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Alumni Director Election

BALLOTS MUST BE MAILED BY DECEMBER 1

According to the constitution of the Alumni Association of Hope College one director at large must be elected each year by a vote of the entire membership. The directors at large were originally chosen from areas where a great many Hopeites are found but not sufficiently centralized for the organization of Hope College clubs.

Quoting from section 1 of Article IV of the constitution: "Directors at large—Three directors at large to be elected for terms of three years and in such manner that no two terms expire in the same year. The three directors shall be elected by ballots issued through the Alumni Magazine in time to enable them to take office at the June meeting of the Board."

We received many letters asking the question relative to who is eligible to vote. The constitution states that any graduate or former student of Hope College or any person who has been or is affiliated with Hope College may consider themselves a member of the association.

This year the term of office of Donald W. Cordes from the central area expires. He is a candidate for reelection along with candidates Paul J. Brouwer and Eugene Damstra whose biographies appear on this page.

Ballots must show a postmark date not later than December 1, 1954 to count in this election and the board of directors hope the response will be immediate.

Donald W. Cordes '40

PAUL J. BROUWER '31

Paul is a partner in the firm of Rohrer, Hibler & Reploge, psychological consultation service to top management. He is in charge of the Cleveland office of the firm.

After graduation from Hope, Paul, who is the son of Rev. and Mrs. Jacob G. Brouwer '04, Holland, taught English, French and Journalism in the Chicago Christian High School, and became registrar and dean of students of Chicago Christian Junior College in 1935. In 1937 he joined the faculty at Hope College, where he was assistant to President Wynnand W ichers, and taught freshman composition. He established a personnel program and functioned in many ways as Dean of Students.

In 1942 he became staff member of the Cooperative Study in General Education as a research associate in student personnel and counseling. In 1944 he joined Dr. Perry L. Rohrer of Chicago in developing a psychological consultation service.

Paul has his master's degree in English Language and Literature from Northwestern and his Ph.D. degree from the Department of Human Growth and Development of the University of Chicago.

He is a fellow of the American Psychological Association and a certified psychologist in the State of Ohio; and he has been certified as a professional psychologist in Industrial Psychology by the

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Paul J. Brouwer '31
Trygve Lie, the first Secretary-General of the United Nations, will open the new Hope College lecture series on November 2. In fulfilling its announced purpose of bringing to the campus outstanding statesmen who have made distinguished contributions in world affairs, the Hawkins Memorial Committee announced that Mr. Lie has accepted the invitation to come to Holland.

Trygve Lie is the world's top-ranking international citizen. He was chosen by the world's leading statesmen to pilot the largest international organization in history, a task described as almost superhuman. A rare combination of statesman, administrator and humanitarian, Mr. Lie's major concern was for the welfare of the world's 2½ billion people.

Norwegian-born Trygve Lie had already achieved distinction in his own country when he became Secretary-General of the UN in 1946. He entered politics at the age of 16 as president of the Norwegian Labour Party's branch in an Oslo suburb. After graduating from the Oslo University Law School, he rose rapidly in the Labour Party, from legal adviser to member of the National Council to Minister of Justice. Appointed head of the Department of Shipping and Supply shortly before the war, he helped the Norwegians survive the Occupation by his foresight in accumulating and hiding large supplies of foodstuffs.

When the Nazis overran Norway in 1940, Lie was appointed Foreign Minister of the Government-in-Exile in London. The government won a landslide victory upon its return in 1945, hearty endorsement from its people for its splendid wartime work, and Lie continued as Foreign Minister.

Associated with the United Nations from its earliest days, Trygve Lie headed the Norwegian delegation at San Francisco and in London, where he was elected Secretary-General. He served in this responsible and difficult job for seven years. Recipient of numerous honorary degrees and titles for his efforts toward international peace, Mr. Lie recently received the World Veterans Federation first annual Peace Award as the man who "has done most in the past year to promote the cause of international peace and uphold the Charter of the United Nations."

Mr. Lie's memoirs of his seven years as the world's foremost international citizen, titled "In the Cause of Peace," published by MacMillan Company was released September 20.

**WISCONSIN ALUMNI CLUB DINNER**

About sixty Hope men and Hope women convened for a dinner meeting on May 15 in Hope Church in Sheboygan.

John Mulder '28 spoke to the group and re-emphasized the advantages of a church-related college. Russell De Vette '47, then director of athletics at Hope, brought the group up-to-date on campus improvements and the college status.

Kenneth Hyink, retiring president of the club, served as chairman of the evening. The Rev. R. C. Lubbers of the Gibbsville Reformed Church delivered the invocation and Kohler School students, directed by Walter B. Wright, presented musical selections.

Members of the Women's League of Hope College served the dinner.

Mariett De Groot Poppe '29 of Cedar Grove presented the report of the nominating committee. New officers of the Club are Neil Droppers '52 of West Bend, president; Florence Dulmes Ten Haken '27, Milwaukee, Secretary; and Evelyn Hinkamp '52 of Sheboygan, treasurer.

The Rev. H. J. Vermeer closed the meeting with prayer.

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American Board of Examiners in Professional Psychology. He is active as a trustee in the Trinity Presbyterian Church and is a member of the Citizens League of Cleveland. He has just been elected president of the Cleveland Hope College Alumni Club.

Paul is married to Theressa Gorter and has two teen-age daughters, Paula Joan and Martha Kay. His hobbies are photography and woodworking.

**EUGENE DAMSTRA '28**

Eugene, who received his M.D. degree from Northwestern University in 1932, specializes in surgery in Dayton, Ohio where he has been located since 1933.

A native of Holland he served in the Medical Corps, U. S. Army from 1942 to 1946. In 1946 he became a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons.

Mrs. Damstra is the former Theresa Moom '28. There are three Damstra children: Norma, a sophomore at Hope College, Carla, 16 and Bruce, 13.

Gene is an active member of Grace Methodist Church and enjoys three dimensional photography as a hobby.

**DONALD W. CORDES '40**

Don, presently vice-president of the Hope College Alumni Association, is a candidate for re-election. Professionally he is administrator of the Iowa Methodist Hospital, Des Moines, Iowa. He received his secondary education in Pleasant Prairie Academy, German Valley, Illinois; received his Master's degree in philosophy from the University of Michigan in 1941 and did graduate work in public health in 1945 and 1946 at Columbia University.

Mr. Cordes served as administrative assistant at St. Lukes Hospital, New York City, from 1944 to 1946 and as assistant administrator of Iowa Methodist Hospital until he took his present post in 1947. He holds memberships in the American Hospital Association, the Des Moines Adult Education Council, the Des Moines Dinner Club and Iowa Hospital Association.

Don's wife is the former Harriet Davies, graduate of Penn State. They have a young daughter, Beverly, 5.

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**BALLOT FOR DELEGATE AT LARGE**

**NATIONAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

Clip and Mail to Alumni Office
—Hope College, Holland, Mich.

Vote for not more than one
Paul J. Bouwwe
Eugene Damstra
Donald W. Cordes

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Everyone who loves Hope College and her traditions will be delighted that someone has written a book correlating her beginnings, her successes and her crises.

The book is entitled, appropriately, "Anchor of Hope: History of an American Denominational Institution — Hope College." It is being published by Wm. B. Eerdmans of Grand Rapids. It contains, besides the Prologue and the Epilogue, six parts with such interesting titles as PIONEER PERIOD, ADOLESCENCE OF HOPE COLLEGE, TIME OF TESTING, SEARCH FOR STABILITY, EXPANDED HORIZONS and INTELLECTUAL MATURITY.

The author has presented his material on a topical basis rather than on a chronological one.

The author is Preston J. Stegenga, a 1947 graduate of Hope College. He wrote his doctoral dissertation on the subject "Hope College in Dutch American Life." His book is an outgrowth of this work plus continued research and revision.

He received his Ph.D. in history from the University of Michigan in 1952 while he was on leave of absence from the position he still holds as associate professor of history and political science at Berea College, Berea, Kentucky. He went to this position in 1948 after receiving his MA from Columbia University the same year.

He is truly a Hope family man; his father the Rev. Miner Stegenga being a graduate in 1915 and his mother, nee Dureth Bouma, a member of the same class. He is married to a Hope graduate, Marcia De Young '48; his sister, Ruth '42 and her husband, Edwin Luidens '40 are evangelical missionaries stationed in Amarah, Iraq. His son, James Jay, 4 months old, will be a Hope man a few years hence.

Dr. Stegenga has traveled in Europe on three occasions, the first time being in the summer of 1939, the second time during his years of service in the U.S. Army CIC, 1943 to 1945, when he was stationed in Western Europe, and again in the summer of 1952 when he and his wife traveled in Europe on the way to the Near East to visit the Luidens in Amarah.

On the Acknowledgments page of the 250 to 300 page publication which will be off the press in October or November, Dr. Stegenga lists Frances Phelps Otte '82, daughter of Dr. Philip Phelps, first president of Hope College; the Netherlands Museum, Holland; New Brunswick Theological Seminary; Rutgers University historical collection; Dr. Edward D. Dimnent '96, president emeritus and Dr. Irwin J. Lubbers '17, currently president of Hope College.

The publisher has priced the book at $3.50, but is sending a limited number of the first addition to the Blue Key Book Store on the campus which may be sold to students and alumni for $2.50. You are invited to take advantage of this offer by writing to the book store to place your order.

Dr. Lubbers has written the preface for the "Anchor of Hope." A few quotations from his preface will explain the value of this first history of Hope College.

"There is no classical narrative of the history of Hope College. The author, Dr. Preston Stegenga, has set for himself the task of writing such a history. With true historical perspective he narrates what is past with a view to challenging and inspiring the present. . . ."

"Being himself a graduate and a descendant of three generations of Hope College men and women he brings to the task of tracing the growth of Hope College an almost first hand knowledge of events and a deep personal and sympathetic interest. His interpretation of the struggle for financial support; of the causes for growing prestige in the educational world; of the influence of the church in moulding the growing institution; of the patriotic zeal that identified the college with the American cause in times of crisis, is characterized by objective scholarship and sympathetic understanding.

"Dr. Stegenga very wisely does not present a chronological history of events nor does he seek to weigh the comparative merits and contributions of each administration. He describes the forces that worked to form Hope College and the interactions between the College and its environment. Through careful study he has captured the vision of the early colonial days and sensed the frustrations caused by poverty and lack of comprehension of the local colonists. . . ."

"This book will make its appeal to many readers. Every Hope College Alumnus who reads it will receive a new appreciation of his Alma Mater. Every member of the Reformed Church in America who peruses it will take new pride in his denomination. Friends and supporters of all church colleges will find in this volume renewed zeal for their own institution. Americans will find in its pages a deeper understanding of the wellsprings of our national life. . . ."

1949. Gerald Van Singel has recently been appointed 4-H club agent of Ingham County. Jerry has been teaching agriculture in Hudsonville. He joined the Kent county extension service on July 1, and there received his training for the new appointment. He received his B.S. degree in agriculture from Michigan State in 1951.

1952. Mervin Shay has a charge in the Methodist church in Vale, Oregon. He and his wife, Carol Buseman '53 Shay, traveled 2800 miles in June to their new position. They say they felt much like pioneers, possibly because they had a covered wagon (a rented trailer for their possessions). Their address: P. O. Box 805.
President Hoffman Visits Eastern Missions

Harvey Hoffman '32, at president of the Board of Foreign Missions, RCA, took a trip via air to the Reformed Church missions in Iraq, Arabia and India early in 1954. He has since been very busy telling people what he saw on his trip. Here he is greeting Dr. S. Radda Krishnan, vice president of the government of India at Dr. Krishnan's home in New Delhi where they discussed future mission policy for one hour. We asked Harvey to write a few paragraphs about his trip, mentioning the names of our alumni who are at work in the RCA missions.

People are interesting, especially when you meet them in remote places and under unusual circumstances. We renewed old acquaintances and made many new friends during our three-months' tour of Iraq, Arabia and India. Our primary objective was to visit the missionaries and to see them at work. They are a wonderful group of people. They are "The salt of the earth." They shine as lights in a dark world. I came home and called them "Giants in the Earth." They have found the secret of living. "Service above self" is their daily motto.

Numbered among the missionaries were numerous Hope graduates. From the time that the Hakkens greeted us at the Baghdad Airport, until we bid farewell to the De Bruins and the Levais at Madras, we were in constant touch with our fellow alumni. The influence that our Denominational Colleges are exerting is extensive. The graduates are working as a team, to create the condition in human society which Jesus described when he said, "The blind receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have good news preached to them."

We also met many of the people among whom the missionaries work. The transition from rural illiteracy to educational and spiritual leadership is truly a remarkable one. The nationals who turn to Christianity take Christ seriously. Their vocations vary from doctors, nurses, teachers, ministers, housewives and farmers, but they have found one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism. Almost everywhere we went, we met the leaders in Government. In Kuwait, Gary De Jong introduced us to the official ruler. Paul Harrison took us to the summer home of the Sheik of Bahrain. In Vellore, the city's Municipal Council gave us a royal reception with over five hundred people in attendance. In New Delhi, Neson Cornelius, the General Secretary of the Y.M.C.A., a graduate of our Vellore College, arranged personal interviews with Radda Krishnan, the Vice President; Pillai, the Secretary of External Affairs; Raja Kumari, the Minister of Health, and other National leaders. I was pleased to hear them speak in glowing terms of the contribution that our college graduates, and other missionaries had made and are making, to the life of India.

I came home, grateful for what I had seen, and with a greater determination to support our Alumni who have dedicated their lives to give the blessings of Christ to people across the seas.

GEORGE HEERINGA—PRESIDENT HART & COOLEY MFG. CO.

Just 18 years from Hope College commencement to the presidency of the world's largest manufacturing company of registers and furnace accessories, is the George Heeringa story. And that's just about literally true. After graduating from Hope on June 17, 1936, George started in the office of the Hart & Cooley Mfg. Co. on June 22, 1936. In 1938 he entered the sales department of the company and on April 15, 1947, he became Vice President and assistant sales manager. On September 11, 1950, he was elevated to Vice President and Sales Manager and on April 27, 1954 the Board of Directors elected him President of the company.


Hart & Cooley Mfg. Co. at Holland employs more than 400 men for the manufacture of registers, grilles and furnace accessories.

This progress will be considered the expected career for George, by those who knew him during his college days. A good student and an all around athlete, success was his course and he never left it.

Born in Grand Rapids, his education was received there right through Grand Rapids Junior College. During his South High School career he was active in football, basketball, tennis, band and glee club. At Grand Rapids Junior, it was football, basketball and tennis.

He came to Hope College in 1934 for his junior and senior years. At Hope he was a good student, a football star, a basketball star, a tennis star, and a member of Blue Key.

George and Lucile Ver Schure, a 1936 Hope classmate, were married in 1939. They have two sons: Jimmie, age 11 and Donnie, age 8. They live at 564 Lawn Avenue on the north shore of Lake Macatawa, Holland. (family pictured above).

His extra curricular activities include the Hope Church consistory where he is serving as deacon for the 12th year; Rotary Club, Exchange Club, Chamber of Commerce and the Social Progress Club. However, George says his main enjoyment of life is centered in his home and his two sons.

*1950. Samuel Pickens, M.D., is interning at Pitkin Memorial Hospital, Neptune, New Jersey.
On The Campus

DR. VAN ZYL WINS CHEMICAL EDUCATORS PRIZE
By James Hinkamp '40

The 126th meeting of the American Chemical Society was the occasion for
the Hope College Science Club banquet at Oscar DeLamonic's in lower Washing­
ton. In addition to approximately sixty alumni, the guests included Dr. W. R.
Kirner from the National Science Foundation, Dr. L. L. Quill from Michigan
State College, Dr. R. F. Marschner from Standard OIl of Indiana, and Dr. H. F.
Lewis from the Institute of Paper Chem­istry. All of the guests joined in con­gratulating Dr. Gerrit Van Zyl on winning the Scientific Apparatus Manufac­

turers Award in Chemical Education. This award, which includes a purse of about
$1,000, is considered to be the country's outstanding chemical educator's prize, and
will be presented to Dr. Van Zyl at the spring meeting of the American Chemical Society in March of 1955.

Immediately following dinner, Dr. Eugene Damstra and Dr. Lester Kiefte
were elected to the offices of president and vice president, respectively, of the
Hope College Science Club for the coming year.

The highlight of the meeting was the address by Dr. Fredrick Yonkman who
spoke on the subject "Tranquility." Dr. Yonkman described the work presently in
progress on a new drug named Serpasil which is showing great promise as a
means of controlling hypertension and the host of physical and mental disorders
casted either directly or indirectly by tension. This drug, which has not yet been
synthesized, is extracted from a plant grown in India and was used in crude form
by the renowned Mahatma Gandhi. Dr. Yonkman, who refers to this drug as the "commuters crutch," expects its
use and usefulness to increase manylefand in the next few years as knowledge of its
action on the human system is developed.

CAMPUS LECTURE, CONCERT AND PLAY DATES
October 7—Anthony Kooiker, Pianist
October 22, 23, 25, 26—Palette & Masque Homecoming Play
November 2—Trygve Lie
November 11—Hope College Orchestra
November 21—Hope College String Quartet
December 3, 4, 6, 7—Palette & Masque Play
December 5—Musical Arts Christmas Vesper
December 14—The Messiah
January 16—Hope College Symphonette
March 3—Hope College Concert Band
March 6—Hope College Symphonette
March 11, 12, 14, 15—Palette & Masque Play
March 16—Hope College Orchestra
Children's Concert
April 24—Hope College Orchestra
May 11—Hope College Orchestra
May 15—Hope College Chapel Choir

CONSTRUCTION OF MEN'S DORM TO START JANUARY 1, 1955
Hope College was assured of a new men's dormitory on September 9 when
Dr. Irwin J. Lubbers received a letter from the Housing and Home Finance
Agency approving application of a loan up to one million dollars.

Dr. Lubbers said the letter approved the loan subject to final approval of com­pleted
specifications, to be submitted within 60 days. The Housing and Home Finance Agency is a subsidiary of the
Federal Housing Administration.

Because of the substantial amount already donated for a dormitory by alumni
and friends of the college, Dr. Lubbers said he believes the loan can be kept well
under $750,000.

College authorities immediately began meeting with architects so that completed
plans will be in government offices within the allotted time.

According to Dr. Lubbers, the loan is not a "handout" in any form, but is paid
from a revolving fund provided especially by the PHA for faculty and student hous­ing. This is considered a good loan, since it is made on income producing property,
he said.

The new dormitory will be four stories of steel, concrete and brick construction,
will be located on 12th street facing the athletic field. The building will house
500 men, with individual rooms measuring about 14 by 15 feet. There will be a
lounge and adequate facilities on each floor. It is hoped to begin construction by
January 1, 1955 with completion by July 1, 1956, Dr. Lubbers said.

REV. JOHN J. SOETER
CONVOCATION SPEAKER

Hope college opened its ninetieth school year with convocation in Memorial
Chapel at 9 A.M. Thursday, September 16.

Rev. John J. Soeter '27, pastor of Sec­ond Reformed Church of New Brun­swick, New Jersey, presented the convoca­tion address entitled "On Being a Real

Person."

Mr. Soeter, a native of Chicago, re­ceived his bachelor of divinity degree from Rutgers university in 1930. He was
graduated from New Brunswick Theolo­gical Seminary the same year.

In 1944 the Hackensack Chamber of Commerce presented Mr. Soeter an award for outstanding service to the city for the
year. In New Brunswick he is a member of the board of trustees of Middlesex Hospital. He is president of the New
Brunswick Council of Churches and is a member of the board of citizen directors of the New Brunswick Salvation Army.

He and Mrs. Soeter are the parents of three Hope College students: Janet, left in the picture, a junior; Ruth, a fresh­
man and John R., a sophomore.

*1953. Pvt. Donald J. Veldman, who en­tered the Army last November, arrived overseas in May. He is editor of the
Army newspaper, "Porthole News." This paper was cited for outstanding service in the field of mimeographed papers pub­lished overseas during the period Janu­ary through March, 1954.
New on Hope’s Faculty

Several new faculty people have made their debut on the Hope College campus with the beginning of the school year. A few who are new to the field of teaching on the campus are not new to Hope alumni.

New in the sense that he is now chief pilot in the organ department and instructor in music theory is Roger Rietberg. Of course Roger is well known on the campus; he was graduated from Hope in 1947 and directed the Chancel Choir last year. At Hope he studied organ with Mrs. W. Curtis Snow, whom he is succeeding because she has chosen to go into another field as reported in the July magazine.

After Hope, Roger, a native of Grand Rapids and a graduate of its Lee High School, entered Union Theological Seminary School of Sacred Music and received his Master of Sacred Music degree there in 1949. He studied at the Julliard Summer School in 1949. This past summer, 1954, he spent in Andover, Massachusetts, at the Organ Institute studying with three great teachers, Arthur Howes, Arthur Poister and E. Power Biggs. At the same time he continued study in choral work under Alfred Patterson and Dr. Hor Jones.

He is an active member of the American Guild of Organists and a member by subscription of the Hymn Society of America.

His Holland address is 249 South 120th Street. He is continuing his work as organist and choir director at Third Reformed Church.

Another who is launching his teaching career at his alma mater is Ezra Gearhart whose story was in the July 1952 magazine upon the occasion of his being the first Hope student to receive a Fulbright scholarship immediately upon graduation. He chose to study at the University of Vienna in the field of German Literature. The past school year he spent at Indiana University from which he received his MA last month, September, 1954. He is currently instructor in the German department at Hope.

Faculty members new to the campus this year are Miss Lois Bailey, reference assistant in the Library: Mr. Richard Hahn, instructor in the Biology department, and Mrs. Joy Kennedy Talbert, assistant professor of English.

Miss Bailey came to Hope from Northern State Teachers College, Aberdeen, South Dakota, where she was Librarian from 1947 to 1954. She is a graduate of Monmouth College, has studied at the Sorbonne, the University of Colorado and Western Reserve University. She has her MA in French from the University of Wisconsin and her B.S. in Library Science from Western Reserve University. She has taught French at the high school and junior college in Tipton, Iowa, Buena Vista College, Storm Lake, Iowa, where she was also librarian and dean of women; and at State Normal and Industrial College, Ellendale, North Dakota; and has spent two years at the Akron, Ohio, Public Library. She is a member of the American Library Association, the South Dakota Library Association, South Dakota Education Association, and is active in the AAUW and the Delta Kappa Gamma.

Mr. Hahn is a native of David City, Nebraska. He has his B.S. degree and his M.S. degree from the University of Nebraska. He has taught physiology and pharmacology at his alma mater and has had teaching experience at St. Louis University science department also.

Fresh from a year of study and travel in England and on the continent is Mrs. Talbert. During the period from July 1953 to April 1954 she studied and visited in the homes of friends in various parts of England, Scotland and Ireland. She studied six weeks at Stratford-upon-Avon and later attended lectures at the University of London.

A native of the state of Kansas, most of her education was received in the schools, colleges and universities of her home state. She did, however, receive her A.B. from New Mexico State Teachers College, but much of her under graduate work was done at Kansas State Teachers College in Emporia. She has her MS in education and her Ph.D. from the University of Kansas.

She has had many years of experience in teaching which includes rural schools, high schools and colleges in the states of Missouri, Kansas, Indiana and Nebraska. She has been chairman of the English department at Oakland City College, Indiana and at the Emporia, Kansas, College. Her last position was professor of English and Speech at Doan College, Crete, Nebraska from 1949 to 1953.

At Hope Mrs. Talbert will teach freshman composition, introduction to literature and advanced writing.

Dr. William Vander Lugt, professor of psychology, and Miss Mary L. Breid ’50, assistant in physical education, also this year’s additions to the faculty, were introduced to you in the July magazine.

*1948. Thomas E. ‘48 and Lois Stanton ’40N Van Dahn are living at 800½ 34th Street, Rock Island, Illinois. Thomas has accepted a position as Assistant Professor of Economics and Commerce in Augustana College, Rock Island.

*1949. Marian Holman Agre is living in Harlingen, Texas, where her husband, O. W. Agre, is stationed with the Air Force. Their family includes Ginny, a year and a half old. Address: Box 331, Harlingen AFB.

*1950. Paul M. Thompson has accepted a position as an assistant in The Reference Department of the Library of the University of Notre Dame. Address: 1011 E. Cedar Street, South Bend, Indiana.

*1950. Frank and Ann Jansma Zwemer have been accepted by the Board of Foreign Missions for service in South India. They will leave upon the completion of their education. Frank, who received his MD from Ohio State in June, is interning at Cleveland City Hospital. Ann, who completed nurse training in Cleveland, is now working as a night supervisor at Mt. Sinai Hospital in Cleveland and is planning to get her M.S. degree at Western Reserve University starting in the fall. Address: 1024 Nicholson Ave., Lakewood 7, Ohio.

*1950. Keith De Jong will teach in the new Ferrysburg school this year. He is teaching music and junior high subjects, while his wife, Marcine Miulenberg ’53, will teach third grade in Ferrysburg school, Grand Haven. Their address: 115½ S. Third St., Grand Haven.
DR. WILLIAM SCHRIER GRANTED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Dr. William Schrier, head of the Speech department, has been granted a leave of absence to accept an appointment to the University of California Far Eastern teaching plan.

The new program includes teaching freshman and sophomore courses for military and civilian personnel in Okinawa, Guam, Japan and Korea.

His work will be to conduct one or two eight weeks courses in one of the above locations then take a two-week break and transfer to one of the other locations. His teaching load will be limited to three-hour courses four nights a week. The rest of his time will be free for travel and study in the area.

Teachers have simulated officers rank, live in officers quarters and have officers privileges. Stipends include subsistence and salary.

Dr. Schrier reported to Berkeley, California for a three-day briefing on August 25 and flew from Travis Air Force Base on September 1. He had word before he left Holland that his first eight weeks assignment would be at two places: an airbase in Korea and the Seoul Military Post with the Eighth Army.

He expects to visit his son-in-law and daughter, Capt. Robert M. 48N and Sally Schrier '53 Japinga, who are stationed in Japan, several times. Because of the critical war conditions in the area, Mrs. Schrier will remain in the United States, although she plans at least one visit to Japan during the year. Dr. Schrier's assignment is for a full year. He will teach speech courses.

*1950. Merrill S. Noordhoff who received his MD from Iowa University in June, is interning at Butterworth Hospital, Grand Rapids. Mrs. Noordhoff, L. C. Brunsting '49, is teaching in the Christian High School in Grand Rapids. Their address: 552 College SE, Grand Rapids, Mich.

*1950. Harlan Failor is interning at Detroit Receiving Hospital.

*1952. Caryl Curtis Ewart is teaching second grade at Longfellow school in Holland this year. Her husband, John Adamson Ewart, Jr., is a chemical engineer at Sumner Chemical Co. in Zeeland. He is a graduate of Carnegie Tech, class of '48, served in the Army Engineers overseas as a 2nd Lt., and received his masters degree from Harvard School of Business Administration in 1952.

*1952. William Estell, short term missionary to Japan, has a new address: c/o Rev. B. C. Moore, 107 Chori Machi, Fukuoka, Kyushu, Japan.

International Student Popular at Hope

Padma Satya is the only Hope College coed who has a wardrobe of 20 saris. Yet she received her B.S. degree from Madras Christian College in cap and gown.

Padma is studying at Hope College this year because the student body decided to earmark their 1953-54 mission drive to bring an international student to the campus, rather than to contribute to the work of the RCA missions as has been their custom in years past.

She is a tiny young lady of 23 who has won the hearts and respect of the Hope community with her humility, intelligence and radiance. She speaks English very well and has almost no trouble understanding the campus language.

When she was selected from the six applicants to be the recipient of the fund, she had no fear of coming to America nor of the month-long ocean voyage alone which started August 7 in Madras and ended in New York on September 9. Her greatest adjustment has been to the freedom between the coeds and the male students. She has of course attended coeducational classes at the University of Madras, but there the young women entered the classroom with the teacher after the men were in the classroom and left with the teacher at the end of the hour before the men left. But here all come and go without formality, indeed more often coed with male student than with coed or professor.

Ernestine Brummeler, senior from Redlands, California, is Padma's "big sister."

One of the first things they did together was to go shopping for the inevitable raincoat so necessary in Holland, Michigan. People of India never need more than a sweater or at most a jacket, both of which were in Padma's wardrobe; but raincoat, or winter coat, which she will need, are novel to Padma, just as Michigan's colorful fall will be.

Padma is a young woman of wide experience. She has done social work in the Leper colony, which is the lowest caste in India, and has also worked among the leper patients at Deenabanduparam. Last year she taught at the Australian Presbyterian Mission High School in Solingdur. She received her degree in chemistry in 1952 and has a great desire to add a degree in the arts to her science background in preparation for her future as a teacher in her country.

Padma says she feels very much at home on the Hope campus because everyone is so friendly and nearly everyone mentions her missionary friends from home as though they too have full acquaintance with them. Her great grandfather became a Christian in the Reformed Church Mission at Vellore, India, nearly 100 years ago. Her father is a professor in the teacher training school in that Mission today. So she is conversant with those missionaries who have come and gone in the past many years. Her eyes sparkle when one mentions the Blase Levais, the Ralph Kortelings, the J. H. Piets, the J. J. de Valois, any of the Scudder family and many more familiar to church people for their abiding work in Southern India.

And about those saris—most of them are cotton, for that is the fabric the women of India generally wear. But for special occasions Padma has a few lovely ones of silk and of chiffon. Her favorite is one in jade green with gold panel trim which is very special as it is the one she chose for her graduation festivities when she received her degree in Madras.

Padma's mother and father are Mr. and Mrs. Aaron C. Satya of Vellore. She has two older sisters who are married and two younger brothers who are in school in Vellore.

*1954. Walter De Vries has received a graduate council fellowship in political science from Michigan State and will accept that rather than the University of Chicago grant reported in the July magazine.
There is a new look about the college library today. This new look, however, is not concerned with buildings or the library plan, although many of these are attracting attention. The time when libraries were just buildings is past. The Carnegie libraries spread over the country at the beginning of the century were often shells without books to meet the needs of their communities. Attention next centered on the book collections and the accumulation of books. The most impressive fact about university and college libraries in the last several decades has been their amazing growth. Libraries have doubled and tripled in size. But today the emphasis formerly placed on the acquisition of materials is turning to the use of these enlarged resources. This increase in the use made of college libraries is the new look that deserves attention at this time.

This new look can be found in the library at Hope College today. There is an astonishing new look about the circulation figures compiled in recent years. And, while circulation figures are not the only measuring stick of use being made of the library, they indicate a change with sufficient emphasis to warrant attention. The graph in the lower right corner, showing circulation figures over a period of years, is almost self-explanatory but some comparisons with other colleges may be of interest also. At the peak of Hope's enrollment in 1938, of some 1,500 students, only 10,000 books were circulated, averaging about 9 or 10 books to a student for a year. That was a long way from the North Central Association average of 33.9 books per student per year for colleges within the association. Last year, with an enrollment of only 800 students, more than 27,000 books were circulated for home use. The new average of 28 books per student, while not yet up to the average of other colleges, represents an outstanding achievement on the part of the present student body and faculty.

Are there reasons for this decided increase in circulation, coincident as it does with a decided decrease in enrollment? There are many that might be mentioned, but there are two of almost equal importance that seem to represent the two sides of a campus picture. One is the modernization of the library building, which has created a good atmosphere and a place that the students like to visit. The other is the development of a library service that is effective and efficient. Both of these factors contribute to a greater use of the library resources.

WANTED AT HOPE COLLEGE LIBRARY A SET OF GERMAN ENCYCLOPEDIAS.

Top left: Donald Maxam, senior.

Lower left: left to right: Betty Schepers, John Walchenbach, Van Malsen, Jan Schaefer, sophomores, Gordon Hondorp, senior.
Modernizing a college library involves three very necessary steps: (1) equipping and organizing the library plant for efficient operation, (2) stocking it with books to meet an expanded curriculum, (3) making these books accessible through classification and cataloging. First of all was an overwhelming need for book stacks that was filled by a $20,000 steel stack unit that provided shelving space for all books on hand as well as for growth. This unit not only restored the classification system which had been broken down when books were scattered in all parts of the library, but it made possible an open stack policy which is one of the greatest educational practices developed within the walls of the small college.

Generous book budgets have been necessary for a number of years, not only to meet the influx of students but also to cover a rapidly expanding curriculum. Students cannot use books unless there are books there to use—new books answering today’s questions, old books to make possible research into past developments. Today’s curriculum covers a wide variety of subjects, and the increase in the student body brought a wide variety of talent to the campus. This expansion demands books to fit both courses and talents. It is not enough, however, to purchase books in large numbers. This accumulation created acute problems of organization of materials as books have to be classified and catalogued before they can be available for use, a full time cataloguer was recently added to the library staff to keep books moving rapidly. Not only have thousands of new books been made available through many more thousands of cards in the card catalog, but other thousands of older books never before catalogued are now accessible through subject heading in the catalog. Finally, to make all this organization of resources still more accessible, the new stack unit was opened to students for direct access to the shelves. Now they leave the stacks with armloads of books instead of the single book secured by a page from closed stacks or from reserve shelves.

The second reason for the increase in the use of library resources brings us to the other side of the picture, and is, perhaps, the most important of all. A modern plant, a sufficient number of books for courses within the curriculum, all of which are classified and catalogued can do no more than lay the groundwork. It is the faculty who must find the motivation for the use of these books. It is, therefore, the change in methodology that plays the greatest part in the new look in the college library. Basic to this change in methods of teaching has been the recognition that the learning process is one of self-education and not one of “pouring in.” The belief that the learner must be involved is the basis of modern education. The library, therefore, has become the resource center or laboratory for the modern curriculum. New methods of teaching have moved steadily away from the discussion of a single textbook and from a uniform set of required readings in reserve books. Neither of these introduce the student to the great literature of a field. Forms of instruction vary and devices for motivation of student reading differ widely, but there seems general agreement that the student must acquire his own education. The most obvious materials to be used by him are books and other reproductions of the world’s thought and work. The teacher can guide and assist the student’s effort toward self-education.

Never was there a generation of students more open to the new methodology or more eager to seek answers for themselves. From the eager “why” of the child and the “how” of the youth to the “why is it so?” and the “how can I change it?” of the college student injection to sources of information is what is most needed. Perhaps, after all, the new look is the new student. In any event he has produced a new look in the college library.
PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES OF THE FACULTY

Dr. John W. Hollenbach, dean of the college, Rev. William Hilmer, head of the Religious Education department, Prof. J. J. Ver Beek, of the Education department and Mr. George Pelgrim and Mrs. Pelgrim, member of the Board of Trustees, attended the mid west college conference of the Hazen Foundation at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, from August 13 to 21. The purpose of the conference was to discuss methods of helping the individual student to find and develop those values which will enable him to orient himself better among the conflicting pressures and demands of the modern college campus.

Mrs. Pelgrim served on a panel; and Dean Hollenbach was co-chairman of one of the four discussion groups and was also a member of the planning committee.

Rev. Paul E. Hinkamp, college registrar, attended a conference of veterans administrators and college registrars in Detroit on September 10. Purpose of the conference was to discuss veterans administration regulations as they apply to the Korean veteran and the student returning from selective service.

Dr. Paul Fried of the history and political science department spent the summer as visiting professor of modern European history at Mexico City College.

Mr. Charles Lininger, assistant professor of economics attended the institute on Central Banking Techniques at the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago September 15, 16 and 17. Purpose of the institute was to review the two and one half year period since the Treasury-Federal Reserve Accord; an analysis of monetary policy in action; and to discuss various problems of Federal Reserve System.

Mrs. Marguerite Prins and Miss Nella Meyer of the French department spent the summer in European travel and study. They traveled in Belgium, The Netherlands, Germany, Austria, Denmark, Switzerland and Italy before registering at the Sorbonne for a civilization course. Their work was done in the field of nuclear physics.

Miss Emma Recverts, dean of women, attended a seminar, sponsored by the Danforth Foundation, in Christian Perspectives for College Training. This seminar was held at Boston University School of Theology for three weeks from August 2 to 21. 27 college teachers were enrolled from twenty-seven colleges. Dr. Roger Hazleton, of the faculty of Andover-Newton School of Theology and Dr. Paul Deats, of the Boston University School of Theology, were the lecturers and leaders of the workshops.

Miss Elva Van Haisma, of the speech department, attended the Shakespearean Festival at Stratford, Ontario, during the summer. She attended also the Children's Theatre Conference at Michigan State College and a speech conference at the University of Michigan. Miss Van Haisma, as second vice-president of the National Speech Association, was entertained at dinner with the officers of the national association.

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Two Hope college juniors each received a $250 scholarship to be used for educational expenses during the coming school year. The recipients are Lyle Vander Werff of Stickney, South Dakota and Arie Brouwer of Edgerton, Minn.

Notice of the scholarship winners was received by Dr. Lubbers from John W. Arnold, Midwest Sales Director of the Vita Craft Corporation of Kansas City, Mo. Arnold said that the scholarships are offered annually by the company to employees who show aptitude in sales work. Both Brouwer and Vander Werff have been members of the sales department of Vita Craft during the summer and were top salesmen in the Mid-West Division.

Brouwer is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arie Brouwer, Sr. of Edgerton. He is a graduate of Edgerton high school where he was valedictorian and active in dramatics and musical organizations. He also was a member of the school paper staff as well as serving on school annual board. At Hope he is a pre-seminary student.

Vander Werff, son of Mr. and Mrs. Evert Vander Werff, expects to go into full time religious work upon graduation from Hope. He transferred to Hope from Northwestern Junior College where he was a member of the Men's Glee Club, the English Majors Club and served both the YMCA and the International Relations club as president. He has been active in forensics, varsity basketball and the Student Council at Northwestern.

VITACRAFT CORPORATION SCHOLARSHIPS

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Besides the regular MIAA schedule, which includes defending champion Calvin, the Dutch will engage several top flight non-league schools. Among these will be Beloit and Lake Forest at the Civic Center.

Season tickets are now available from Prof. Charles Steketee, ticket manager. Prices for the 945 upholstered individual seats are $6 each or $5 for two or more. Plenty of free parking is available for a 2600 capacity attendance.

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OLDEST LIVING ALUMNUS
NINETY-EIGHT YEARS OLD

Hope's oldest living alumnus observed his 98th birthday anniversary on September 20 at the Park View Convalescent Home in Zeeland. He is the Rev. A. H. Strabbing who was graduated from Hope College in 1880.

Mr. Strabbing makes his home with his son's family, H. D. Strabbing of Hamilton, where he has lived since the death of Mrs. Strabbing 10 years ago. Six months ago he fractured his hip and was hospitalized in Holland Hospital for three weeks, and has been convalescing at the Park View Home since.

Besides his son, Mr. Strabbing has four grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

Before his retirement he and Mrs. Strabbing served pastorates in Hamilton for two periods of time and in Marion, New York; Sheboygan, Wisconsin; Eben, East Overisel, North Holland and Kalamazoo, Michigan.

As we go to press word is received that Mr. Strabbing died on Sunday morning, Oct. 3.

FORT KOBBE, CANAL ZONE, NEWS

Ken Otto '53 is playing with the 71st Army Band at Fort Clayton; Don Wierenga '53 is assigned to the 504th Field Artillery Battalion, Fort Kobbe; Don Piersma '54 is also assigned to the 504th and playing basketball with the post team; Jack De Waard '53 is assigned to the Intelligence Office, 33rd Regimental Combat Team and is also playing on the Fort Kobbe basketball team.

In Service

Pvt. Rodney Wissink '54, US554737-11, Medical Detachment, 4005th Area Service Unit, U. S. Army Hospital, Fort Hood, Texas.
Lt. (j.g.) Fred Brieve '50, 2344-6th Ave., San Diego 1, Calif.
Capt. William H. Draper '48, USMC BB 64, U.S.S. Wisconsin, c/o FPO, New York, N.Y.
Comdr. Mayo A. Hadden, Jr. '38, USN, 3510 N. Quebec St., Arlington, Pa.
Donald L. Fairchild '51, 528 N. Howard St., Apt. 201, Alexandria, Virginia.

*1951. William Birdwell, for more than two years organist and master of the choirs at Messiah Lutheran Church, Denver, has accepted the call to be the Director of Music at Messiah Church.

*1951. Richard Holman has recently become superintendent of South Town Hospital in Chicago. His address: 5707 S. Wood, Chicago 36.

*1951. Earl Huysen who received his Ph.D. in chemistry from the University of Chicago on August 27, will remain at the University of Chicago where he is employed as a research assistant. Last year Earl was awarded the Sinclair Oil Co. Fellowship in organic chemistry. He is now working on a project involving army chemicals and warfare research. He has been co-author of three publications in the Journal of the American Chemical Society. He was recently featured in an illustrated article on Sinclair Fellowships in Sinclair publication.

ROBERT H. BONTHIUS
VASSAR CHAPLAIN

The appointment of Robert H. Bonthius '40 as chaplain and professor of religion at Vassar College was announced in September by Miss Sarah Gibson Blanding, president of Vassar.

A member of the department of religion at the College of Wooster, Wooster, Ohio, since 1947, Mr. Bonthius has had wide experience in religious and counselling work with students and young people's groups. In 1943 he was director of religious work of the McBurney Branch of the YMCA in New York City. He helped to organize and served as first president of a tri-county guidance center recently established in Wooster and was active in other social welfare projects in that community. For the past two years he was chairman of the Committee of Educational Inquiry of Wooster College under a grant from the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. This committee has just completed a two-year study of programs of independent study in this country soon to be published.

Mr. Bonthius received the B.D. degree from San Francisco Theological Seminary and was ordained a Presbyterian minister in 1943. During his seminary years he filled summer pastorates in California and Idaho. He was appointed pastor of the Parkway Community Church in Bloomfield, New Jersey, in 1944, and served as interim moderator in various Presbyterian congregations while on the Wooster faculty.

The new Vassar chaplain, son of Dr. Robert Bonthius '07N, received the MA and Ph.D. degrees from Columbia University, and has taught systematic theology and the philosophy of religion at Union Theological Seminary. He and Mrs. Bonthius, a graduate of UCLA who majored in Home Economics, are the parents of three young sons.
WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Harlan J. Failor '50 and Patricia Flom, June 19, Chicago, Ill.

Gordon W. Moore '50 and Corinne Siebert, July 11, 1953, Floral Park, N. Y.

Caryl Curtis '52 and John Adamson Ewart, Jr., July 16, Holland, Mich.


Audrey Speer and Wilber C. Vander Yacht '50N, July 17, Holland, Mich.

Donald Van Ry '50 and Marian Eastman, August 20, Holland, Mich.

Rodger W. Decker '49 and Mary Virginia Butler, August 22, Red Springs, N.C.

Philip G. Meengs '49 and Ann Duva, August 29, Portland, Oregon.


Marvin G. Meypans '50 and Barbara McDonald of Hornchurch, England, September 18.


Donald E. Jansma '54 and Alice Klepper '55, August 27, Kalamazoo, Mich.

Neil Van Heest '52 and Mary Lou Richards '54, August 6, Berrien Springs, Mich.

Margaret Aller '54 and Howard J. Van Dahn '52N, September 1, Muskegon, Mich.


Collins D. Weeber '53 and Shirley R. Kimball '53N, August 31, Holland, Mich.

Irina J. Smith '52 and Morris F. Hill, May 29, Skaneateles, N.Y.

Richard W. Leonard '50 and Matie Kanthank, August 14, West Engwood, N.J.

David Hager '52 and Kay Ann Bruce '57, September 3, Jackson Hole, Wyoming.

Betty Herr '53 and George C. Zimmerman, September 4, Port Jervis, N.Y.

PROF. ANTHONY KOOIKER TO MAKE NEW YORK DEBUT

Mr. Anthony Kooiker, associate professor of music at Hope College, will make his New York debut at Town Hall on November 26.

Mr. Kooiker, who was Albert Spalding's accompanist from 1947 until the noted violinist's retirement in 1950, is a graduate of Northwestern University. He has studied with Carl Friedberg in New York and with Georges Enesco in Paris. He has also done work at the Eastman School of Music with Sandor Vas. Mr. Kooiker, a native of Hull, Iowa, taught at Central College in Pella for four years. He has been teaching at Hope College since 1950.

At Town Hall Mr. Kooiker will play a program of selections by composers of all areas of piano literature. A feature of interest to Hope college people will be four preludes by John Lessard which the artist will play for the first time, the premiere having been commissioned by Hope College for Mr. Kooiker.

Columbia Artist Management, Inc. of 113 West 57th Street, New York 19, will manage Mr. Kooiker's Town Hall debut.

ADVANCED DEGREES

Jay Rutgers, Ph.D. chemistry, Northwestern University, September.

Earl Huysen, Ph.D. chemistry, Cornell University, August.

Elwin Richardson, Ph.D. chemistry, University of California, August.

Paul Cook, Ph.D. chemistry, University of Illinois, September.

Edward Dunning, Ph.D. chemistry, Purdue University, September.

Elmer R. Brandt, M.S. Education, University of Southern California, June 12.

Harlan J. Failor '50, M.D. University of Wisconsin, June 1954.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Dale '47 and Mrs. Steppels, John Webb, June 8, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Harmon '40 and Ann Van Eck '48 Wicrenge, Peter Alan, August 3, Denver, Colo.

Eugene and Mary Van Loo Barendse (both '49) Randall Mark, June 16, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Robert '47 and Genevieve Seeley '51 Folkert, Susan Jean, March 2, Keosauqua, Iowa.

William and Ruth De Young '41 Poits, Delora Kay, June 29, Eaton Rapids, Mich.

Charles '52 and Barbara Wicrenge '52 Wissink, Scott Winston, August 31, Holland, Mich.

Earl '54 and Charlotte Laman, Janice Ann, August 30, Holland, Mich.

John H. '42 and Harriet Myruken '47 Massen, Mary Louise, June 17, Kalamazoo, Mich.

Gordon '50 and Marian Alderink, Gordon John, July 5, Muskegon, Mich.


Robert '54 and Ruth Prins, Debra Kay, August 20, Holland, Mich.


Bruce and Elaine Muesen '47 De Pree, Lynn, April 6, Zeeland, Mich.

Eugene '37 and Margaret Nagy '42 Osterhaven, Janice Elizabeth, August 13, Holland, Mich.


Douglas '52 and Joyce Kooiman '54 Van Gessel, Jerrianna, August 2, Paramount, Calif.

Stanley and Jeanne Kranendonk '52N Kuck, Kristine Lynn, July 15, Oostburg, Wis.

Bill '54 and Mrs. Boeskool, Betsy Jo, September 3, Grand Rapids, Mich.

John '49 and Mrs. De Vries, John Timothy, September 18, New Brunswick, N. J.

Mervyn '52 and Carol Buseman, Mary Louise, September 21, Vale, Oregon.

Donald '51N and Mrs. Boeskool, Lorie Jean, September 29, Grand Rapids, Mich.

*1952. Larry Fabunmi has written from Nigeria Union of Great Britain and Ireland.

*1953. Mary Karsten is teaching middle elementary grades in Yakutat, Alaska. Her principal is David Karsten.

*1952. Lavina Hoogeveen was commissioned as a missionary to Arabia on September 12. The service was held in Eighth Reformed Church, Grand Rapids. Her work in Arabia will be in the field of teaching.
D. IVAN DYKSTRA, DELEGATE, SIDELIGHTS WCC

Participation in the Second Assembly of the World Council of Churches, which was held at Evanston during the latter half of August, was one of those never-to-be-forgotten, once-in-a-lifetime experiences. Here, as everyone knows by now, twelve hundred representatives from one hundred sixty three communions in forty eight lands met for two weeks to re-examine and reaffirm the Christian gospel of hope, and to clarify the meaning of that hope and the consequent Christian task in relation to six specific areas: the theology and polity of the Christian churches, Christian evangelism, the development of a responsible society in the world, the growth of the spirit of world community, the easing of racial and ethnic tensions, and the meaning of his vocation for the layman.

The official reports from the Assembly will have to be relied on to tell the story and to serve as a basis for evaluation of the Assembly. They will say nothing about the rich by-products of having been there: the value and stimulus of face-to-face association with stimulating persons from far-away places; the inspiration of a communion service shared by Christians from all the denominations all over the world, or of a congregation singing, Ein Fette Burg Ist Unter Gott, some in German, some in French, and some in English, but all united by the faith which it expresses and the majestic music which is its vehicle; the magnificence of the "Festival of Faith," with its inspiring pageant, when 125,000 people jammed Soldiers' Field for an Ecumenical service of worship; the challenge of meeting flesh-and-blood Christians from behind the Iron Curtain and of thinking through the implications of the fact that earnest Christians from both halves of our divided world could share the same meeting and its purposes; the conversations with philosophers from Britain and from the Hindu tradition of India; the closer acquaintance with people who are continuing the traditions from which the Reformed Church in America has come; the delegations from the Hervormde Kerk in the Netherlands, with its contemporary vitality in theology; the riches of the dinner-hour fellowship, now with an Indian bishop, then with a charming young pastor of the Old Catholic Church in Switzerland, or again with an interesting Lutheran from Finland, or a delightful Baptist negro couple from down south; the joy of noting that almost everyone from India knew and cherished the name of HOPE; the delight of discovering that a Swiss theologian, who did not know much English, at least understood clearly the meaning of "Koffee-Kletz;" the surreptitiously added value of turning the dial on the translation system headsets and getting some free exercises in listening to spoken German; beautiful Bishop Athenagoras from Turkey reading the Greek New Testament; the excitable Frenchman who never could remember which of the three languages he wanted to be using and kept his translators and the audience in a tizzy, as he jumped from English to French and German and back again; the sheer ecumenicity of bumping into a huge, blubbery black form as it emerged from the shower, only to discover later when it was decked out in its ecclesiastical habiliments that it really was a bishop from the heart of Africa; the frustration of the dignitary from "down under" upon being caught at 1:00 A.M. sneaking into the lavatory to wash his socks; the sweltering heat which made even the Africans and Indians wish they were back at the equator; the frequent thunderstorms which prompted the retort that we Americans have a notion that we must even plan our thunderstorms on a large scale; the overwhelming hospitality of the people of Evanstan and their spontaneous interest in the Assembly, which made Evanstan seem like Holland; the grimy Irish mechanic who, at three-fifty per hour, insisted on putting a discussion of the Assembly ahead of the job of repairing my car; etc., etc., ad infinitum. In a word, you should have been there!

*1952. Barbara Baker is working for Rippey, Henderson, Kostka & Co., the largest advertising agency in Denver, in their public relations department. She moved West this summer and has "fallen" for the scenery, the people and the climate. Address: 1720 Sherman Street, Apartment 201, Denver.

DR. WILLIAM ROTTSCHAEFER ENTERS PRIVATE PRACTICE

Dr. William Rottschaefer of the class of 1938, until August 1954 clinical instructor in surgery at the University of Michigan, has entered private practice of general surgery in Holland with an office in the Temple Building.

Dr. Rottschaefer, who has served under Dr. F. A. Coller, is a 1945 graduate of the University of Michigan Medical School. After graduation in February of that year he entered the U.S. Navy and served until April, 1947.

He then returned to University Hospital where he was assistant director under Dr. Albert C. Kerlikowske until June 1950, when he began specialized instruction in surgery under Dr. Coller.

The son of the Rev. William Rottschaefer 05, Dr. William is considered a native of Pella, Nebraska. He saw service in the Navy, including an internship at the Naval Hospital in Norfolk, Virginia and service overseas in the Philippines, Iwo Jima and Okinawa. As divisional medical officer, he was in charge of some 800 men and 50 officers. His Destroyer Escort Division received the Unit Citation Award and Dr. Rottschaefer received a personal commendation for his services.

He has held membership in several medical organizations including the Medical Hospital Association and the American College of Hospital Administrators. In addition, he has served on the board of directors of the Michigan Medical Service (Blue Shield), Washtenaw County Community Nursing Council and the Washtenaw County Chapter National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

Dr. and Mrs. Rottschaefer, the former Berdine Hop of Holland, and three daughters: Mary, 12; Diane, 7, and Susan, 5, live at 993 W. 32nd Street.
“It’s DIFFICULT TO TEACH YOUR OWN”

Dr. Ernest E. Ellert of Hope College and his wife, both trained linguists, demonstrate some of the methods they have worked out to teach German to young children, with their own family, Edward (left), 5; John, 7; and 19-months-old Lucinda. Ruthlessly honest, Dr. Ellert confesses his own children don’t know much German. “It’s difficult to teach your own children,” he said.

Two soft-spoken linguists of Holland, Dr. Ernest E. Ellert of Hope College faculty and his wife, who also trained in language study in graduate school, may be sparking a revolution in foreign language teaching in the public schools.

If they succeed, your children in years to come will be talking and reading German, Spanish, French or another foreign language before they’re out of grade school.

In Europe such an achievement would not be unusual. With international boundaries all about them, Continentals expect to speak two or three languages, and bring up their children in at least a second language as a matter of course. But with the exception of private schools few schools in this country have introduced a foreign language course before high school.

A little semi-nationalistic teaching of foreign language in elementary schools went out with World War I and has not returned.

If German in elementary school sounds like bad news for boys and girls they may cheer up. In Dr. Ellert’s first elementary classes pupils never see a book, let alone do homework.

William W. Kuyper ’31 has been appointed manager of manufacturing engineering for the General Electric Co. large steam turbine-generator department in Schenectady, the company announced on September 29.

William joined General Electric in 1933. He became associated with the large steam turbine-generator department in 1933 as project engineer for the new turbine development laboratory.

He received his bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering and a master of arts degree from the University of Michigan in 1933. He holds several patents and is a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and the Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers.

True, Dr. Ellert and his wife are not finishing a book on German for elementary pupils, but the book will never be in the hands of the youngsters. It’s a manual for the teachers.

Teachers can use it in any year of elementary school. Dr. Ellert thinks kindergarten would be a good place to start. Kindergarten, naturally, all instruction would be oral. Dr. Ellert starts out by giving them a painless vocabulary.

The youngsters learn the words for objects in the classroom, window, chair and the like. If they are kindergarteners, Dr. Ellert simply pronounces the word in German until they catch on.

If the children are a little older and already reading English he may make what he calls “stick” drawings on the blackboard—a square for four walls with a rough sketch of a bed. The little folks know what we call a bedroom, but Dr. Ellert right there with the German word Schlafzimmer. Or he draws another room—stove and sink and everybody’s age—learn that in Germany it’s “Kueche,” or kitchen. “Tisch,” the table and “Stuhl,” the chair, become old friends in the same way.

The big advantage, according to Dr. Ellert is that taught in this way, the children learn to think in German. They not laboriously say to themselves, “bedroom,” and then translate it “Schlaflzimmer.” It’s “Schlafzimmer” at once.

WORK TOGETHER

Though Dr. Ellert has done the actual teaching of children by this method, Mrs. Ellert, who was almost ready to take a Ph.D. in French at the University of Michigan when Dr. Ellert persuaded her to take up marriage instead, works closely with her husband in preparation of materials used in the elementary classroom. Both are linguists, interested in the general field of language teaching and its principles. Although Mrs. Ellert’s field of specialization was French she is a good enough German scholar to turn readily to this planning instruction in language.

"By the end of a year of this training," she said, "children can sing and play in German; can get up, go to bed and three meals in German. They know a simple grace before meals and a bedtime prayer."
"In a certain sense," chimed in Dr. Ellert, "the children know German better than my college pupils. Their pronunciation is better; they think in German, and what they know, they remember."

**Grammar Left Out**

As far as could be learned from Dr. Ellert, grammar will never raise its horrid head in his elementary German classes. Strong and weak verbs will be learned by absorption, just as the English-speaking child presently learns by observation to use the English verb "sang" a song and not that lie "singed" it, even though a host of more uniformist English verbs form the past tense by adding "ed."

Can a teacher who has not, like Dr. Ellert, a Ph.D. in Germanic linguistics, teach German by this method? Both Dr. Ellert and his wife are positive that they can.

"Any good elementary teacher can teach by this method—probably better than most school or college teachers could teach," said Mrs. Ellert, "provided they know the language themselves. This doesn't mean they have to know the whole literature of a language, but they must have a good, technical speaking knowledge."

The method, of course, is applicable to any language.

A specialist in language-teaching methods, Dr. Ellert has spent this Summer at the University of Michigan teaching English as a foreign language to groups of foreign graduate students and others who needed more English to pursue work on the Michigan campus this year.

Dr. Ellert is a native of Massachusetts and took his undergraduate work at Amherst College, his Master's degree at Columbia University and his Ph.D. at the University of North Carolina, seasoning with a year of study in Germany at the Universities of Marburg and the University of Kiel. He taught a year at Lafayette College in Easton, Pa., and a year at the University of Wisconsin before coming to Ann Arbor seven years ago to teach in the German department.

Mrs. Ellert is the former Lois Vander Meulen of Holland, daughter of Judge Julius Vander Meulen. She graduated from Hope College before going to the university.

**Book Completed**

The Ellerts have three children, John, 7, Edward, nearly 5 and Lucinda, 16 months. For the last three years the parents have been laboring together evenings—usually after the children had gone to bed—to put together their handbook for teachers of German. Now at last the book is finished and in the hands of litho-printers in Ann Arbor.

None too soon, either, because the Ellerts, all five of them, are sailing Sept. 7 on the SS. Gripsholm for a year of study in Germany. Dr. Ellert will be there on a Fulbright scholarship and both he and Mrs. Ellert will do research for material to be used in their future teaching methods for children.

In addition, Dr. Ellert will lecture on his language teaching methods at the University of Hamburg and the University of Göttingen. Going with him to Germany will be Dr. Charles C. Fries, head of the English Language Institute at the University of Michigan who will work on the problems of teaching English to German speakers.

Ann Arbor public schools will start courses in foreign language in elementary schools this year. Detroit may do likewise. Holland with the enthusiastic backing of the Board of Education, began this work in public elementary schools last year under Dr. Ellert's leading and will continue it on an enlarged scale next year.

Dr. Ellert demonstrating classroom technique in elementary foreign language teaching.
HENRY V. E. STEGEMAN '12
Henry Van Eyck Stegeman ’12, regis­
tar of Northwestern Junior College,
Orange City, died at Worral Hospital
in Rochester, Minnesota, on Saturday,
August 14, where he was under treat­ment for a heart ailment. He was 65 years old.
Dr. Stegeman and his wife, Gertrude
Hockje ’12, served as missionaries in
Japan for 24 years. They returned to the
United States because of war conditions.
Born and raised in Holland, Dr. Stege­man
was graduated from Hope College
in 1912 and from Western Theological
Seminary in 1917.
He had received the degree of Master
of Sacred Theology from Hartford Sem­inary
and Doctor of Divinity from Hope
College.
Surviving are his wife, the former
Christene Cappon ’20N; a son, James
’52, an English teacher in Benton Har­bor;
the father, two brothers, Carrow, of
Legionier, Indiana; and Dr. Ford of
Lansing and a sister, Adelaide ’33N, Mrs.
Jo Jonker, of Holland.
Funeral services were held August 18
from Nibbellink-Notier Funeral Home,
burial was in Pilgrim Home Cemetery.

IVA C. STANTON ’10N
Miss Iva C. Stanton ’10N, who taught
in the Holland Public school system for
36 years, died August 4 at Holland Hos­pital
at the age of 71. She had been ill
for several weeks.
Born in Forest Grove, she was the dau­ghter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Nelson R.
Stanton. Mr. Stanton was Ottawa
County School commissioner for many
years.
Miss Stanton, who lived at 54 East
13th Street, was graduated from Michi­gan State Normal at Ypsilanti. She re­
tired from teaching several years ago.
Surviving are a brother, Dr. E. C.
Stanton of Charleston, West Virginia, a
nephew and a niece, both of Charleston.
Funeral services were held at Third
Reformed Church. Burial was in Pilgrim
Home Cemetery.

REV. JOHN VANDERBEEK ’02
The Rev. John Vanderbeek ’02, who
retired in 1952 after 47 years in the Re­formed Church ministry, died of a heart
attack on August 18 while riding on a
train near Ames, Iowa. He was enroute
home with his wife and a granddaughter,
after a six week’s trip to the west coast.
He was 77 years old.
Mr. Vanderbeek who had been in
failing health for several years had been
anxious to participate in the 50th anni­versary ceremonies at a church on Whid­bey Island at Oak Harbor, Washington,
which he helped to organize. While on
the west coast the Vanderbeeks visited
relatives in Oregon and Washington.
Mr. Vanderbeek served as pastor of
Sixth Reformed Church, Holland, for 13
years from 1929 to 1942. Then he served
as pastor of Ebenezer Church, out­side of Holland, for 10 years, before re­tiring in October, 1952. Before coming
to Holland he was pastor of the South
Blended Church for about three years.
After graduation from Hope in 1902
he entered Western Seminary and was
graduated in 1905. He served pastores in
Prairie View, Kansas; Maurice, Iowa;
Pipestone, Minnesota and Oak Harbor,
Washington, before returning to Michi­gan.
Since his retirement the Vanderbeeks
have been living in Grand Rapids. They
collected their residence in Grand Rapid­s because their daughter, Vera Larson ’43N a polio victim had to have therapy
services almost daily. Mrs. Harry Lar­son, who was stricken about five years
ago, is still an iron lung patient.
Surviving are the wife; four sons,
Arthur J. ’36N of Muskegon, Herman
of Hilboro, Oregon; Rev. Bernard ’34,
pastor of the Kanawha Presbyterian
Church of Charleston, W. Virginia and
Gerald ’33N of Grand Haven, Ottawa
County sheriff; two daughters, Alma Mil­ler ’40N of Saugatuck and Mrs. Larson,
whose family has been with the Vander­beeks since she became ill.
Funeral services were held in Holland
at Sixth Reformed Church on August 23.
Burial was in Pilgrim Home Cemetery.

MARVIN L. DE VRIES ’19
Marvin Leroy De Vries, class of ’19, prominent Holland writer who specialized
in radio scripts and short stories for na­tional magazines, died August 16 in Ho­lland Hospital of a lingering illness.
He was born October 27, 1897, in
Oberlin, son of Dr. Igear R. De Vries
and the late Mrs. Margaret De Vries. He
attended Hope College, the Detroit Con­servatory of Music and was graduated from the University of Michigan Law
School in 1923. His schooling was in­terrupted by World War 1 when he
served with the Marine Corps.
Upon graduation from law school, Mr.
De Vries became associated with the law
offices of Homer Ferguson and worked with
him until 1925 when he began his
writing career. Since then he had been
writing for radio programs and national
magazines.
He was active in the Holland Writers
Club since its beginning and was a guest
lecturer at Hope College creative writing
classes on several occasions.
Early in his writing career, De Vries
wrote stories for boys’ magazines. In
1937 he submitted a test script to a Chi­
cago advertising agency and he was com­missioned to write a serial, “David Ad­ams,” which dealt with sea adventure and
was designed for late afternoon listen­ing. His success with this serial enabled him
later to write scripts for the “Lone Ranger” which gradually settled into a pattern of writing western stories. His
latest story “Seeds of Hate” was pub­lished in the issue of the Saturday Even­ing Post appearing on news stands the
day following his death.
Surviving are his wife, the former
Christene Cappon ’20N; a son, James
’52, an English teacher in Benton Har­bor;
the father, two brothers, Carrow, of
Legionier, Indiana; and Dr. Ford of
Lansing and a sister, Adelaide ’33N, Mrs.
Jo Jonker, of Holland.
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1949. John E. Tirrell became, on July
1, assistant director of the center for
Field Studies at Harvard. This is a part
of the graduate school of Education, un­der the supervision of a university-wide
committee and its personnel contains peo­ple from many fields—sociologists, po­litical scientists, social psychologists, and
others. Studies of school systems in that
New England area are conducted, and
Jack says he would like to study systems
in the Midwest!

While he has been working for his
Ed.D., since fall 1952, at Harvard, which
he received in June, Jack was fortunate
to have a university scholarship. Last year
he worked on a social science research
project and traveled over Massachusetts
interviewing about 100 school board
members. During the past year, on a
grant from the Harvard Foundation for
advanced study and research, he worked on
studies of school systems in Boston,
Chelsea, Arlington and Revere, Massa­chusetts and also in Corning, New York.
He also served on the editorial board of
the Harvard Educational Review.

Jack and his wife, Louise, have two
children, Eric, 3 and Christene, 1/2.
Their new address is 94 Blonom Street,
Lexington, Mass.
The very commendable increase in library circulation, noted elsewhere in this issue, has helped to stimulate a number of interested alumni to consider the formation of a Friends of Hope College Library group with the objective; "to increase the resources of Hope College Library in order to meet the growing demands of the college community; to improve facilities in order to expand its services to alumni and other interested persons."

In May of this year a temporary planning committee was organized under the chairmanship of Earnest Brooks '12. Local alumni on the committee include Mrs. Myra Weaver '21, Miss Adelaide Dykhuizen '26, Miss Lillian Van Dyke '22, Mr. and Mrs. George Pelgrim '16 and '17, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Geerlings '27, and Mrs. L. W. Lamb, Jr. '46, Mr. A. Frank Scharitz joined the group as interested non-alumni, and Mrs. Marguerite Prins '17, as chairman of the Faculty Committee on the Library.

In the discussion of ways to expand and improve our library resources it was gratefully recognized that a number of individuals are already aiding the library by the donation of magazine subscriptions and books. It was felt, however, that the usefulness of the individual gifts could be further increased by coordinating these efforts in line with the specific needs of the library. Thus, for example, books which are out of print are perhaps standing unused on some book shelf, or back copies of important periodicals may be gathering dust in some attic.

While the planning committee intends to contact the officers of the various alumni groups throughout the country, it is hoped that interested individuals will not only take an active part in the efforts of their local groups to aid the Hope College Library, but that they will send their comments and suggestions directly to some member of the planning committee or to the Alumni Office.

HENRY J. OOSTING NAMED DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN

Prof. Henry J. Oosting '25 has been named chairman of the Duke University Botany Department according to an announcement which reached the alumni office as we go to press.

He succeeds Prof. Hugo L. Blomquist, who has been department chairman since 1954. Prof. Blomquist will continue to serve in the department as a full professor. Prof. Oosting is known as a specialist in plant ecology, the study of relationships between plants and their environment. He has conducted extensive research on forest trees of the Appalachians and other mountain ranges. North Carolina vegetation is another of his major fields of study.

His scientific writings have appeared in the "Botanical Review," "Ecology," "American Midland Naturalist" and other leading scientific journals.


In 1937, he served as ecologist for the Louise A. Boyd expedition to Greenland, conducted under the auspices of the American Geographical Society.

A native of Holland, he holds degrees from Hope College, Michigan State College and the University of Minnesota. Before coming to Duke, he taught at Minnesota.

His professional and honorary memberships include the Ecological Society of America, Association of Southeastern Biologists, American Association for the Advancement of Science, North Carolina Academy of Science and Sigma Xi scientific research society.

1940. Wesley Kraay, who went to Nigeria last year as a dental missionary, has been very ill since Easter with an atypical malaria which has been resistant to treatment. The mission and his physicians decided to send him to America for treatment hoping that in a few months' time he would be well enough to return to his work which he is so eager to do. Everything possible had been done for him at the S.I.M. hospital in Jos, Nigeria. He was flown by stretcher from Jos to New York with a missionary nurse in constant attendance. He arrived in New York on July 18 and was immediately hospitalized. Mrs. Kraay and the three children are awaiting his return in Nigeria.

1945. Eleanor Evers and husband Ted Wisser '46 moved to Grand Rapids from Toledo, Ohio in June. Eleanor began work as a casework supervisor at D. A. Bledgett Home for children. Ted got his master's degree in social work from the University of Michigan in August and has begun work at the Grand Rapids Community Chest. Son, Terrence, is 3 years old.

1950. Jack Daniels is teaching a course in Personnel Administration in the Hope Evening College.

1954. Willem Parson is continuing study in Economics at the University of Michigan. Address: 1416 Hill Street, Ann Arbor.
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OCTOBER 22 – 23 – 24

FRIDAY, OCT. 22
7:00 P.M. — Queen Coronation—Athletic Field.
8:00 P.M. — Judging of Dormitory—Decorations.
8:30 P.M. — Palette and Masque Play—To be announced—Little Theatre.

SATURDAY, OCT. 23
9:00 A.M. — Tennis Tournament Finals—Columbia and 13th Street.
10:30 A.M. — Parade of Floats—8th St.
12:00 M — "H" Club Dinner—Durfee Hall.
2:00 P.M. — Hope College vs. Beloit College—Riverview Park.
6:00 P.M. — Alumni Buffet Supper—Durfee Hall.
8:30 P.M. — Palette and Masque Play—To be announced—Little Theatre.
8:00-11:00 P.M. — Open House in all dormitories.

SUNDAY, OCT. 24
4:00 P.M. — Vesper Service—Hope Memorial Chapel.

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