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OUR COVER — CLASS OF 1926

First row, left to right: Al Schaaftma, Marion Laaple Schaafsma, Malcolm Dull, Edith Weaver Anderson, Mrs. John Ver Beek, Wilhelmina Bos Hughes, Lois Brockmeier Butler, Leona Sistes Farnsworth, Marion Landall Sisson, Margaret Anderson De Pree, Anne Tyss Roth, Sarah Fredericks Coughie, Mrs. Derks, Betty Stegenga Steketee, Lillian Scott Wing, Mabelle Du Mez Frei, Marion Pennings, Angelene Poppen Gebhard, Paul Gebhard, Harriet Vandenhush Northcott, Fred Meyer, James W. Ver Meulen, Adelaide Dykhuizen.

Second row: Barnerd Luben, George Steketee, John Ver Beek, Meta Ross, Mrs. Russell Vande Poel, Albertus Derks, Russell Vande Poel, Sam De Pree, George Schutt, Edythe Klerk, Dorothy Dekker Shoemaker, Bernard Shoemaker.

Third row: William Klerekoper, Geraldine Dykhuizen, Dorothy Vande Kolk Andrews.

Fourth Row: Anthony Smith, Helene Post Klerekoper, Timothy Cramer.


Top row: Adrian Zwemer, Mrs. Henry Bos, Mrs. Franklin Hinkamp, Alonzo Wierenga, Gerald Vandenberg, Fred Oster, Mrs. J. M. Ver Meulen, Andrew Veldhuis, Franklin Hinkamp, Elsie Peel Cook, Carl Cook, Peter J. De Bell, Edwin Comstock.

— Photo by Al Schaaftsma.
A Record Breaking Reunion
Class of 1926

By Carol V. H. Van Putten

When bigger and better reunions are held—look for the Class of 1926! Yes, our twenty-fifth reunion on Tuesday, June 12, 1951, set an all time record in Hope history. Fifty-six members of the class participated in all or part of the day's festivities, and with their attractive wives and handsome husbands made a total of eighty-six present.

The friendliness and unity which characterized our campus days were immediately evidenced when we met for coffee in the Julianna Room at Durfee Hall at 10 A.M. The twenty-five years had wrought few changes although we admit some gray hairs and a few superfluous pounds (very few). Dr. Dimnent, our special guest, recognized us all, due, no doubt, to the fact that as our college President for four years, he probably knew us better than we knew ourselves.

After a short tour of Durfee Hall, we moved on to the lovely Garden Room at the Castle for a luncheon arranged by Martie Bayles Bosch, Marg Anderson De Pree, Marian Laeppe Schaafsma and Adelaide and Geraldine Dykhuisen. Dr. Lubbers was our guest and Jim Ver Meulen (honored this year with a Doctor of Laws Degree from our Alma Mater) presided at the informal program which followed.

Dr. Fred Olert spoke in memory of the five classmates who have passed away, Richard Harkema, Henry Nyboer, Katherine Kepple Votrub, Cornelius Hospel and Lester Essenburg.

Dr. Lubbers recalled our student days when he had many of us in his English classes. He summarized the progress made by the college during the past twenty-five years and outlined plans for the future. He was assured of our continued interest and support.

As Jim called the roll, each member of the class responded with a brief account of his activities since leaving Hope, and letters were read from many who were unable to attend. We heard from Marion De Young, Jim De Pree, Aaron Ungerstrom, Al Neavel, Ted Eisenbaggers, Jeannette Veldman, Del Kinney and many others. We were happy to receive a telegram from Gerry Pool, Clarence Heselsink, Everett De Witt, Jeannette Veldman, Al Neavel, Norm Vander Hart and Dick Mallery, who were attending General Synod at Buck Hill Falls, Pennsylvania.

Would that we had the space to tell all, but a few nuggets will have to suffice.

Fred Meyer was named the 'best preserved' member of the class. Tim Cramer is now known as 'A Man of Distinction' (He will be glad to explain). Albertus Derks reported he was married and living with his wife. George Stekteet proudly boasted of two sons, and Betty Stegenga wittily remarked she had the same children George had.

Fred and Sarah Klooster Olert are about to join the Confederacy by moving to Richmond, Virginia.

Malcolm Dull, Ph.D., recently called as an expert witness in a trial, found himself in an amusing situation. A Judge Smart was on the bench and one of the lawyers was a Mr. Sharpe. Malcolm remarked dryly, 'Needless to say, the decorum of the court was somewhat upset when I gave my name.'

Bill Klerkoper gave a hair-raising account of a ride with Doc Galman on his motorcycle. 'Twas not a 'Bicycle built for two.'

'Sailor' Langius wrote that he and his wife, Dorothy, were raising a son to replace President Truman, and a daughter to replace Ethel Barrymore. He felt he should inform us of this project to which he is devoting all of his time, as it would be foolish for anyone else to be doing the same.

In a more serious vein, we are proud of the Christian leadership shown by our classmates in the ministry, in education, business, medicine and as parents. We value highly the heritage given us by Hope College and we wish to give this heritage to our children. You will find our sons and daughters on the Hope Campus. Frank Hinkamp's daughter, Eloise, graduated this year, as did Ray Fieldhouse's son, Wayne and John Ver Beek's daughter, Jeanne. Many more sons and daughters will be in attendance for years to come.

As our pictures were taken for posterity, we were aware of the envious and admiring scrutiny of the Class of '31 as they emerged from the Castle dungeon. If the pictures fail to do us justice, the finger of guilt points to Bill Witches. After he was given the third degree, he admitted that he deliberately moved the camera.

Our next reunion? Many reservations have already been made for June 1956. Margaret Anderson De Pree will be chairman and the same local committee will assist her.

Here's to the Class of '26! As Dr. Jim Ver Meulen said, with all due modesty, at the Alumni Banquet, 'The best class that ever graduated from Hope College.' We took a vote and it was unanimous.
In the Armed Forces

CHAPLAIN (MAJOR) DAVID REARDON ON DUTY IN KOREA

Major David M. Reardon, 32, a veteran Army Chaplain, has been in Korea since last November. He left Fort Benning, Georgia, with the Third Infantry Division in August and sailed for Japan on September 1. He landed with his Division at the Port of Wando, some distance north of the 38th Parallel on November 10. He had a part in the successful rescue mission which drove through heavy Red attacks to link up the Marines retreating from the Changjin Reservoir area. After the completion of escort duties, the Division was deployed along the perimeter of the Hungnam beachhead area to give the Marines and other United Nations troops time to execute the long and complicated evacuation maneuver in naval ships off the Port. Chaplain Reardon was one of the last group of men to leave the beachhead.

After a brief rest on board ship, the Third Division again went into combat from a southern port working its way north again, enduring not only the natural results of battle but the severe cold as well. On May 15 the troops were occupying the city of Seoul. That Major David Reardon is really serving is evidenced by the fact that he was awarded the Bronze Star Medal in April, 1951, for outstanding personal bravery and devotion to duty.

Capt. R. C. Janes, surgeon of the Third Med. Bn, 15th Inf. Reg't, 3rd Division writes:

"Chaplain Reardon was and is a source of comfort and inspiration to many a weary and depressed front line soldier—this one included up to the time I left. The little services he held in my aid stations will always be remembered by me as some of the most moving and inspiring I have ever known. It means an awful lot to the G.I. in Korea to have someone there to remind him that the Lord is watching over him even in that distant, barren and cruel land."

It will be remembered that David has served the Army as a chaplain at Fort Lewis, Seattle, the Aleutians and Fort Riley, Kansas, before his 39 months in Straubing, Germany. From Germany he was assigned to Fort Benning, Georgia, and then on to Korea.

Mrs. Reardon and their three children are living in Willmar, Minnesota, while Major Reardon is in action.

RICHARD OOSTA CITED

Richard Oosta, 50N, who is expected home sometime in July, received a citation recently for "excellent service in the line of his profession during operations in Korea from 8 to 11 December 1950, Dental Technician Third Class Oosta, serving as a hospital corpsman.... without regard for his own personal safety or fatigue supervised the establishment and operation of a forward aid station when his battalion was assaulting hill 1081 near Kato-ri, Korea. By his tireless efforts and sound professional knowledge, although often under fire, he successfully directed and assisted in the care of not only the Navy casualties suffered by his own unit but also casualties from the Division Convoy which was ambushed near his aid station."


Pvt. Donald Harling '50 has been assigned to the U.S. Army Hospital at Camp Kilmer, N. J. as a medical technician.


Howard E. DeWitt ('52N) SA 3039377, 1st Lieutenants Division, U. S. Fleet Sonar School, Key West, Florida.


Pfc Douglas Lemmen, AF 1634367 ('52), 1st Aviation Field Detp Sqdn, APO 147 c/o PM, New York, New York.

William Ver Hey '50, 1st Lieut.—Reserve, 11th Airborne Division, Fort Campbell, Ky.

Pvt Richard Blouin ('52N), US 510-58418, Co 'A' 503d AIR, Fort Campbell, Kentucky.


JUSTIN VANDER KOLK

Justin Vander Kolk '31 was doubly honored at the 145th annual session of General Synod of the Reformed Church in America. He was elected Professor of Systematic Theology for New Brunswick Seminary where he has served since 1946 as instructor. The same session of General Synod appointed Prof. Justin Vander Kolk and Dr. Bernard J. Mulder '17, Executive Secretary of the Board of Education, delegates to the World Council's meeting on Faith and Order to meet in Lund, Sweden, in the summer of 1952.

June, 1951, was a banner month for Justin. Besides the above mentioned honors, he terminated his work for, and received his Ph.D. degree from the University of Chicago. It should be mentioned here also that it was on June 12 that he made an outstanding report of the Reunion of the Class of 1931 at the Alumni Dinner.

**History:** Born in Vriesland, Michigan, of Netherlands ancestry; educated in public schools of Ottawa County, Michigan, including Zeeland High School; was graduated from Hope College in 1931; taught for six years in primary and secondary schools of Zeeland township and city; was graduated from New Brunswick Theological Seminary in 1936; married Eunice Brokaw Campbell in 1936; pastor First Christian Church of Irvington, New Jersey, from 1936 to 1945; studied at Oberlin Graduate School of Theology earning the degree of S.T.M. in 1946; three daughters: Marilyn, Joyce and Nancy Carol.

**Comment:** "In the summer of 1946 I was asked to teach Systematic Theology at my Alma Mater, New Brunswick Theological Seminary. I agreed to come and have never regretted the decision since we have been very happy here. I love my work. It is very interesting as well as challenging."

**WEDDINGS**


Margaretha Wolffensperger and Kenneth Kleis (both '50), Holland, June 15, 1951.

Margaret Mocryd and Norman Siderius (both '50), Holland, June 16, 1951.

Mary Houtman '52N and Eugene VanTamelem '47, Holland, June 16, 1951.

Nancylee Corp '51 and Jack Maremman, '50, Holland, June 6, 1951.

Lester Klaasen '50N and Barbara Eiland '50, Holland, June 16, 1951.

Evelyn Van Dam '50 and John Smalegan '51, Forest Grove, June 20, 1951.

Robert Becksteer '50 and Shirley Bedell '50N, June 16, Holland, Michigan.

Elizabeth Boelkins '49 and Walter Boerman '49, June 13, Muskegon, Michigan.


John J. Beerboom '49 and Min Marcusse, June 22, Holland, Michigan.

Lois Hospers '48 and Marvin Jalving '49N, June 23, Holland, Michigan.

A. Keppel Cloetingh '50 and Barbara Kerr '51N, June 12.

Robert Stoppels '51 and June Dunster '52, Holland, Michigan, June 14, 1951.

Vern Schipper '51 and Isla Streur '50, June 23, Holland, Michigan.

**BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Nancy Boynton '42 and Forrest Prindle '41, Roger Forrest, May 26, 1951, Lincoln Park, New Jersey.

Rev. John and Adelaide Wandscheer '43 Hoekstra, David John, May 9, 1951, Stickney, South Dakota.

Rev. Richard and Barbara Tazelaar Hine (both '45), Richard Donald, November 19, 1950, Walkill, N.Y.

Carol Hermance '48 and Walter Kennedy '49, Kathleen Ann, April 20, 1951, Fremont, Mich.


Ruth Williams '42 and Russell Vriezing, Vicki, February 2, 1951, Holland, Michigan.


**HAVE YOU READ ANY EXCITING MURDER STORIES LATELY?**

We came across this one from a clipping in the Albany Times Union, and it is probably as unusual as it is true. The hero in this case is district attorney Clinton S. Cole '28, who was elected prosecutor of Montgomery County, New York, in Nov. 1949 for a three year term. According to the newspaper account, Clinton is saddled with a task of prosecuting two double murders—a plight that would weaken the knees of most district attorneys in the country.

The first murder involves Ernest A. Stone, a former Albanian, for the brutal killing of two teen-agers, William A. Waterman and his companion, Jeanne L. Stone, on last October 1st. The trial is now under way.

The second double murder occurred Friday, May 11, when Percy Morley, proprietor of a sporting goods store and a customer, Aricelli Di Blasi, were slashed to death with a knife. Thomas J. Mularkey, a 22-year old Air Force Corporal from Amsterdam, is being charged with first-degree murder for the crime.

The Times-Union states that the former Hope graduate has a burden, rarely the lot of a prosecuting officer—two double murders within eight months.

21929. Lawrence Vredevoe will be on the summer school staff of the University of California at Los Angeles. The family will spend the summer in California with him.

How much better this world would be, if every day we as Christians would take a half hour for vacant musings and be passive. We should let our minds muse of the graces of God, and that He will make all things well though we do not see it now.—Dr. John B. Nykerk.
HENRIETTA KEIZER IN UNIQUE SYSTEM OF PIANO INSTRUCTION

Miss Henrietta Keizer '25 has achieved distinction as a music instructor. The La Porte Herald-Argus of La Porte, Indiana, gives a glowing account of her work. Miss Keizer was formerly associate professor of Music Education at Capitol University, Columbus, Ohio.

"Miss Henrietta Keizer and Mrs. Lola Vawter, music instructors in the La Porte public schools, received special commendation recently from Newell H. Long, assistant dean of music at Indiana University. The two local teachers received mention for their pioneering in class piano instruction in La Porte schools.

"In the special courses taught by Miss Keizer a class of children learns piano playing at the same time. A group of the local talented pianists, students in Miss Keizer's classes, appeared recently at the MENC—North Central Division convention in Fort Wayne."

At the request of the Alumni Magazine, Miss Keizer has written a description of her work:

A significant development in the field of music education is that of piano instruction in the public schools. Until quite recently only a few children were privileged to study this basic musical instrument; now an increasingly larger number are enrolled in piano classes.

This change has come about through persistent efforts of music educators and an increased awareness, on the part of administrators, of the value of such study in the general development of children. In some cities, piano class work has been carried on for more than a quarter of a century; in many cases with excellent results. However, all too often these results were measured primarily in terms of musical accomplishment, with little attention to other educational outcomes. Modern music educators feel that character and personality development are of equal importance.

What shall it profit a child if he learns to play Bach, Beethoven and Chopin if, at the same time, he has developed a hatred for music! Or if, as a result of too frequent public performance, he has become a social snob!

Pioneering in this field of music education is the city of La Porte, Indiana, where the study of piano is required in grades 3A and 4B. This means that every child of nine or ten years of age studies piano for one year with a teacher trained in child psychology and modern pedagogy as well as in methods of developing musicianship and piano technique.

There are ten classes in six schools. These classes meet four times a week, from twenty to thirty minutes each, depending upon the size of the classes. These range in number from twenty to thirty-eight pupils.

It is estimated that approximately eighty per cent of the children would be denied the privilege of piano instruction if they were not offered as a part of daily school work. The theory that only the "talented" youngster should have music lessons is gradually being discarded. Piano class work contributes toward good citizenship. It trains a child to think, to accept responsibility and to value teamwork. It gives him the finest preparation for a democratic way of life.

Jan Joldersma will teach 2nd grade in South Haven 1951-52.

What you see depends upon what you bring to see it.—Dr. John B. Nykerk.
A feature of the 86th annual commencement was the awarding of four honorary degrees. Three of those honored are Hope graduates, Peter Baker '20, James M. Ver Meulen '26 and Henry Colenbrander '13; the fourth, Rev. Bastian Kruijthof, pastor of First Reformed Church, Holland, has served on the Board of Trustees of the College and has been on the faculty as a part-time instructor.

James Ver Meulen, vice president of the American Seating Company of Grand Rapids since 1947, has been a member of the board of education of the Reformed Church in America since 1940. During the past year he was elected president of that Board. Two years ago Mr. Ver Meulen became actively interested in the formation of the Hope College Alumni Varsity Club and served as the first president of that organization. He received a doctor of laws degree.

Peter Baker was graduated from the New Brunswick Theological Seminary after leaving Hope. In 1927 he organized an academy in Bahia, Brazil, under sponsorship of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions. Mr. Baker has just accepted the presidency of Mackenzie College in Sao Paulo, Brazil, one of the largest colleges in South America. He will leave the Bahia school which he built from the beginning to an institution training over 700 students. He received the degree of doctor of divinity.

Rev. Colenbrander, who received a doctor of divinity degree, has been pastor of the First Reformed Church of Orange City, Iowa, since 1925. He is a graduate of Western Seminary in the Class of 1916.

Rev. Kruijthof is a native of The Netherlands. He is a graduate of Calvin College and Calvin Seminary. He has been pastor of First Church since 1942. He served the Board of Trustees of the College as secretary and a member of the executive committee from 1944 to 1950. He, also, received the doctor of divinity degree.

- At the present time there are three Hope College graduates working in the Chemistry Department at Purdue University: Ed Dunning and Casper Ultee, both '50, are at present working for their Master's degrees (Organic Chemistry and Physical Chemistry respectively). George Toren '48 is working for his Ph.D. in Organic Chemistry. All three of the boys will be on fellowships. Marian TerBorg Toren '48 is teaching in the Lafayette Public Grade Schools, and Mary Lou Hepp Dunning '49 is working in an insurance office in Lafayette while George and Ed are in school.

- 1949. Richard Hobeke received his M.S. Degree from the University of Vermont on June 8, 1951.

- 1949. Anna Ruth Workman will teach in the early elementary grades at Grand Haven Christian next year.


- 1951. Marguerite Kinkema will attend a six week's workshop in 'Intercultural Relations' under Dr. Hilda Tabu at the State College of San Francisco this summer. Her scholarship is sponsored by the Association of Protestants and Jews. While in San Francisco Marguerite will attend the NEA Convention. She expects to spend a week in Mexico before returning home.

### 137 GET DEGREES AT HOPE'S 86TH ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT

On Wednesday, June 13, 1951, in Memorial Chapel, 137 graduating seniors received the Bachelor of Arts degree. They were presented for their degrees by Dr. John W. Hollebnach, Dean of the College. The degrees were presented to each by Dr. Lubbers.

The Class of 1951 really numbers 179. 26 were awarded their degrees in February and 16 will complete their studies in August after Summer School.

The commencement address was given by Dr. Lowell R. Ditzen, pastor of the Bronxville, New York, Reformed Church. Dr. Ditzen's subject was "On Giving the World a Life." He stressed the philosophy of "giving the world a life" rather than the philosophy of some that the "world owes me a living." "Life never fulfills until we give all, all the time," he said.

Soloist for the program was Jeanne Ver Beek, pianist, a member of the graduating class who played "Ballade in A Flat Major," by Chopin. The Rev. Abraham Rynbrandt '22 gave the invocation, the Rev. Gerrit J. Rozeboom of Coopersville gave the benediction. Scripture was read by the Rev. Ralph G. Korteling '19.

The organ prelude, processional and recessional were played by Mrs. W. Curtis Snow '41 and Dr. Lubbers presided at the service.

Senior prizes, awarded by Dean Hollebnach, went to the following: Daniel C. Steketee senior Bible prize, first to Burt Phillips of Lakewood, Ohio; second to Roger Shafer, Schenectady, New York; Pietenpol Bible prize, Harold Dean, Keyport, New Jersey; Dr. A. T. Godfrey chemistry prize, Earl Huysen, Holland; Patterson biology memorial prize, Nancy Vyeveberg, Rochester, New York; Dr. Otto van der Velde, All-Campus award, a gold key, to Eugene Campbell, Muskegon; Southland medal, Nancylee Corp Marema, Auburn, New York.

### ALUMNI DAY TO BE ON SATURDAY IN 1952

At the June 14 session of the Board of Trustees of Hope College, a change in the Commencement schedule was voted. The 87th annual commencement will be held on Monday morning of the last week of school instead of Wednesday evening of the same week as has been the custom. This is in line with the policy of many colleges throughout the country. It will enable alumni, parents and friends of the graduating class to see in the entire commencement week program. The plan calls for Alumni Day to be held on Saturday, Baccalaureate on Sunday of the same week-end.
DURFEEL HALL SCENE OF 1951
ALUMNI DINNER

The new Durfee Dormitory afforded an interesting set-up for the large crowd of alumni returned to the campus for the occasion. Due to the physical facilities of the building 150 were served in the Terrace Dining Room which is on the street level, and 225 were served in the Juliana Room which is downstairs.

There being no room large enough to accommodate the big crowd for the program, programs were presented simultaneously in the two dining rooms. All those graduated prior to 1926 had priority to the Terrace Dining Room, and those graduating in 1926 and after were seated in the Juliana room.

The Holland Hope College Club sponsored the dinner and handled the arrangements for the programs. George Lunsden '44, president of the Holland Club, Emcee'd in the Juliana room and Joshua Hogenboom '25, vice-president handled the Terrace room program. Both programs consisted of recognition of the reunion classes, Jack Boeskool '51, accompanied by Jeanne Ver Beck '51, entertained both groups with vocal solos.

Those who spoke for the reunion classes in the Terrace Dining room were James Sterenberg for the 50 Year Circle, Nettie De Jong for the Class of 1906, Raymond Meengs for 1911, Eugene Filipje for 1916 and Francis Ihman for 1921. In the Juliana Room Justin Vander Kolk spoke for the class of '31, James Ver Meulen for 1926, Ruth Muijenburg Jeffery for 1936, Harold Hakken for '41 and Mary Lou Henne Meek for '46.

Dr. Samuel M. Zwemer '87, the scheduled speaker, was unable to come to Holland because of illness. Bernard Luben '26, former missionary to Japan, spoke on Near East Totalitarianism and paid tribute to Dr. Zwemer. Henry Poppen '14, recently returned from China, spoke of his experiences in China, paying tribute to the steadfastness of the Christians there during these trying times. Peter Baker '20 described progress in Brazil, where he has lived and worked for the past 19 years.

Dr. Lubbers reported on the plight which confronts small private colleges and called upon the alumni for help.

Herman Kruizenga, president of the Muskegon Hope College Club, presented a check for $1,412 which that club had raised during the past five weeks.

With the singing of "In That Dear Old Town of Holland, Michigan" the day was adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

CLASS OF 1911 REUNION
By Irene Brusse Ver Hulst

Dr. William Westrate entertained the class of 1911 at luncheon in the Marine Dining Room of the Warm Friend Hotel Tuesday, June 12. Ten people enjoyed the bountiful meal and the informal meeting. Prof. A. E. Lampen brought us up to date on the activities of each member by asking all of us to give a brief history of himself and his family.

Mr. Weurding regaled us with his interesting reminiscences about athletics. He played football at Hope Preparatory School and at Hope College for eight years, probably unique for a Hope student.

Dr. E. Samuel Aeilts came back to Hope for the first time after his graduation. To him, after this too long absence, it was a delightful experience. We regret the inability of some to be present, especially those who have not been back to Hope for forty years.

Our last reunion was held 15 years ago when we were also guests of Dr. and Mrs. Westrate.

Messages were read from class members who were disappointed not to be able to be present including: Mrs. A. J. Te Paske, Sterling, Illinois; Rev. M. V. Oggel, Glen Rock, New Jersey; Mrs. V. J. Bleskink, Cohoes, New York and Mrs. M. M. Babcock, State College, Pennsylvania. We all regretted the passing of Roy A. Raven and the Rev. Emil O. Schutters.

The class also attended the alumni dinner that evening. Those who were present at the reunion were: Dr. E. Samuel Aeilts, Sibley, Iowa; Mr. and Mrs. James Weurding, Lawton, Michigan; Rev. and Mrs. Raymond D. Meengs, Kalamazoo; Rev. George B. Scholten, Neshanic, New Jersey; Prof. and Mrs. A. E. Lampen, Dr. William Westrate and Mrs. Irene Ver Hulst of Holland.

CLASS OF 1911

Andrew Branche Gives Baccalaureate Address

One of the greatest honors which has ever come to me is the privilege of being here with you to share this occasion. I am confident that your president and the members of your Board of Directors could have found many speakers who would have merited this invitation more than I. Therefore, what I shall say will be said in utter humility before the awful responsibility which is mine. First of all, I want to congratulate the members of the graduating class for the achievement of this goal in the process of your personal development. May this be the initial step in a long series of steps that shall lead on and on to victorious living for Jesus Christ.

I recall the baccalaureate sermon to my own college class. We were blessed to have a powerful orator—a strong man of God for our speaker. He said just the things that needed to be said. He told us of the perils of the new life we were about to enter. In beautiful language he outlined the pitfalls which lay between our graduation day and the achieving of the good life. He was right! Nobody with a reasoning mind can overlook the stark ugly truth that there are only rays and glimmers of light in this vast world of darkness. Good parents and conscientious teachers are ever aware of this dismal truth and responsibility.

Over the stretch of years I have boiled my college baccalaureate down to its essential message. Frankly, I am astonished at what I get! It goes something like this, "You are going into a dangerous place; keep yourself free from its temptation; be a good boy." Must I be afraid of life? Must I always be self-considering? Must I be perpetually introspective? I do not want to take life in little sips. I want to quaff the full cup. I do not want to eke out a nibbling existence. I want my life at its highest, noblest, fullest, best. The old sage advice to be good is still good advice, if it does not mean goodness in a vacuum. For goodness which does not reach out beyond itself to transform and redeem its evil environment is good-for-nothing.

In the 17th chapter of the Gospel of John we read the prayer which Jesus prayed for his disciples when He knew that He must mount the Cross on Calvary and could walk with them no more. "I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them through thy truth: Thy word is truth. As thou hast sent me into the world so have I also sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth." (John 17:15-19)

Today you and I are the friends of Jesus whom He left in the world to carry on His work. You are in the process of being set aside, dedicated holy, sanctified. And Jesus has set forth the noblest reason for sanctification when He says, "I sanctify myself that they—others—may be sanctified." Sanctification for Jesus Christ is a responsible goodness which reaches out and converts, which offers a cup of cold water in the name of the Lord.

For, my friends, flagrant, overt sin is not the temptation which besets most of us with an academic background. Our experiences in high school and college have pointed to us the way to respectable living. Coming from Christian homes and a Christian College we have garnered a harvest of "Do's and don'ts." Never underestimate them! We are in no danger of becoming drunken sots, gamblers, robbers, murderers, adulterers. These sins lie outside the pale of respectability and do not trouble us.

One big peril which confronts us is that special brand of goodness which exists only for goodness sake and which has lost the quality of redemptive Godliness. We can remove ourselves so far from the evil world that we cannot hear the groans of the poor nor see the filth of the slums. That spiritual values in America are tumbling in our mad search for the everlasting dollar does not arouse us. That there are millions of hearts in our land and the lands beyond the seas where the name of Christ is not honored and loved does not imbue us with missionary zeal. Such coldness of heart may be tolerated in our respectable circles, but Jesus wants no part of it. He sanctified himself that He might sanctify others. It was the great Italian patriot, Mazzini, who once said, "When I see any one called good, I ask: 'Who then has he saved?'"

Another sin which besets the path of those of us in academic circles is the spurious complacency which allows us to look at all the grave problems of the day with a superior and condescending neutrality. We are all aware that the last presidential election thoroughly upset the Gallup Poll, and the fondest dreams of Republicans also. But there is one thing of increasing interest and alarm to me and others who notice the reports in that and similar polls: the large number of our good people who cannot take a stand on one side or the other of vital questions affecting our national life. They take refuge in slippery evasions that fail to come to grips with the problem. Their answers are: "No comment," "Undecided," "No vote" and often a blank space and a silent voice. These "good" fellows remain silent, because if they spoke it would upset something or somebody and thereby break the peace. The same Jesus who said "Blessed are the Peacemakers" also said "I came not to bring peace but a sword." When principle was at stake and the will of God was flouted, Jesus spoke out even if it meant the Holy Temple of Jerusalem should fall.

Another blight in our path is the shifty psychology which allows us to lull ourselves into the torpor of irresponsibility. I teach school where I have the privilege of meeting with children be-

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DORIS WADE
TEACHING
IN SIAM

Doris Wade '38 is in Bangkok, Siam, teaching English in the Wattona Wittaya Academy and the Rajini (Queen's) School. The Fulbright Foundation is sponsoring her as an exchange teacher for a school year. The school year in Bangkok runs from June to March, so Miss Wade is already on duty. She boarded a Stratocruiser in New York on Monday, June 18; her route included London, Brussels, Munich, Istanbul, Bierut, Bagdad, Bangkok, Karachi, Delhi and Calcutta. By Sunday, June 24, her mother had had a telegram announcing her arrival in Bangkok.

Miss Wade is a native of Muskegon, where she attended elementary and secondary schools. After receiving her AB from Hope, she taught in several Muskegon County schools. During World War II she was an instructor in flying for Navy classes at Muskegon Junior College. She has her own pilot's license. For the past several years she has taught English in West Palm Beach High School. During her term in West Palm Beach she was principal of the school during the summer session.

An interest in the problems of foreign students studying in the United States led Miss Wade to organize a Foreign Students Club in Florida. She has spent much of her leisure tutoring members in the language and other studies during her teaching career.

Miss Wade has been informed that business and social language in Siam is chiefly English. Teachers live in small, apartment dwellings and employ an average of six servants. High temperatures in the country make the wearing of nylon garments advisable. There are a few cars in Siam, but the most widely used vehicle of transportation is a combined tricycle-wagon.

1949. William de Meester received his M.S. degree from the University of Vermont in June. He has been accepted at Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, as research assistant.

DAVID VAN STRIEN
NEW PRESIDENT OF GENERAL SYNOD

Rev. David Van Strien, DD '09 was elected president of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in America at the 145th regular session. He succeeds Dr. Henry A. Vruwink '10 of Brooklyn, New York.

Dr. Van Strien is a native of Grand Rapids, Michigan. After graduation from Hope College in 1909 he attended New Brunswick Theological Seminary. Upon graduation from the seminary he served the Reformed Church as a missionary in Japan from 1912-1920. He was pastor of the Whitehouse Station, New Jersey, church for two years after his service in Japan. Now he serves the Reformed Church of Woodcliff-on-Hudson, New Jersey.

Dr. Van Strien has been a member of the church's Board of Foreign Missions for 20 years, has represented the Reformed Church on the Federal Council of Churches and is now president of the board of superintendents of New Brunswick Seminary.

1947. John Mooi received his Ph.D. Degree in June from Northwestern University. He has a Fulbright fellowship at the University of Bristol, England, starting in September. He will continue to work in heterogeneous catalysis.

1947. Marian Korteling Levai received her M.D. at the University of Michigan on June 16.

We think our President is perfectly portrayed in this parody on W. S. Gilbert's "The Modern Major General." We are indebted to Rev. William R. Buitendorp '27 of Middleburg, New York, for the clipping containing this parody by an unknown author.

THE MODERN COLLEGE PRESIDENT

I am the very model of a modern college president,
I'm always on the job, though nearly always a nonresident,
I tour about the country to assemblies gastronomical
And make all kinds of speeches from sublime to broadly comical;
I keep trustees calm and the alumni all benevolent,
Restrain all signs of riot and publicity malevolent.
I know the market value of each wage-slave professorial,
And how much less he'll take for honorarium tutorial.
I've shaken every human hand that's manicured and squeezeable;
I pass the hat among the rich, the buck whenever feasible;
So though I pile up mileage being generally nonresident,
I am the very model of a modern college president.

JOHN DYKSTRA REELECTED PRESIDENT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Dr. John A. Dykstra '09, pastor of Central Reformed Church, Grand Rapids, was re-elected president of the Hope College board of Trustees for his 12th consecutive term at its semi-annual session, June 14.

Other officers elected were vice-president, Dr. Matthew Peelen '27 of Kalamazoo; secretary, Randall C. Bosch '26 of Holland; treasurer, Henry Steffens '30 of Holland.
HOPE MAN IS OUTSTANDING POET

Phillip Engel '31 of Gent, New York, is a poet of achievement. Besides a book of 30 poems published in 1942, his work has appeared in such magazines as Trails, American Weave, American Agriculturist, Church Herald, Kaleidograph, Hearth Songs Journal, Denver Post and Westminster Magazine. Among the newspapers that have accepted Mr. Engel's poetry are New York Herald Tribune, Knickerbocker Press, Albany Times Union, Charlotte (N.C.) Observer, Hartford (Conn.), Times and two Washington, D.C. papers, the Times-Herald and Washington Post.

History: The author was born in 1906 at Gent and was graduated from Hudson High School in 1924. He taught school for several years before and during his college career at Hope. Presently he is living on a farm in West Gent where he devotes much of his time to writing.

Receives Citation: Besides receiving many letters commenting on his published verse, Mr. Engel received a Distinguished Achievement Citation from the Edwin Markham Memorial Association of Staten Island, for a poem submitted in 1945. His poem titled "Girded with Gladness" was included in Kenton Kilmer's THIS IS MY AMERICA anthology. It has been said by one familiar with the author's works that he is at his best with natural and spiritual subjects. We are presenting here one of Mr. Engel's poems very pertinent to the Hope College scene. Those who were students at Hope prior to 1936 will readily recognize the personalities immortalized in this poem.

MEMORIAL CHAPEL

This inward flow of meditation light
Thus altered by the windows, rich in bloom,
And hovering so the faithful may consume
Its lesson in symbol, its Gothic insight,
Was mostly one man's dream. He wisely said
The saintly figures should be masculine,
And continental artistry should shine
About the splendid steeples overhead.
Let the rose-window have a western glow,
With stained glass like a poppy splash
from France,
Embellished with the bloodshed and romance,
That weaves the song of songs above the fire.
And that searcher for beauty's chastened hand,
Who wandered over England Church by Church,
Felt his heart melt, and learned to understand
That he had found the object of long search.
His walking fever strangely disappeared
With halls of Oxford on a dimming shore.
Now, that he heard the student-singing soar
Above the organ whose reed pitch had neared
Their sparkling voices like a mountain bird;
He heard the grace notes follow them along
The choral meeting-ground turned free in song;
His breast leaped with the instrumental word.

PROFESSOR FOR HALF CENTURY RETIRES

Prof. Jacob G. Vanden Bosch '97 retired at the end of this school year from his 51 year-long term of English teaching at Calvin College. In reminiscences concerning his half century at Calvin, Prof. Vanden Bosch recalls that in 1900 when he joined Calvin he was the only English professor. Now there are six other English instructors, all of whom he taught. In 1900 Calvin had 50 students, less than the number on the present faculty. He has noticed also that there has been a tremendous drift to natural sciences and practical and vocational subjects. He deplores an increasing secularization of American life.

Prof. Vanden Bosch has continued an interest in the Puritanic origins of American civilization. For this reason he has been especially fond of the poetry of John Milton and continued to teach a course in Milton after he was made emeritus five years ago.

History: Born on a farm near Zeeland, attended a so-called "country school," "An ungraded one. In those days we were classified by the readers we studied."

Attended Hope college seven years, graduating in 1897 "of which class there are still ten living." The year following Hope graduation spent at the University of Michigan, first teaching experience at Gaylord, Michigan—two years; intention to serve as superintendent of Nashville school intercepted by appointment to the Calvin faculty; graduate study at the University of Chicago, also; has contributed articles to various publications, chiefly on subjects in the field of English.
CLASS OF 1921


CLASS OF 1931


CLASS OF 1941

1931 CLASS REUNION

The following is the report given by the '31 spokesman, Justin Vander Kolk, at the Alumni dinner. It was received with exceeding delight, so the class voted this our reunion report.

The ILLUSTRIOUS class of '31 gathered for its 20th annual reunion at Castle Park this afternoon.

The years have treated the class of '31 with kindness. Friendships were resumed this afternoon as though we had parted only yesterday. We noted some significant physiological alterations. Many of the boys sported what the little girls called "doughnut haircuts," and receding hairlines have given others the appearance of being High-brow. The battle of the bulge is being waged and in many instances we can discern no significant victories, just a steady pushing out in all directions.

One of the alumni in his letter recalled that in student days he had been able to boast of an hour-glass figure, but sadly admitted that the metaphor no longer applies. Said he, "The sands have shifted."

The years have no doubt brought wisdom to the class of '31, but it was not placed on parade this afternoon.

The girls are all as beautiful as ever, indeed more so. It goes to show what suffering can do if it is endured in the right spirit.

The class reports that it is concerned about the anticipated slump in college enrollment and hopes to have some good freshman material ready for shipment in a few years.

A spirit of joyous camaraderie prevailed. We had occasion to rejoice in our youth when we saw the old-timers of the class of '26 line up with their canes and crutches for their reunion picture. We shall no doubt be reduced to a like state of arthritic and bi-focussed decrepitude by the passage of time, but in the meantime we of the class of '31 rejoice in the full vigor of young life.

Letters were read from many of the class who were unable to attend some coming from places as far distant as India and Greece. All in all I think we can say that the Class of 1931 is carrying on in the true Hope Spirit. We all remember with a keen sense of appreciation the years of learning and fellowship we were privileged to spend on Hope Campus.

We salute our Alma Mater and pledge her our loyalty and support in the years to come.

HOPEITES all and proud of it!
The Hope Fifty Year Circle

By James Sterenberg

Seventeen graduates of Hope College belonging to the class of 1882 and subsequent classes down to 1901 enjoyed a luncheon in the Centennial Room in the Warm Friend Tavern. They met in response to a suggestion sent out in April that the graduates of fifty or more years standing, in cases where strictly class reunions are no longer feasible, join hands and form a Fifty Year Circle, to meet annually, preferably on Alumni Day. After many happy reminiscences had been exchanged a constitution was adopted. Purposes of The Hope College Fifty Year Circle, as stated in the Constitution, are:

(a) to capitalize socially and for the good of our College the academic interests of the older Alumni and Students;
(b) to collect and preserve the histories of all members;
(c) to publish, if possible in printed form, the Hope College Fifty Year Bulletin, that will serve as a medium of news and acquaintance among the older Alumni and Students.

The graduates present at this first reunion were: Frances Phelps Otte '82; Emma Kollen Pieters '87; Dr. Albertus Pieters '87; Hon. Henry Geerlings '88; the Rev. Jerry P. Winter '91; Dr. James Sterenberg '93; the Rev. Gerrit Tyss '94; the Rev. Benjamin Hoffman '95; Dr. Edward Dimnent '96; the Rev. J. G. Vanden Bosch '97; Dr. Floris Ferwerda '98; Mr. John H. Ter Avest '99; Dr. Abraham De Young '00; Munic. Judge Cornelius Van der Meulen '00; Prof. Albert Hoeksema '01; the Rev. James Wayer '01; Dr. John Wesselink '01.

Also present at the luncheon were Mrs. De Young, Mrs. Tyss, Mrs. Wayer, Mrs. Wesselink, and Mrs. Sterenberg.

Officers elected for the first year are:
Honorary Presidents, the Rev. A. H. Strabbing '80 and Frances Phelps Otte (Mrs. J. A.) '82; President, James Sterenberg '93; Vice President, Municipal Judge Cornelius Van der Meulen '00; Secretary-Treasurer, the Rev. James Wayer '01; Editor-Historian, Dr. Edward Dimnent '96.

Invitations to form the Circle had been sent this Spring to about seventy names of persons still living, or thought to be living, belonging to classes previous to and including the class of 1901. Nearly all responded favorably, and more than a third found it possible to attend the first reunion. In view of the age of some and the fact that our members are scattered from California to New York and farther, the attendance is considered most encouraging. All present expressed their satisfaction that a Circle had been formed to meet with on return to Alma Mater any year.

Thanks are due the convening Committee for the luncheon and the Alumni Office for enthusiastic cooperation. The Committee members were: Dr. Dimnent, Judge Van der Meulen, and the Rev. James Wayer.

REUNION OF CLASS OF 1946

By Mary Lou Hemmes Koop.

The reunion of the Class of 1946 was held on June 12 at 12:00 Noon in the dining room of the Dutch Mill Restaurant. Though few in number the spirit of the class of '46 was not lacking.

Cards were read from those classmates who could not attend and very interesting information was gleaned. We found our classmates thoroughly scattered from East to West with a surprising number now hailing from California.

The class of '46 is certainly well on its way toward solving the enrollment problem for Hope College from the year 1964 and on. It seems that the main reason given by the women classmates for not attending the reunion was that they were either coming from or going to the hospital.

We lingered long over our coffee reminiscing over college days and laying some basic plans for a bigger and better reunion in 1956.

A table was reserved for the Class of 1946 at the alumni banquet in Durfee on Tuesday evening and here again, although few in number, we managed to catch up on the latest news about many of the classmates who could not attend. We know your thoughts were with our gathering and we hope you'll plan now to be with us in 1956.

SUMMER SCHOOL IN SESSION

The Hope College Summer Session, under the direction of Dr. Clarence De Graaf, is now in progress. 97 students are enrolled, a slight increase over the enrollment last year.

Departments functioning this summer are: English, Art, Science, History, Philosophy, Music and Education. The greatest number of students are enrolled in the English department.
1906 CLASS REUNION

By Hanna Hoenie

For six who have their reward won,
Rich memories through tears;
To seven who still remain in life,
Another five good years.

This was the close of the invitation that went out to the members of the Class of 1906, Hope College, to meet for their 45th anniversary reunion at the home of Miss Nettie De Jong, 75 West 10th St., on the afternoon of Alumni Day, June 12, 1951. That only two, the feminine contingent of the class, found it possible to be present, is due to stress of circumstances. Since the two women live only four houses apart, each sees the other rather often, as one passes the other's house, or runs in for a time of kletsen.

Six of the members of the class have passed from the scenes of earth. These are two groups of three each: Raymond A. Visscher, who was an attorney in Holland, Andrew Judson Koly, attorney in Orange City, Iowa, Allen M. Freeland, attorney in Grand Rapids, and previously Commissioner of Schools in Kent County. The second trio consists of Rev. John W. Douma, who was minister in Iowa, Rev. Andrew Stegenga, minister in Rochester, New York and in Grand Rapids, and Rev. Anno C. Dykema, minister in New Jersey and recently deceased in Kirkside, New York.

Of the seven who still remain, we mention first Rev. B. J. Bush, D.D., now living in Asheville, N. C., and traveling about giving lectures on subjects for the Presbyterian Church. His pastorates in Lexington, Ky., and in Detroit, Mich., and his work for Church World Service in Europe, were outstanding. His reason for not attending the reunion is, that he was scheduled for three trips of speaking for the month of June, and he felt that he could not come to Michigan on a fourth journey.

The trio of educators consists of John C. Hoenie, Master of Education, who is Dean of Administration in Western Michigan College in Kalamazoo, and Dr. Richard de Zeeuw, retired from his position as head of the Botany Department in Michigan State College, East Lansing. Other duties conflicted with the reunion date.

Another duo who were not able to be present in person were the two missionary "builders," Rev. Bernard Rottenbacker, D.D., of Katpadi, South India, and Rev. Dirk Dykstra, D.D., of Muscat, Arabia. They were necessarily hindered from attendance by their distance from the place of meeting.

One of the two women of the class of 1906 is Miss Nettie R. De Jong, who was head of the Ideh Girls' School in Changteh, Hunan Province, China, and in 1928, took charge of the Woman's Evangelistic Center in that city. Both of these institutions were destroyed by bombing during World War II. After returning to America, she taught for four years in the High School at Marine City, Michigan. Since 1949 she has been listed as a retired missionary.

The other woman is your scribe, Miss Hanna G. Hoenie, who, after graduation taught in the Kentucky Mountain Mission for eight years, four of these as Principal of Mc Kee Academy. She has also 25 years to her credit on the faculty of Holland High School, teaching Latin, English, Bible, and Journalism. She retired in 1941 because of ill health.

These two are trusting that the ranks of the class may not be depleted too much during the next five years, and that a bigger representation may be present at the Hope Alumni Banquet in their semicentennial year, 1956.

REUNION CLASS OF 1941

By Robert Dykstra

The Class of 1941 met together for the first time as a body on June 12 at the Clubhouse of the American Legion Memorial Golf Course. Other classes have had the opportunity to meet every five years, but inasmuch as World War II had to be, it was out of the question five years ago to hold such an affair. At any rate it was with much pleasure that the committee, headed by Mary Ruth Jacobs Hakken and Harold Hakken set about to make the arrangements for this first class reunion. When all heads were counted and pictures taken it was ascertained that these are get-togethers that are most enjoyable and nostalgic.

Conversation bubbled between all present as to family status, occupational endeavor, church affiliation, and back to the good old days at our Alma Mater. Present were: Ruth Klaassen Wassenaar and Lester, class of '38; Phyllis (Newcastle) and Jack Jalving; Marthene (Van Dyke) and Bob Dykstra; Dr. and Mrs. James Rieke; Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth Miller; Mary Ruth and Harold Hakken; Thurston Rynbrandt and Howard Van Egmond.

While the group was small this time, it is expected that as the years go on more and more members of the class will return for this affair. Out of 97 questionnaires sent out to old class members, more than 55 made answer. The letters, wires and comments were read with great interest by those assembled. When time came to adjourn, in order that we might attend the fine banquet subsequently held at the beautiful new Durfee Hall together, it was with happiness that some of the old ties and friendships were again renewed, and with anticipation of the next reunion. At the Banquet the group was joined by Dr. and Mrs. Robert Vetter.
REUNION OF THE CLASS OF 1921
By Evert Flikkema

Hail to the class of 1921 which held its 50th anniversary reunion on June 12, 1951. All who attended felt that the trek to Holland for the occasion was one that will not soon be forgotten. It may even be one of the highlights in their lives, now that the little lights have grown up, and are starting their own careers. Talk about little lights, before many finished extolling the virtues of their own children, they admitted they were old enough to have grandchildren. Those in that class even bragged about it. In retrospect, 30 years may seem like a long time, but those who again met some of their classmates for the first time after all those years, had difficulty in believing that so much time is back of us, because we had little difficulty in recognizing our friends of yesteryear. True, there were gray hairs, bald heads, wrinkles, and signs indicating that we had lived on the fat of the land. The same friendly atmosphere, the same pleasant smiles, the same type of “kidding” known 30 years ago, was still there.

We all met in the Netherlands Inn at Jenison Park for a luncheon. Thirty-one were present, 19 of whom were members of the class of ’21. Wives or husbands made up the balance. After lunch we went to the home of Jake and Edith (Diekema) Hobbeke on the shore of Lake Macataw—a dream home in a perfect location! We chatted and really got the low down on this otherwise highbrow group. Each member gave a brief story of his or her own career. Then letters were read from those who were interested enough to write them.

We are sure that those who were there would not have missed it for anything, and we feel that those who could not get there missed one of the pleasures and joys of living, and that is meeting and associating with old friends, after a long absence.

If after 10 years, you of the class of ’21 hear of another reunion, do not pass up the chance to meet and eat with your old pals. It can make you feel years younger in spite of the weight of years on your shoulders.

During the past years 8 of our class have passed on to their reward. During a few moments of silence, Bernard Hietbrink read their names and closed our meeting with a prayer for us all.

The following were present. Harry and Val Boersema, Jake and Edith (Diekema) Hobbeke; Adrian and Frances (Du Mez) Vanden Bosch; Marie E. Ellerdink, “Rud” and Evert Flikkema; John and Lucille (Heemstra) Hager; Bernard Hietbrink; Cholly and Mrs. Ihrman; Vera (Keppel) Kennedy; Jim and Grace Klomparens; Nella Meyer; George and “Dea” (Ossendaar) De Ruyter; Grace (Peet) Landis; “Poot” and Sara Poppen; “Tony” (Teninga) and Martin Chapman; Frances (Thoms) Scholten; “Dubb” Vaupell; Harold Veldman; “Marge” (Van Donselaar) Lubbers; Myra (Manting) Weaver.

Letters were read from: “Gert” (Pietters) Visscher, Olive (Boland) Nagel, “Jim” Hoozeka, Bert Van Ark, Fred Decker, Eleanor Melkive, Chris Walvoord, Henry Mol, Jack Wierda, Maurice Van Loo, Bill Brink, Janet Vander Ploeg, Deane (Weersing) Klaaren, George Laug and a wire from Helene (Van Raalte) Dalenberg.

1936 CLASS REUNION
By Lois Ellert

The members of the class of 1936 gathered for the fiftieth anniversary of their graduation at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Wm. G. Winter on State Street in Holland for tea the afternoon of Tuesday, June 12. Name tags were provided but proved wholly unnecessary as everyone looked exactly as he or she did on graduation days fifteen years ago—a few gray hairs and some extra pounds perhaps, but faces were as young and spirits as hilarious as ever.

First to arrive after the committee, consisting of Helena Visscher Winter, Muriel Chard Hardie, and Lois van der Meulen Ellert, were Mae van Hartesveldt Veldhuis and Ruth Muilenberg Jeffery. Greetings were scarcely over when in walked Al Mansen, followed almost at once by Stan and Betty Goehner Boven bringing Agnes Patterson with them. Betty also served on the planning committee for the reunion. Then Bud and Pat Van Koevering Prins turned up and Lucile Ver Schure Heeringa. With every arrival the party became gayer and when John Vander Meulen came up the steps, things really turned lively. Soon afterwards Miriam Baehr arrived and then we all posed for our picture, but luckily before the photographer could snap his camera, Ken and Jean Rotschaefee Vande Velde drove up. Too late for the picture, but in time for plenty of fun were Mira Becker Buys and Don Kooiman. Everyone especially enjoyed meeting the new class members added by marriage who also joined with us. They were Dr. William Winter, Corinne Vander Meulen, Donna Mansen, Harry Veldhuis, Norman Jeffery, Ekdal Buys, and Dr. Ernest Ellert. Messages were read from many who lived too far away to make the trip.

The surprise of the afternoon came when Al Mansen announced that the class still had $436.11 in the Pageant fund. A committee, consisting of Helena Winter, Milton Spaan and George Douma, was instructed to discuss with Dr. Lubbers the best disposition of this money. Muriel Hardie was elected Chairman of the 1936 reunion, and Lois Ellert was chosen class secretary.

Coffee and cake were served while we caught up on what has happened in the past fifteen years and reminisced about college escapades. Presiding at the tea table, attractively decorated by a bouquet of lovely iris and peonies, were Muriel Hardie and Lois Ellert.
Some of the children with an older boy.
Our School.

NEWS FROM HOPEITES IN ALASKA

From the land of contrast, Alaska, Marvin and Audrey De Young send greetings. Yes, we are teaching school in Yakutat, Alaska. Our school is a two teacher school in an isolated city of approximately 300 people. Our students, which number 47, are all Indians of the Tlingit tribe.

The people here are a people of few words. This calls to mind an incident which happened the day we arrived. When Mrs. Howell, a member of the school board, introduced Mr. (Marvin) De Young to one of his little students, the little fellow eyed him up and down and said, "Hmmmm, not very big."

When we call Alaska land of contrast, we have our latest trip in mind. We have just returned from a trip to Disenchantment Bay and Hubbard and Turner Glaciers. While Yakutat is lush and green, this place is truly a land of eternal ice and snow, with blocks of ice as big as houses falling off the glacier with a thunderous roar every few seconds.

We came to Alaska in 1949 with the idea of staying just the one year. However, at the end of this time we hadn’t seen nearly everything so we decided to come back. Alaska gets to you somehow.

The Yakutat area is quite warm and rainy; the spring and summer bringing rain and the fall and winter snow in abundance. The year before we arrived, they had twenty feet of snow lying on the level. However, the two winters we have spent here have been mild with the snow never piling up to more than seven feet on the level. By the middle of May, the snow is gone except in the woods and on the mountains.

If you like to fish and hunt, this is the place to be. King and Silver salmon abound in the bay and rivers, and bear, deer, mountain goat, and wolves range the high country. It is practically possible to live off the country because there are crabs, shrimp, fish, wild meat, sea gull eggs, clams, berries, and fowl just for the taking.

We expect to have an interesting summer working for the Bellingham Cannery. Marvin is going to pick up fish at outlaying rivers and haul them to Yakutat for canning. Audrey is going to work in the cannery store. We will have an opportunity to see how the people live in the summer in their fish camps. The people desert the town and camp out at the rivers where they fish. Perhaps we will have a chance to visit Dry Bay and other fish camps down the coast in our 26 foot boat.

We truly have a long story to tell but there isn’t space for it. Come and see us in Holland the summer of 1952. Our movies will give a better account of our experiences.

Marvin and Audrey De Young '48, Yakutat, Alaska.

GOOD WILL BOOK

Dr. Robert A. Millikan is pictured here signing the American Bible Society’s Good Will Book for Dr. James Z. Nettinga '34, secretary of the American Bible Society at the Southern California Headquarters in Pasadena, California.

Dr. Nettinga writes: "This Good Will Book was presented by the American Bible Society as a token of friendship in America, to the people in Japan.

"The two books were beautifully bound in blue, and contained the signatures of President Truman, forty-one governors and official representatives of thirty-one leading denominations, as well as 33,000 individual signatures throughout the United States. The total funds raised by this program are being used by the American Bible Society to provide the Japan Bible Society with paper, printing and binding materials, so that printing of the Japanese Scriptures may be done in Tokyo. General MacArthur had asked for ten million Scriptures to be printed and distributed in Japan by the end of 1951.

"The Imperial Family showed great interest in this unique event, and requested the book to be brought to the palace. The two volumes are now on exhibit at the Japan Bible House.

"It was a great experience to meet Dr. Millikan, and at the same time he stated his great interest in the printing and distribution of the Bible in readable inexpensive form."

Dr. James Z. Nettinga and Robert A. Millikan
ALBANY CHAPTER
By Martin Hoeksema '25, Secretary.

The annual dinner of the Hope College Alumni Association, Albany Chapter, and friends was held April 24 at the First Reformed Church, Scotia.

Area residents in attendance were Dr. and Mrs. Cornelius N. Bakker, AH, and Mrs. Donald Brush, Rev. and Mrs. Theodore Luidens, Rev. and Mrs. Henry Burggraaff, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Spaling, Rev. and Mrs. Martin Hoeksema, David Maat, Rev. and Mrs. George Berens, Dr. and Mrs. Victor Bleekkink, Rev. and Mrs. William Maat, Mary Kosegarten, Rev. and Mrs. Marion Pennings, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wicks, Dorothea Dixon, Mrs. Charles Wagner, David de Forest, Jean Pennings, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Comstock, Lois Hoeksema, Theodore Hidding, Rev. and Mrs. William Gaston, Virginia C. Freigle, William Hoffman, Mary Burggraaff.

Att. Clinton Cole, Rev. Daniel Brink, Miss Elsie Boucher, Rev. Franklin Deitz, Rev. and Mrs. Herman Luben, Rev. and Mrs. Percy Kinkema, Rev. and Mrs. William Buitendorp, Mr. and Mrs. Philip Bell, Rev. and Mrs. Maurice Snyder, Rev. and Mrs. Norman Vander Hart, Rev. and Mrs. Harry Meiners, Rev. Edward Swartout, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Wornuth.

The following officers were elected for the coming year—President, William Gaston; Vice President, Percy Kinkema; Treasurer, Franklin Deitz. Secretary Martin Hoeksema is completing the second year of a three-year term of office.

Mrs. Clyde Geerlings of Holland, Michigan brought greetings from the College and presented proposed plans for the development of the college facilities. Mrs. Geerlings also showed slides in color of the 1950 Home Coming Parade together with several typical campus scenes.

President Theodore Luidens acted as toastmaster. The invocation was by the Rev. Herman Luben. The closing prayer was offered by the Rev. Daniel Brink, pastor of the host church.

NEW YORK CHAPTER NEWS
Nancy Boynton Prindle '42, reporting...

On April 27, 1951, the New York Chapter of the Hope College Alumni Association held its annual dinner at the West End Collegiate Church with approximately 90 alumni in attendance.

The meeting was opened with prayer by the Rev. John Beardslee, Jr., D.D. '98. Group singing was under the direction of R. "Cub" Huizinga '27. The Rev. Johan Mulder '31 presided at the business meeting. The Rev. Harvey B. Hoffman '32, chairman of the nominating committee, presented the following slate of officers which were unanimously elected. Pres., John Flukkema '22; Vice Pres., Rev. J. Dean Martin '29; Sec., Mrs. Forrest Prindle '42; and Treas., Mrs. Stanley Slingerland '42.

Rev. Mulder then introduced the speaker, the Rev. Edwin Luidens '39, Arabian Missionary on furlough, who spoke on the subject "East is West." Re-phrasing his topic, Mr. Luidens expressed the opinion that the near East is nearly West. He spoke briefly on the influence of the army of and of the oil companies on the people of Arabia. Hope, too, has greatly influenced the lives of many in this foreign land, for it sent forth those men whose dedicated lives have brought new life to those they serve. He gave thrilling examples of the type of men who so well represent Hope College wherever they are.

Rev. T. Boslooper '45 sang two numbers entitled "Angels of Light" and "Oh, Didn't It Rain." He was accompanied by Mrs. Bert Brouwer '22. A rising vote of recognition was given to several of the older alumni. Among those present were Dr. Baker '20 and Dr. Zwemer '87.

Greetings were also sent to Hope College. The meeting was then turned over to Mr. Clyde Geerlings '27 who brought us up to date with colored slides of many of the campus activities and improvements. The Rev. Edgar Romig of the host church closed the meeting with the benediction.

ROCHESTER HOPE COLLEGE CLUB
By Antoinette Handelink '31, Secretary.

The annual meeting of the Rochester Hope College Club was held in the Brighton Reformed Church, Rochester, on Monday, April 30, 1951. Dinner was served at 6:30 by the ladies of the Church.

Clyde Geerlings, accompanied by Miss Geerlings, led in group singing. After the dinner, Mrs. Walter Beach, president called the business meeting to order and introduced all those present. Greetings from several who were unable to attend were read by Dr. Anthony Luidens and the secretary. The minutes of last year's meeting were read and approved.

Ralph De Roo, chairman of the nominating committee, presented the following slate for next year, which was unanimously adopted: President, Everett Welmers '32; Vice President, David Miller '45N; Secretary-Treasurer, Anne Handelink '31. Rev. Cornelius Vandermeul '03 was appointed reporter for the "Ridge" area, and members from other sections were asked to send news for the alumni magazine to the secretary.

Russell Van Dyke and Pearl Beach reported on the February 22 Alumni meeting at the College. Following the treasurer's report and a collection, Clyde Geerlings showed pictures of Homecoming at Hope. The meeting was closed with a prayer by the Rev. George Hanekamp.

HOPE AT CENTRAL

Hope alumni played a significant part in the commencement activities of Central College in Pella, Iowa, June 1-4, 1951. The exercises were unique in that three Central presidents participated. The present president Dr. G. T. Vander Lught delivered the Baccalaureate sermon on Sunday afternoon, while two former presidents, both Hope alumni, were given other assignments. Dr. Milton J. Hoffman (Hope 1909) and president of Central College 1917-1925 gave the address at the dedication of the new men's dormitory, Gaass Hall, on Saturday afternoon and Dr. Irwin J. Lubbers (Hope '17) and president of Central 1934-1945 was the commencement speaker on Monday morning. After the exercises five Hope members of the Central faculty and the two former presidents gathered with President Vander Lught for the accompanying photograph.

Left to right: Thomas Van Dahl '48, Herbert G. Mentink '23, Milton J. Hoffman '09, President Vander Lught, Martin Holstege '40, Alice Lammers '29, Clifford Keizer '39, and Irwin J. Lubbers '17.
HOPE COLLEGE ALUMNI VARSITY CLUB
HOLLAND, MICHIGAN

A WORD FROM THE NEW PRESIDENT EKDAL BUYS '37

The newly elected officers and directors wish to express their appreciation to those men who initiated the organization of the Varsity "H" Club and have carried it along to this point of readiness.

We are looking forward to the "H" Club luncheon at Homecoming. Plan now to be with us. The fall banquet for the football team and prospective high school seniors will be sponsored as an annual event by the club. If you know of any young men interested in Hope this fall, write Coach Al Vanderbilt and we will assist in following up the leads.

If your name isn't on the membership list, send it in now, before the final list for complimentary football tickets is completed.

New Officers
President—Ekdal Buys '37, Vice President—Matthew Peelen '27, Treasurer—Henry Steffens '30, Secretary—Don Thomas '38.

Board
Robert Van Dis '47, James Ver Meulen '26, Otto van der Velde '15, William Poppink '37.

RECEIVES UN INTERNSHIP

Ketema Yifru, Hope College senior from Harar, Ethiopia, has received a United Nations intern-ship. The appointment came through the UN interne selection board in Washington and carries a stipend of $300 for an eight week period this summer. Yifru will be assigned to New York or Geneva, Switzerland, headquarters.

Interns are assigned to posts in almost every section of the secretariate and the assignment will be related as closely as possible to the experience and interest of the intern. He has the status of a staff member and is given an opportunity to attend meetings of councils, commissions and committees.

Yifru is a political science major and intends to follow Foreign Service. He is a graduate of the Haile Sellassie High School in Addis Ababa. Next year he intends to do graduate work in foreign relations and has been accepted to the graduate school of Georgetown University in Washington.

HOPE STUDENT SERVING AS 'AMBASSADOR'

Don Lubbers, son of Dr. and Mrs. Irwin J. Lubbers, and a Junior at Hope, sailed June 26 from Montreal, Canada, for Yugoslavia. He will spend two months there under the auspices of the Experiment in International Living. He is Holland's community "Ambassador."

Don is one of 410 young people from 37 states of the United States who will follow the experiment's plan of living during the first month of the summer in the home of a foreign family, where there is a member his own age, and the second month exploring the scenic and cultural points of importance of the country.

This is the first time in the 20-year history of the experiment, that a group has been sent to Yugoslavia. Thirteen countries of Europe, Brazil, Colombia and Mexico will open their homes to these Americans, whose ages range from 16 to 30.

The purpose of the experiment is to make friends and thus foster better international understanding at the personal level. They talk the language of the country they visit and are treated as members of their adopted families rather than as guests.

KNICKERBOCKERS HAVE WORTHWHILE PROJECT!

By Bill Kiskon '54

Just as the serious paper and the humor paper are parts of the Knickerbocker Fraternity's meetings, so is our weekly letter to Butch. Butch is our adopted son, whose real name is Eleftherios Sfachtos. He is a war orphan adopted by us through the Foster Parents.

The Foster Parents solicit clubs, churches and individuals to adopt needy children from all over the world. One makes his choice of children from a list of biographies sent by the Foster Parents. After you adopt a child, it is then your duty to send a designated amount of money each month for the support of the child.

Butch is thirteen years old. His father was killed in a bombing raid during the war. His mother was unable to support both him and his sister and so an appeal was made to the Foster Parents. Butch as we call him, has now completed his grammar school education and is continuing in an industrial school. Regularly we receive letters and drawings from him, in which he expresses in his childish way his great appreciation for our aid. Very often his letters are very touching and deep with thought.

I know that Butch has drawn our Fraternity a little closer together. Each member feels that just a little share of Butch's welfare is his own responsibility. During Tulip Time the Knicks operated a parking lot and all proceeds were turned over to the fund for Butch.

We may never hear from Butch again after he gets out of school, although we have started a fund hoping that someday he will be able to come to Hope, but we cannot help feeling that when Butch finally takes his place as a citizen of Greece, that we helped in making a good worker for that country.

ENGLISH PRIZE WINNERS

Mary Houtman, junior from Holland, and Marjorie Pickens, sophomore from New York City (Granddaughter of Samuel M. Zwemer '87) won the two annual $50 English prizes in poetry and prose offered by William B. Eerdman of Grand Rapids.

Miss Houtman, winner of the prose contest, is a graduate of Holland High School. She has distinguished herself in forensics, debate and oratory and is a member of Pi Kappa Delta, national forensic honorary fraternity. She was secretary-treasurer of her class, society editor of the Anchor and art editor of the Milestone. Many of her writings appeared in "The Sampler," publication of the best writings of the college English Department.

Miss Pickens, poetry winner, is the daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. (Elizabeth Zwemer '21) C. L. Pickens, until recently missionaries to China. She is a graduate of the Shanghai American School in China. At Hope she is a member of the WAA, WAL and YWCA of which she was personnel chairman. She has been a member of the choir, Messiah chorus and orchestra, is a member of Kappa Delta, organization of students who plan to enter fulltime Christian Service. She has contributed to "The Sampler."
Our 1951 Alumni

Norman Abbrimg, De Motte, Ind.
Lois Timmer Appleton, Holland.
James Blane, Jr., Bergenfield, N.J., to study at New Brunswick Seminary.
Albert J. Boers, Grand Rapids, Mich.
Jack G. Boesko, Grand Rapids, to teach Birch, Holland.
Clarence W. Boeve, Holland, Mich.
Maurice E. Boon, Grand Haven, Mich.
Marjorie Bor, Holland, Mich.
Milford E. Bowen, Jr., Lawrence, Mich.
Jean M. Brondyke, Fulton, Ill.
Robert Lee Brower, Zeeland, to teach in Ortonville, Mich.
Joyce Brunsell, Holland, to teach in South Haven.
Frank Butler, Auburn, N.Y., to study Math at Syracuse U.
Harold Bylisma, Grand Rapids, to study chemistry Indiana U.
Eugene Campbell, Muskegon, working with Associated Truck Lines, Grand Rapids.
Hugh Campbell, Kalamazoo, Mich.
Howard S. Claus, Peoria, Ill.
Harold R. Dean, Holland, to attend Western Seminary.
J. Jeannine De Boer, Kalamazoo, to teach in Montello Park.
Wynetta Devore, Metuchen, N.J.
Peter De Witt, Grand Haven, to teach at Cranbrook.
John E. De Wolf, Jr., Rochester, N.Y.
James A. De Young, Friesland, Wis.
Les England, Chicago, to teach at Beechwood.
Robert G. Erickson, Saugatuck, Mich., graduate work in Math at Purdue U.
Ricardo S. Esparza, West Palm Beach, Fla.
Mary Bell Essebagger, Holland.
Donald L. Fairchild, Schenectady, N.Y., to study at Vanderbilt U.
Dorothy Fennema, Chicago, to do graduate study at Northwestern U.
Marjorie Fenton, Temple, Texas, to teach in Lansing, Mich.
E. Reindol Fett, Grand Haven, to study Chemistry at Indiana U.
Anita G. Fischer, Tuckahoe, N.Y.
Wayne Fieldhouse, Chicago Heights, Ill.
Lucille A. Fikse, Steen, Minn., to teach at Creston Christian, Grand Rapids.
Harold Franken, Holland.
Allan Frelander, Holland.

Dolores Freyling, Grand Rapids, to teach in Grand Rapids.
Alice M. Gravenhorst, Hillside, N.J.
Jarold H. Groeters, Holland, to teach in Hickory Corners, Mich.
Jack C. Haaksma, Grand Rapids.
Kathleen Hagstrom, Muskegon, to teach in Muskegon Christian.
Ernest E. Haught, Holland, to study Math. U. of Nebraska.
James A. Hakken, Baghdad, Iraq, to study at Western Seminary.
Marie Haldenwang, Madison, N.J.
William D. Hamelink, Holland.
Robert P. Hartley, Hawthorne, N.J.
Donald W. Haekamp, Muskegon, Mich.
Pauline Hendrieth, to teach in Brevton, Ala.
Virginia Hesse, Flushing, N.Y., to teach in Grand Rapids.
William Hinga, Holland, to teach in Belding.
Elise G. Hinkamp, Poughkeepsie, N.Y.
P. E. Holokeboer, Holland, to study Chemistry, Purdue U.
Richard H. Holman, Chicago, Ill.
Earl Huysen, Holland, to study Chemistry at the U. of Chicago.
Elise Ihrman, Racine, Wisc.
Kenneth F. Johnson, Chicago, Ill.
John M. Joldersma, Grand Haven, Mich.
David P. Karsten, Holland, to teach in Hudsonville.
Fred Karsten, Horncon, Wisc., to study medicine at Marquette.
Gladsy N. Keizer, Byron Center, to teach in Lansing, Mich.
Charles T. Kelley, Cambridge, N.Y.
Edward Kerle, Passaic, N.J., to study chemistry at University of Vermont.
Gerrit G. Klomp, Zeeland.
Dale Klopman, Holland.
Harold C. Kooyers, Holland, to teach in Zeeland.
Lloyd E. Kooyers, Holland.
R. Kamala Korteling, Holland, to teach in Willow Run, Mich.
Russell L. Korver, Orange City, la.
Sandra J. Lanning, Holland, to teach at Waukazoo.
Donald R. Lenderink, Grand Rapids, to study at Western Seminary.
Samuel R. Lewis, to teach in Brevton, Ala.
Keith Liddle, Holland, to teach in Saukatauck.
Ellen M. Lidston, North Bergen, N.J., graduate study New York U.
George F. Liebetu, Jr., Ludington, Mich.

Mary I. Little, New York, N.Y., to teach in Lansing, Mich.
Leonard M. Londo, Morrison, Ill., employed in printing business.
Thomas D. Malewitz, Holland.
Nancy Lee Corp Marema, to teach in Zeeland.
Lothar Marklein, Straubing, Germany.
Kenneth B. McConnell, Holland.
Alexander C. McMillan, West New York, N.J.
Kamil E. Mukhtar, Basrah, Iraq, to study biological chemistry at U. of Mich.
George P. Murray, Pittsburg, Pa., to study at Western Seminary.
David P. Muyskens, to study theology at Princeton.
John E. Naber, Holland.
Howard E. Newton, Old Tappan, N.J., to study at New Brunswick Seminary.
Wilma Osterhaven, Grand Rapids, to teach in Grand Rapids.
Corwin R. Otte, Shaker Hts, Ohio.
Preston J. Petrejlo, Zeeland.
Burt W. Phillips, Lakewood, O., to study medicine at Western Reserve.
Edna Pierce, Redlands, Calif.
Jerold Pomp, Holland, to study at Western Seminary.
Joyce E. Post, Holland, to teach at Noordeloos.
George J. Priest, Freeport, N.Y.
James E. Pritchard, Holland, to teach in Union City, Mich.
Margaret J. Radcliffe, Dearborn, Mich.
Alfred H. Rauschenbach, Dumont, N.J.
George E. Reineke, Park Ridge, N.J.
Elwin Richardson, Jr., East Williamson, N.Y., to study chemistry at Cornell U.
Eleanor Robinson, Sparkill, N.Y., to teach in Tappan, N.Y.
Suellen C. Roest, Marion, O.
Lucia B. Rozeboom, Cooperville, to teach in Zeeland.
Anita J. Rynderman, Grand Rapids, to teach Grand Rapids.
Vernon J. Schipper, Zeeland, to teach in Muskegon.
Margaret L. Schoonveld, De Motte, Ind., to teach in Grand Haven, Mich.
Roger G. Shafer, Schenectady, N.Y., to study at Westminster Seminary, Philadelphia.
Catherine W. Sharp, Clifton, N.J., to teach at Pine Creek, Holland.
Constance B. Shilling, South Holland, Ill., to teach in Grand Rapids.
Eleanor Short, Auburn, N.Y., to teach at Waukazoo.
John E. Smallegan, Hudsonville, Mich.
Nancy L. Smith, Muskegon, Mich., to teach at Muskegon Heights.
Kenneth W. Smouse, Marseilles, Ill.
Herman Speet, Holland, to teach in Coopersville.
John Staal, Jr., Grand Rapids, to study at Western Seminary.
Gordon J. Sterken, Grand Rapids, to study Chemistry at Ohio State.
Robert M. Stoppels, Sully, Ia., to teach in Jamestown, Mich.
Duane R. Tellinghuisen, Willow Lake, S.D., to study at Western Seminary.
Myron D. Van Ark, Holland.
Jean A. Van Den Biesen, North Bergen, N.J.
Edwin Van De Wege, Holland.
Russell A. Van Dyke, Rochester, N.Y.
John P. Van Eenennaam, Muskegon, Mich.
Donald L. Van Ingen, Holland.
Barbara Van Neuren, Grand Rapids, Mich.
Thomas Van Wingen, Grand Rapids, to teach in Grand Rapids.
William K. Van't Hof, Detroit, Mich.
Marillyn J. Van Weelden, Kalamazoo, to teach in Wyoming Park, Mich.
Gerard Van Wyoen, Holland.
Alicia H. Van Zoeren, Mohawk, N.Y., to teach in Hudsonville.
Kathleen S. Veltman, Winterset, Ia.
Mary C. Veltman, Lenoir, N.C., to teach in Hamilton, Michigan.
Jeanne Ver Beek, Holland, to teach in Grand Rapids.
Harrison Visscher, Hudsonville, to study medicine at U. of Mich.

Robert Visscher, Hudsonville, to study medicine at U. of Mich.
Charles L. Votaw, Muskegon, to study medicine at U. of Mich.
Lawrence R. Weber, Holland, in U.S. Navy.
Gertrude Van den Brink Wierenga, Rock Valley, Ia., to teach in South Haven.
Gardner H. Wieringa, Hudsonville.
Robert E. Winship, Leonia, N.J.
Barbara J. Woods, Somerville, N.J.
John E. Workman, Muskegon, Mich.

Letters:

Harold C. De Windt '32 writing from New York City, June 1, 1951, in answer to inquiry concerning his publication "Don't Be Afraid of Tomorrow" . . .

My dear Marian,
It was very good to hear from you. The publication which the secretary who sent you the biographical material had in mind was simply a series of addresses that I gave a couple of years back. There is really nothing about the publication that should merit my having my picture in the Alumni Magazine. Nearly all of my sermons are printed, but so are the sermons of scores of other clergymen; and there is little that is newsworthy about that.

Here in New York I am an officer of the Protestant Council of the City of New York. For the past few years it has been my responsibility to arrange the Radio City Easter Dames services, attended by 6,500 people and broadcast from coast to coast. It has also been my duty to preside at these festival services. It was my privilege to be the chairman of the committee that inaugurated and still sponsors the Town Hall Lenten Services. These noon-day meetings held in the heart of the Times Square district have attracted wide attention and are today the outstanding Protestant union services of New York.
The church I try to serve is in the very heart of Manhattan; and is flanked on one side by the Hudson River and on the other by Central Park. It is here, where cross the crowded ways of life, that the very rich and the very poor look to the minister and his colleagues for faith and hope to carry them through and save them from loneliness and despair. If only there were more hours in a day!

Next week I am leaving for a four months' journey around the world to study conditions abroad and to observe how Protestantism is meeting the Communist challenge. I shall be speaking to groups of ministers in Japan, non-Communist China and India and the Philippines. Our twelve year old son, Da-vid, will be with me on the journey.

With cordial regards to you and my old friends of yesteryear.

HOPE SPANISH STUDENTS TO TOUR MEXICO

Dr. Donald Brown, Head of the Spanish Department, is sponsoring a tour to Mexico starting August 11 and continuing until September 4.

To date 8 students have made reservations for the tour, which will be made by automobile. Points of interest around Mexico City will be visited and ample opportunity for conversational practice will be afforded. It will provide opportunity for group discussion, reports and evaluations of the language and the culture under observation.

Those planning to make the trip are:
Mary Jo Geerlings '53, Betty Van Lente '53, both of Holland; Barbara Soper '53 of Grand Rapids; Roy Adelberg '53 and Mrs. Adelberg from Holland; Barbara Woods '51 of Somerville, New Jersey; Norma Hoffman '52 of Bayside, New York and Barbara Bruins '52 of Douglaston, New York.

SEEN AT THE NEW YORK MEETING

John Flikkema and Anita Wells Dyksstra
Dr. John Beardslee, Dr. Samuel Zwemer and Rev. R. Korteling
Necrology

John Essebagger, Jr., was killed April 25 in action in Korea. He was born in Holland in 1928, graduated from Holland High School in 1946. He attended Hope College the year 1946-1947. He served in the Army from September 1948 to December 1949, and was recalled to active duty in October 1950.

On July 21, 1950, Mr. Essebagger was married to Mary Bell of Bahrain, Persian Gulf, who is a Hope graduate with the Class of 1951. They lived at 63 West 9th Street, Holland.

He is survived by his wife; his father, John Essebagger; and two sisters, Mrs. Freda Van Den Berg, all of Holland. His mother, Clara Essebagger, died in 1945.

Garrett J. Weersing '25N, died unexpectedly from coronary occlusion at his home in Baltimore on May 18, 1951.

Mr. Weersing, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Weersing, was born in Holland, Michigan, March 18, 1901. He was graduated from Holland High School and attended Hope College for two years. Upon enlistment in the U.S. Navy in 1922, he was assigned to the Naval Medical School in Washington, D.C., for training as a Pharmacist Mate in Physiology. Upon completion of training he was sent to the U.S. Naval Base Hospital in San Diego, California as a physiologist where he served until discharge in 1926. At that time he went into private practice.

In 1934 Mr. Weersing joined the Veterans Administration. He was stationed at the V A Hospital, Hines, Illinois and later at the V A Hospital in Bay Pines, Florida. In 1944 he was transferred to the V A Hospital at Fort Howard, Maryland, as Chief Physical Therapist in the Physical Medicine Rehabilitation Service, which position he held at the time of his death.

In 1949 Mr. Weersing purchased a large farm, the 'Garuth Stock Farm' in Westminster, Carroll County, Maryland, where he was engaged in the production of pedigreed Aberdeen-Angus beef cattle as an avocation.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth Williams Weersing; four brothers, Dr. Fred Weersing of Pasadena, California; B. J. Weersing of Muskegon; Dr. I. W. Weersing of Lake City, Michigan; and James G. Weersing of Grand Rapids; also three sisters, Mrs. J. A. Klaren (Deane Weersing '21) of Lincoln, Nebraska; Mrs. Sally Lowry of San Diego, California; and Freda Weersing of Long Beach, California.

Dr. Wesley Van Zanten '26N of Sheboygan, Wisconsin, was born in Sheboygan on April 18, 1904; attended the Grant School in Sheboygan, the Wisconsin Memorial Academy at Cedar Grove and Hope College.

After graduation from the Marquette University Medical School in 1930 and his internship at St. Agnes hospital, Fond du Lac, he returned to Sheboygan and entered practice with his father in August 1931.

Dr. Van Zanten was married to Miss Mayda Nelson of Chicago on September 7, 1929. They have always lived in Sheboygan.

Dr. Van Zanten served Sheboygan county as coroner continuously from 1938 to 1948. In professional circles he was a member of the Sheboygan County Medical Society, the Wisconsin State Medical Society and the American Medical Association.

From 1942 to 1946 he served on the Selective Service Board. He was a member of the Elks, Farmers' and Sportsmen's Conservation Club and the Sheboygan Yacht Club.

Surviving Dr. Van Zanten are his wife; two daughters, Donna and Mary, at home; one son, William, at home; his mother, Mrs. William Van Zanten, Sheboygan; and three sisters, Mrs. Peter Steketee of Holland, Michigan; Mrs. Otis Weiskopf of Sheboygan and Mrs. Harold Wassink of Manitowoc.

ANDREW BRANCHE

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tween the ages of 6 and 19. I have my first time to meet a student who got into trouble of his own making. What happened to him was somebody else's fault. Frank flunked math, not because he was indolent and inattentive in class, but because the textbook was unsuitable and the teacher unsympathetic. I have often salved over my mistakes by laying them on the sturdy shoulder of the Secretary of my Board. We should grow up—shouldn't we? We are responsible for both the good and the evil in our town, and our nation. We cannot pass the buck in accepting responsibility for the evil which exists nor pass it on to somebody else as his responsibility to remove.

There is one other besetting sin which plagues those of us in academic circles. That is the sin of self-defensive morality. I am thinking of the goodness which supposedly results from the avoidance of contamination. That kind of religion is more antiseptic than Christian. In the eyes of his enemies, Jesus erred in the other direction. It was the Pharisees who pointed the finger of derision at Him and said, "See, Look! He keeps company with Publicans and Sinners. He even sits down to eat with them. Well, let Him! But not me!" The man who pours out his life in redemptive goodness is never hurt by his contact with those who receive his acts of love. Ask Paul Harrison, John Van Ess, Samuel Zwemer or Tena Holkeboer. Our loss in human resources throughout our world is incalculable. In too many places we stress artificial and extraneous requirements on people to be people worthy to be treated as brothers. A man ought to have a certain background, move in a certain set, belong to a certain church, work at such a calling before he merits our attention. That is not for us! Our love, like the love of Christ must be lavished upon the good and the bad, upon the lovely and the unlovely, the deserving and the undeserving.

My message goes something like this: "My boy, you are going into a world of intense activity and great diversity. This world has all sorts of people in it, but with a strong central core of goodness. Get into the middle of the stream of life. Take your part in it. Share the joy and happiness of it. Make yourself count for Christ and His kingdom against any odds this world may hurl against you." May God grant this courage and wisdom to you as you begin your journey into an eventful life.
One hundred years ago "The Pioneer School" was opened in the A. C. Van Raalte home as the first educational institution in Holland, Michigan. From these humble beginnings emerged Hope College which graduated its first college class of eight members with a bachelor of arts degree, and granted an honorary master of arts degree at the first college commencement exercises fifteen years later.

In the period from 1851 to 1866 a building and financing program comprising four major projects was undertaken and carried to completion: VAN VLECK HALL was built in 1851, OGGEL HOUSE in 1860 and the first COLLEGE CHAPEL in 1862. In addition to these buildings the first endowment fund was completed, amounting to $40,000, in 1865. The erection of three major buildings in a period of four years was an achievement born of great faith and carried forward with courage and foresight. By such meeting of the demands of the times with promptness and vigor, was Hope College launched on its great course of service to God and country.

Forty years later the growing college faced a crisis. During the interim two additional buildings had been constructed: The PRESIDENT'S RESIDENCE in 1886 and GRAVES LIBRARY—WINANT'S CHAPEL in 1892. There was urgent need for class rooms and laboratories, physical education was clamoring for recognition, and the growth of coeducation demanded adequate housing for women.

With the same faith and vision that characterized the pioneers of a half century earlier, a great building program was undertaken. A new class room building, VAN RAALTE MEMORIAL was dedicated in 1903, CARNEGIE GYMNASIUM in 1906 and ELIZABETH R. VOORHEES HALL, a women's residence, in 1907. Again in a period of four short years three major buildings had been completed.

Again forty years elapsed and the college faced a new crisis. In the meantime two splendid buildings had been constructed: the MEMORIAL CHAPEL in 1929 and the SCIENCE BUILDING in 1942. For the first time in its history the enrollment exceeded 1,000, going as high as 1,285. Rentals and leases were resorted to as temporary expedients. In 1950 WINIFRED H. DURFEE HALL, a new residence for women, and a CENTRAL HEATING PLANT were constructed. These are however but the initial steps in a program urgently needed to meet the demands of the present.

Mindful of a resolution presented by a committee of the Synod of Chicago stating: "We trust the college will not overspend itself in a building program, but will limit itself according to the churches ability to pay," the Board of Trustees of Hope College at its meeting on June 14, 1951 voted to approve a plan of procedure. Only the projects that are urgently needed were approved: a NEW GYMNASIUM, a MEN'S DORMITORY, a FINE ARTS BUILDING (for music, dramatics, and arts), and the development of the A. C. VAN RAALTE property. The last is a gift from William B. Eerdmans to Hope College of the home of the founder of Hope College. Duty demands that both the founder of the college and the donor of this magnificent gift be honored by the restoration and rehabilitation of this original home of the Pioneer School, a century old landmark.

The magnitude of the task must not be minimized, neither must the obligation to discharge it be shirked. The pioneers of 1851 dreamed dreams and strove to fulfill them. In 1866 their visions were actualized and Hope College became a reality. SPER'A IN DEO (Hope thou in God) is still the motto which activates the friends of the college. For the church, the community, the alumni, former students, parents, and friends everywhere this college is the "anchor of our hope."

Woodrow Wilson's famous dictum is true: "The present is a lens through which the past is projected upon the future." The achievement of 1851-1866 is a bright and inspiring picture of men and women of destiny fulfilling a God-given assignment for the service of their fellow men and the building of the Kingdom. It can be projected upon an ominous and dark future only through the men and women who are ready to accept a similar God-given assignment in 1951-1966.
Sally Palen of New York and Guy Vander Jagt of Cadillac, Michigan, both juniors, are co-chairmen of Homecoming this year and are already hard at work to make the celebration outstanding.

THE 1951 HOPE HOMECOMING IS A MUST FOR YOU THIS YEAR

FRIDAY, OCT. 26
4:00 P.M.—Pull, Black River.
7:00 P.M.—Pep Rally and Queen Coronation—Athletic Field.
8:00 P.M.—Judging of Dormitory and Fraternity House Decorations.
8:30 P.M.—Palette and Masque Play—Little Theatre.
8:30 P.M.—Roller Skating—Carnegie Gym.

SATURDAY, OCT. 27
9:00 A.M.—Tennis Tournament Finals—Columbia and 13th Street.
10:30 A.M.—Parade of Floats—8th Street.
12:00 M.—“H” Club Dinner—Durfee Hall.
2:00 P.M.—Hope-De Pauw University Football Game—Riverview Park.
6:00 P.M.—Alumni Buffet Supper—Durfee Hall.
8:30 P.M.—Palette and Masque Play—Little Theatre.
8:30 P.M.—Roller Skating—Carnegie Gym.
8:00-11:00 P.M.—Open House in all dormitories.

SUNDAY, OCT. 28
4:00 P.M.—Vesper Service—Hope Memorial Chapel.

COME TO THE CAMPUS OFTEN --- BUT DON'T MISS HOMECOMING