college 1951n, and Marilyn Ruth Dykstra, college 1951n, Residence - Sioux Center, Iowa.
- Judith Marian Koerselman, college 1951n, and John Arthur Visser, Residence - Sanborn, Iowa.
- Christina M. Schenk, college 1951n, and Severt C. Vander Esch, Husband in military service.
- Wilma I. Westergard, college 1951n, and Earl L. Degan, Residence - Ireton, Iowa.
- Glen Heusinkveld, academy 1951n, and Jessie Boersma, Residence - Springfield, South Dakota.
- Morris Henry Post, college 1950n, and Betty Luverne Teske, college 1951, Residence - St. Louis, Missouri.
- N. B. For "Wedding Bells" we are dependent on social columns and marriage-license lists in newspapers. Errors could be avoided if the Alumni Office were on your list when your wedding announcements are sent out.

PERSONALIA

Gertrude Bolks De Bey, academy 1887, has taken up residence at the Pioneer Home in Orange City.

Frank Hoppers, academy 1906, has been taking an extensive trip to many parts of the world. He resides in Altadena, California.

Rev. Gerrit Menning, academy 1910, was recently given the Honorary Degree of Doctor of Divinity by Central College. He recently became pastor of the Hope Reformed Church at Grand Haven, Michigan.

Rev. Dick A. Elings, academy 1911, has become Classical Missionary for the Classis of Cascades on the West Coast.

Rev. William Van Peurse, academy 1920, spoke at chapel this spring. He has assumed the pastorate of the Lee Street Christian Reformed Church in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Stanley H. Synhorst, college 1932, has a dental practice in Manning, Iowa.

Jackson S. Hoppers, college 1933n, was recently elected as a vice-president of the Iowa State Title Association. He is in the abstract business in Orange City.

Roberta Holster Sorensen, college 1934n, is a teacher in the public schools of Boise, Idaho.

Rev. Albert F. Mansen, academy 1932, college 1934n, has accepted a call to the Reformed Church of Friesland, Wisconsin.

Samuel Williams, college 1943, has graduated from Western Theological Seminary, Holland, Michigan, and is to be a member of the faculty of the Southern Normal School, Brewton, Alabama.

Alfred Vande Waa, college 1941, has graduated from the Medical School of the University of Michigan, and is to have his internship at Butterworth Hospital, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Rev. John William Kroon, college 1943, is now pastor of the Reformed Church at Lester, Iowa.

Dorothy Lorraine Oelrich, college 1944, is the proprietress of a hotel in Uniontown, Missouri.

Esther L. Jasper, college 1944n, is the wife of Peter R. Dykhouse, and resides in Sun Valley, California.

James Grove, college 1949, has received his bachelor's degree at Westmar College. He has accepted a teaching position at Gaza, Iowa.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS CLUB

Our International Relations Club had two discussion meetings during the past year with a similar club of the Junior College in Worthington, Minnesota. On the first occasion our students went to Worthington, and this spring the Worthington Club came to be guests of Northwestern. The discussion this spring treated the subject of Russia and the United Nations. At the dinner in Heemstra Hall, Rev. H. C. Van Deelen of Rock Valley, Iowa, was the speaker.

OUR MAILBAG

From Hattie Hospers Watermulder, Academy 1896, we have the following:

"Enclosed is a gift for Zwemer Hall. This is given in memory of my dear husband of ever blessed memory. It is given, too, with many prayers that God's richest blessings will always rest upon our school, that each one who attends our school may go forth as a witness for Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior."

Effie Veenschoten Stientjes, academy 1898, writes: "Words can't tell what the influence of Zwemer Hall has been for me the past 53 years. It was my privilege as a member of the class of 1898 to be a freshman in 1894 and to enter into Zwemer Hall when it was new. Well do I remember the spotless white walls and its shining floors and furniture, with Rev. James Zwemer constantly reminding us to keep it so. Not once have I regretted that four years of my youth were spent there."

Gertrude Beyer Masselink, academy 1904, says: "The picture of Zwemer Hall brings back many happy memories. I hope some day to visit it again. Wish you every success in your worthy undertaking."

Henrietta Maris Draayom, academy 1905, sends her greetings: "The looks of Zwemer Hall have much improved. The copies I received of *The Classic* were enjoyed very much."

Jacoba Slobe, academy 1907, writes: "It is with great pleasure that I recall the 'good old days' at the N.W.C.A. There was always lots of enjoyment so that our studies never really became a burden. Our 1907 class certainly was one for real class spirit. How can we Alumni ever forget the wonderful associations of Northwestern?"

Rev. Cornie Kuipers, academy 1917, expressing his interest in the Zwemer Hall project, says: "My father helped lay the first bricks."

Blanche De Jong Arner, academy 1938, college 1940n, writes as follows: "Most of my memories, as well as those of other Alumni, center in Zwemer Hall. Anything for the betterment of Northwestern Junior College is near and dear to the hearts of anyone who attended there. My husband is doing very well in school but would disapprove greatly if he heard (or read about) me bragging about him—so I won't."

James Fong, college 1950, sends the following: "I am hoping my transcript will be accepted at the University of Washington. On the other hand, should I travel to the

mid-west for a visit after being married, I may enroll at one of the universities there. I received the last copy of *The Classic* and thoroughly read it. It certainly is good news to read of the many new developments."

An envelope addressed to the Alumni Office, and post-marked Estherville, Iowa, came to us without contents. Won't you try again?

SPEECH AND FINE ARTS

Northwestern continues its emphasis on skill in speech and music. A District Speech Festival for High schools was held on our campus on Friday, February 16. Schools participating were the high schools of Orange City, Ireton, Sioux Center, and Alton, and our Academy. There was competition in the fields of debate, declamation, extemporaneous speaking, and interpretive reading. Several of our academy entrants received "firsts." The academy dramatics group later moved on to the sectional contest, and again received first place for its performance of "Happy Journey," by Thornton Wilder.

On Thursday, February 22, Northwestern was host to the Northwest Iowa Fine Arts Festival of Junior Colleges. Junior Colleges participating were Eagle Grove, Emmetsburg, Estherville, Sheldon, Mason City, and Northwestern. There were numerous numbers in the fields of instrumental and vocal music, public speaking and dramatics. John Marion Fonkert, college 1940, teacher of speech at Mason City, accompanied his group to Orange City. We were glad to have Northwestern capture some of the "superior" ratings.

The College Play, Thornton Wilder's "Our Town," was given at the Community Hall on April 5 and 6. During the spring months both college and academy choruses visited numerous churches and went out on tour.

At the Drake University Invitation Play Festival, our Academy was one of twenty-one participating high schools. We again presented "Happy Journey," and were the only school to receive a "superior" rating.

HART BEYER'S DIPLOMA

After Dr. Beyer's death, his academy diploma was given back to Northwestern for the Museum. The diploma testifies that Dr. Beyer graduated from the Classical Course in 1892. It is signed by James F. Zwemer as Principal, and by the following Trustees: S. Bolks, James De Pree, Henry Hospers, J. A. De Spelder, A. Vandenberg, Peter Lepeltak, and John Huizenga.

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