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Our Cover: Our cover is a tribute to the Hope College students. Their ingenuity in going “all out” for Homecoming is a source of delight and pride to those Hope men and women who return for this big celebration. Pictured is a float in a former Homecoming parade when the theme was “Magazine Titles.” This year’s theme is “Future Fantasy.” (Robert Winter ’57, photographer.)

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Dr. John K. Schut ’42, victim of hereditary Ataxia, points out his position on his family tree.

Seeks Cure for Fatal Ailment...

EACH DAY HE DIES A LITTLE

... AND RENEWS HEROIC FIGHT

By Wendell Weed, Minneapolis Star Staff Writer

"You will notice the doctor has a handicap, but don't pay attention to it," is the frank explanation you get on your first visit to the office of Dr. John W. Schut in Anoka.

The story of that handicap matches the courage of Helen Keller and the tragedy of Lou Gehrig.

It is the story of a brilliant young man who entered science to find the answer to a hereditary medical condition—ataxia—that has claimed about half the members of his family.

He wasn't a victim of the disease when he started his studies, but ataxia now is his handicap and constitutes an inherited death warrant if he or some other researcher doesn't find the answer in a few short years.

It is a non-contagious disease similar to but not the same as multiple sclerosis. The name "ataxia" is fitting for it means "without order." Its victims slowly lose control of movements and develop a slightly slurred speech.

Unless you know, you easily could jump to the unkind conclusion a person with ataxia has been drinking or taking dope.

It also is important to know ataxia does not affect mental ability.

Schut knew from boyhood the condition struck certain members of the family, but not all. He was 30 years old and in the midst of advanced training for his medical specialty of nerve disorders when he detected the first symptoms in himself.

His exhaustive research showed the disease usually claims its victims when they are about 29 years old and their life expectancy then is another 10 years.

"Ten Years to Die" is the title of an autobiography he proposes to write if time permits.

Gerrit John Vandenberg came to the United States from The Netherlands in 1866 bringing four children and leaving four others behind. They lived in northwestern Iowa. In the succeeding years their 350 or more descendants, mostly through Vandenberg's oldest daughter, have continued to live in that area, spreading out into Minnesota and South Dakota.

Most of the men in the family were farmers, but there also have been five preachers and a couple of lawyers.

Schut (who pronounces his name "shut") was born on a farm near Maple Lake, Minn., where he enjoyed all the normal boyhood activities including walking fences and railroad rails which now would be impossible for him to do. His father, John Schut (pronounced skut), died at 49, was an ataxia victim as were three aunts and three uncles.

"I had two years of college left in 1940 when my older brother, Henry, a farmer at Maple Lake, who does not have the condition, urged me to get an education to track down the answer to ataxia," Schut recalled. "None of the five children in our family had it then."

So while I worked toward my B.S. in chemistry, I started tracing the family tree and noting who had the disease. I sent questionnaires to all descendants of Great Grandfather Vandenberg. There were 353 at that time and, of course, many more since.

"I made up a genealogy chart that now has 47 black squares indicating relatives with ataxia. I am No. 22 in the fourth generation on that chart."

After completing his chemistry training at Hope college, Holland, Mich., Schut entered Northwestern university medical college under the army specialized training program.

"I made no secret of the family problem to my professors or my classmates," he said. "In a laboratory one day I noticed a cat that had difficulty in walking. It walked like a person with ataxia."

I asked the professor in charge for a chance to dissect the cat brain when it died and even though I was just a junior medic, I wrote a thesis on 'Olivopontocerebellar Atrophy in a Cat.'"

"Perhaps that was why the army permitted me to work on ataxia for two years after I earned my M.D. degree."

Schut was a commissioned officer in the army medical corps, working in neurology almost exclusively at the Army Institute of Pathology in Washington for two years. He also earned a master of science degree from Northwestern university at the same time.

With army sponsorship, Schut made a clinical study of ataxia. He collected physical examinations, blood samples and spinal fluid specimens from 168 relatives. Accompanying the young doctor as he traveled the midwest was a signal corps photographer who made a 16 millimeter, color movie to which sound was added as a unique documentation of the disease.

"It's an important addition to a medical study," Schut commented. "My studies were the first in medical literature to describe three different types of ataxia in a single family."
By that time his older sister, Elsie, was showing symptoms of ataxia. She died last October. A brother, William, also has developed ataxia.

If a member of the family reaches age 35 without symptoms, he is almost certain to be free of the condition. And because ataxia is transmitted by a dominant gene, those who do not have the disease cannot pass it along to their offspring.

In 1949 Schut became a fellow in neurology and psychiatry at University of Minnesota. He was heading for specialization in a field that requires five years of postgraduate training.

"Every Friday noon the medical staff at University Hospitals meets," Schut said. "Each doctor grabs a cup of coffee to carry downstairs to the meeting.

"One Friday in the spring of 1950 I started to the meeting and found I had trouble carrying the coffee."

"Immediately the thought flashed through my mind that rotten family disease has hit me."

Even more urgent were his research efforts now. Even stronger was his desire to complete specialty training and pass the rigid examinations of the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology, a victory achieved in 1954.

Schut joined the staff of Anoka state hospital for a year and then became a research psychiatrist at Galesburg, Ill., state research hospital. He conducted special studies with a strain of mice that inherited a condition similar to ataxia in humans.

Highpoint of his research career was Dec. 9, 1954 in New York when he reported in detail on the hereditary ataxias to the Association in Nervous and Mental Disease. The report is printed in a volume on Genetics and the Inheritance of Integrated Neurological and Psychiatric Patterns.

Schut was familiar with the pathology of the disease, how it shrank the coordinating pathways of movement in the brain and spinal cord.

He was convinced the answer was to be found in chemistry. Some vital chemical was lacking in the cellular metabolism. Maybe it was potassium or magnesium? Perhaps a hormone imbalance? Or vitamins?

Schut became his own guinea pig. As new advances are reported in neurological research, he applies the promising techniques on himself.

It's an almost daily routine for him to check his balance, visual co-ordination and other motor functions.

"Until something specific is discovered, the best treatment is to keep in top physical condition," he observed.

"For that reason I take frequent long baths and massage. At the first sign of a cold, I go to bed."

"The usual end for a person with ataxia is choking. The normal coughing mechanism isn't strong enough to clear the throat."

Schut has prepared and adjusted himself to the fate that awaits him if the slow progress of ataxia cannot be halted within the next four years or so.

He was married to Mary Reisdorfer, an office worker at Anoka state hospital, in 1953. She is his receptionist and almost constant companion.

"I don't know how I could get along if it weren't for Mary," he said. "It's so much easier to face the future with her along."

Although he's a specialist, Schut practices general medicine, too, except for surgery and maternity work. He's on the staffs at Glenwood Hills and North Memorial hospitals.

He likes the independence of having an office of his own and enjoys being useful in the face of a handicap. But an opportunity to conduct clinical research on ataxia could tempt him from his present efficient three-room suite in the Anoka shopping center.

Editor's Note: The foregoing article was published in May in the Minneapolis Star. Since that time Dr. Schut showed the staff of the Glenwood Hills Hospital, Minneapolis, Minnesota (of which he is a member) a technicolor movie that he prepared on Ataxia in 1948. The staff and administration urged him to continue his research on his hereditary disease. Therefore, an Ataxia Research Center has been established. The hospital is furnishing the space and fixed equipment for the study. However, our alumni must obtain funds for the personnel and supplies for this purpose. He has established an Ataxia Research Fund and has contacted his relatives and other families with the disease in an effort to bring the assets up to a workable figure. Anyone interested in this study is invited to participate in financing it. He is hoping to interest some foundation in his project.

Readers of the Alumni Magazine who want to watch for the story the Saturday Evening Post is preparing on Dr. Schut.

**WALKING BLOOD BANK**

The Knickerbocker fraternity is known as a "walking blood bank" by Holland Red Cross officials. Members of the fraternity have regularly donated blood for the last three years. When a call for donors goes out virtually the entire fraternity volunteers. Those not in physical condition to participate in the mass donations, do so at a later date. Here a group of Knicks available for a picture in May, lines up holding the bottles that will be filled with their blood.
Hope Men in Business

BEATTY APPOINTED KANSAS STATE BUSINESS MANAGER

Daniel D. Beatty '47 has been appointed Business Manager to Kansas State College, Manhattan.

Until his acceptance of his new appointment, he had been Budget Analyst for the Department of Administration, State of Kansas for two years, and formerly assistant to the executive secretary, Kansas Citizens Commission on Assessment Equalization.

A native of Elrod, South Dakota, Beatty graduated from Piedmont, S.D. High School; served in the Navy for nearly six years, being a Commander at the time of discharge in 1945. After graduation from Hope he received his M.B.A. from the University of Michigan, has studied at the University of Kansas, Lawrence, where he was admitted as candidate for the Ph.D. degree in economics.

His teaching experience includes grade school teaching and the principalship at the Oelrichs School District, South Dakota; courses in Financial Administration and Principles of Economics at the University of Kansas as a graduate assistant; and associate professor in business administration and political science at William Jewell College, Liberty, Missouri.

His wife is the former Harriet C. Grote of Holland. There are three Beatty daughters: Edith Ellen, 9; Rebecca Marie, 6; and Margret Grace, 1.

Daniel D. Beatty

ELECTED V-P OF BROKERAGE FIRM

Robert W. Haack '38 has been elected Vice President of Robert W. Baird and Company of Milwaukee, a firm recognized as one of the country's leading underwriting and brokerage firms. He was elected by the company's Board of Directors. He is in charge of the brokerage department.

After graduation from Hope, Bob entered Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration. He was graduated with the M.B.A. degree in 1940 and immediately became associated with his firm, and has been a general partner since 1950. He is a member of the New York Stock Exchange.

Familywise, Bob's wife, Catharine, is a Beloit College graduate. They have four children, Tom, 11; Barbara, 9; Elizabeth, 7 and Linda, 5.

*1943. Rev. John Van Lierop and Rev. Harold Mackey, two Hope graduates in the active ministry in Oregon, the majority for that state, both appeared on the program of a Pastoral Conference on Family Life Education at Oregon College of Education, Monmouth, August 8-10. The conference was sponsored by E. C. Brown Trust, Oregon Council of Churches and Oregon College of Education.

HOPE GRADUATE JOINS ACTUARY FIRM

It has recently been announced that Orville C. Beattie, of the class of 1939, and four other members of a five-man partnership, purchased the business of Arthur Stedry Hansen Consulting Actuaries. The firm specializes in the establishment and maintenance of trusted retirement systems and other deferred compensation plans. It is one of the largest of its kind in the country, serving the pension plans of several hundred companies and municipalities aggregating over a million employees.

After leaving Hope in 1939, Orville spent a year of graduate study at the University of Cincinnati before entering the University of Michigan where he received his Masters degree in preparation for the actuarial profession. After four years with the Army Air Forces Technical Training Command, he became associated with the late Mr. Hansen in 1946, and helped build the firm from six employees to the present organization of 70 employees with headquarters in Lake Bluff, Illinois, and offices at 120 South LaSalle Street in Chicago.

Orville now resides with his wife and three children in Arlington Heights, Illinois, a suburb of Chicago.

*1954. Glen Straatsma is planning to study medicine at the University of Marburg beginning in April, 1957. According to the 593D Field Artillery news bureau he will be married to Miss Imogen Wetzel, German National, and student of Frankfurt University. Address: Sp3 Glen Straatsma, US 55 499 054, Med Det 593d FA Bn, APO 39, New York, N.Y.
Synod Honors Hope Men

Advanced Degrees

John A. Haberland '48, Ph.D., Education, Northwestern University, June 1956.
Donald Martin '51, Ph.D., English, University of Michigan, August 10, 1956.
James A. De Young '51, D.V.M., University of Minnesota, June 1956.
Sylvia Scorsa '45, Th.D., Princeton Theological Seminary, June 1956.
Robert L. Kamp '53, M.D., Wayne University, June 14, 1956.
Owen E. Christensen '52, M.D., Tufts University, June 10, 1956.
Gilbert D. Sager '40, MPA (Master Public Administration), Syracuse University, June 4, 1956.
Helen Engvold Burroughs '52, M.A., Education, Syracuse University, January 27, 1956.
Hope Alumni receiving B.D. degrees from Western Seminary in May were:

Director of New Stewardship Department

At the 150th regular session of General Synod of the Reformed Church in America, held in Holland in June, the Rev. Howard G. Teusink '36 was unanimously elected to be the first director of a new department of Stewardship, established at that session.

The new department which has been under consideration for several years, will be the executive arm of synod's stewardship council. All program boards of the denomination have membership on the council. The department will be housed in RCA headquarters—156 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

Howard is a graduate of Western Seminary and has served missionaries in Michigan and Iowa and for the past three years has directed the denomination's youth work under the RCA Board of Education headed by Dr. Bernard J. Mulder '19.

Hope Men Form Clinic in California

Theodore Winter Zwemer '45, M.D., Robert Rottschaefer '45, M.D. and Richard Wierenga '46, D.D.S., all boyhood friends in India have opened a new clinic building in Rivera, California.

All are from Hope families. Theodore Zwemer was the son of Sara Winter Zwemer '16 and the late Rev. Theodore Zwemer '16; Robert Rottschaefer, the son of Rev. Bernard Rottschaefer, D.D. '06 and Richard Wierenga the son of Rev. Cornelius Wierenga, D.D. '17; all the parents being missionaries to India, Bernard Rottschaefer now retired.

*1950. William Jellemse, who has been studying in Scotland for the past three years, will be assistant professor of religion at Alma College, beginning in September.

Dr. Lubbers Announces...

ADMINISTRATION CHANGES

John E. Visser '42
Milton L. Hinga
Henry Steffens '30
Wm. Vander Lught

A basic change in the structure of the administration of the college was announced late in May by Dr. Irwin J. Lubbers.

By action of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees, four members of the administrative staff have been designated to have delegated authority in their fields beginning with the school year in September. The reorganization includes: the area of finance, Henry Steffens, treasurer of the college; academic affairs, Dr. William Vander Lugt, dean of the college; student affairs, Milton L. Hinga, formerly dean of men, now dean of students. John Visser, of the department of history and political science, replaced Hinga as dean of men.

The fourth appointment, that of dean of administration, will be concerned with internal administrative problems, according to Dr. Lubbers. No appointment has yet been made to that post.

Dr. Lubbers said the major reorganization was prompted by the fact that increased enrollment and consequent problems required so many hours of the president's time that he could better be spent in maintaining contact with churches, alumni and friends of the college, and of the faculty's time that could better be used for their natural task as educators.

The new system is designed to clarify the question of authority and jurisdiction in administration. Dr. Lubbers emphasized the fact that each of these deans has to have jurisdiction in his field, deriving his authority from the Board of Trustees, through the president of the college, and each will submit an annual report to the board.

1930. Henry Bast, D.D., has accepted the call of the Board of Trustees of Western Theological Seminary, to teach in the Department of Practical Theology. He will have a measurable assignment in the Chair of Pastoral Theology and Christian Education, which was formerly occupied by the late Dr. William Goulloze.

1920. Emma Reeves travelled and studied for six weeks this summer with the Sherwood Eddy Seminary. Countries included: England, France, Germany, Yugoslavia, Italy and Switzerland.

1952. Kenneth Van Hemert, who received his D.D.S. from the University of Detroit in June, has been practicing dentistry in Kalamazoo this summer. He is being placed on active duty with the Dental Corps of the U.S. Air Force on October 7.

NINETY-SECOND CONVOCATION

As we go to press the beginning of the college year is just a week away. The college will open its 92nd year with a freshman orientation program beginning Monday, September 17, and formal convocation on Wednesday morning in Memorial Chapel. Dr. Lubbers has indicated that Hope's enrollment this year is expected to top the 1000 mark, an increase of more than 15% over last year. Convocation speaker will be Dr. Bastian Krutihof, pastor of Beverly Reformed Church of Grand Rapids, who has announced his subject to be 'Capsule or Universe'?

Dr. Krutihof, who spent two years studying theology in Edinburgh, Scotland, just previous to accepting his present pastorate last year, is a native of the Netherlands. He is a graduate of Calvin College and Seminary. He has studied at Columbia University and the University of Michigan. He is a teacher, preacher, lecturer and writer of note, Hope College conferred the doctor of divinity degree upon him in 1951.

Dr. Lubbers said that so far a total of 17 foreign students are enrolled from 8 foreign countries. Countries represented include: Canada, China, Japan, Korea, Syria, England, the Netherlands and the Netherlands Guiana.

Two new buildings will be ready for occupancy when the term opens. They are Gerrit J. Kollen men's dormitory, located on Columbia Avenue between 12th and 13th streets and the Hope Music Hall, situated on the campus directly east of Van Raalte Hall. Mr. Rein Vischer, college business manager, has announced the men's dormitory built at a cost of one million dollars will accommodate 250 students on opening day and shortly thereafter will house 300. He said that although most of the student rooms will be ready, the lounge and several shower rooms will not be complete until later this fall. The building is named for Dr. Gerrit J. Kollen who served as third president of Hope College from 1893 to 1911.

The new Music Hall, which cost $225,000, will contain besides the usual classrooms, lobby and office space, a library, 3 listening rooms, 7 studios, 14 piano practice rooms, a band and orchestra room which can be used for a small auditorium, a broadcasting room, kitchenette, toilet facilities and storage space.

The two new structures are part of a $4 million dollar expansion program which began in 1946 at Hope. New buildings constructed during the period other than the music building and men's dormitory are the half million dollar Durfee Hall for women and a central heating plant. The program also included drastic remodeling of Voorhees dormitory for women and Schouten Gymnasium.
Coaching staff and three team members pictured at the pre-college football dinner held in August. Seated: Gordon Brewer ’48, Al Vanderbush ’29, Ken Weller ’48 and Russ De Vette ’47. Standing: Larry Ter Molen, Paul Wiegertink, sophomores, David Kuyers, senior and Captain for 1956.

News and Views... ON THE CAMPUS

FOOTBALL

As we go to press the Hope football team has just begun practice for the 1956 season. Included in the squad of 38 candidates that were greeted by Head Coach Russ De Vette and assistants Gord Brewer, Ken Weller and Al Vanderbush were 20 lettermen, headed by Captain Dave Kuyers of Zeeland, and 14 freshmen. Twenty-seven of this group, representing eight communities, hail from Michigan, while the other 11 men come from Illinois, Iowa, New Jersey, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Virginia.

A rugged eight game schedule which includes some of the top small college teams in the Midwest awaits the Hope Dutchmen. Heidelberg and Hillsdale were undefeated in 1955 and promise to be strong again this year. All M.I.A.A. teams will be improved over last year and so the coaches can foresee nothing that resembles a “breather” in the entire schedule.

1956 HOPE COLLEGE FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

September 22—Heidelberg...away
September 29—Wabash...home
October 6—Kalamazoo...away
October 13—Adrian...home
October 20—Hillsdale...away
October 27—Olivet...home
November 3—Albion...home
November 10-Alma...home

BASKETBALL

The 1956-57 Hope basketball squad will present something of a “new look” because of the presence of new coaches and quite a few new players. The elevation of John Visser to the office of Dean of Men created a vacancy in the coaching ranks which has been filled by the appointment of Russ De Vette as basketball coach. He will be assisted by Gordon Brewer, who joined the Hope coaching staff in September after eight successful years in high school ranks.

Graduation claimed Harold Molenaar, Dwight Riemersma and John Adams and only six letter-winners will be back from the small 1955-56 squad. This nucleus of Robert Ritsema, Mert Vander Lind, Dwayne Teusink, Paul Benes, Jan Buursma and Robert Thomsen will be augmented by what appears to be a most promising group of freshmen prospects.

A feature of the 1956-57 schedule is a holiday tournament which will be held in the Holland Civic Center on December 28 and 29. The Hope team will be joined by squads from Michigan Normal, Earlham of Indiana, and Central State of Ohio (Wilberforce) and this quartet of outstanding small college teams should provide our alumni and other fans in western Michigan with some thrilling basketball.

The complete schedule follows:
December 1—Earlham...home
December 4—Michigan Normal...away
December 8—Olivet...away
December 12—Albion...away

December 15—Alma...home
December 28—Hope College Invitational Tournament
December 29—Central State of Ohio—Earlham—Michigan Normal—Hope

January 3—Hillsdale...away
January 5—Manchester...home
January 9—Calvin...home
January 12—Ferris...away
January 15—Kalamazoo...away
January 19—Adrian...away
February 2—Ferris...away
February 6—Albion...home
February 13—Calvin...home
February 16—Kalamazoo...home
February 20—Adrian...away
February 23—Hillsdale...home
February 27—Olivet...home

All home games played at Holland Civic Center.

Starting time of main game: 8:00 P.M. Starting time of prelim: 6:15 P.M.

ALUMNI RETURN AS FACULTY

Gordon Brewer ’48 joined the Hope physical education and coaching staff this fall as assistant in football, basketball and track.

It will be remembered that Gord played end on the 1946 and 1947 football teams and ran the quarter mile in track.

A native of Martin, he coached at Byron Center for two years and has been at Kelloggsville for six years where he developed fine football and track teams as head coach. He is one of the outstanding exponents of the split-T formation.

Dale De Witt ’53, who received his M.A. in Speech at Northwestern University in August, has been named instructor in Speech at his alma mater.

Since graduation from Hope, Dale has spent two years in service, all at Fort Knox. He entered Northwestern immediately upon being separated from the army in September, 1955, and spent the school year and summer attaining his degree.

He participated in Northwestern’s Summer Festival playing the lead of Geronte in Moliere’s “Scapin,” one of the very few productions of this play ever done in this country. He also played Lord Lovell in Richard III.

During his service experience his wife, Jane Noxon ’53, was a Civil Service Librarian at Fort Knox where they both worked with the Little Theatre. In Evans- ton Jane did marketing research for the A. C. Nielsen Co.
Robert F. De Haan, a native of Grand Rapids, has been appointed Professor of Psychology, it was announced early in the summer by Dr. Irwin J. Lubbers.

Dr. De Haan received his A.B. from Calvin College in 1947 and his Ph.D. in 1951 from the University of Chicago. His major areas for doctoral study were Psychology and Group Dynamics.

Since 1951 he has served on the faculty of the Committee on Human Development, University of Chicago, where he attained the rank of Research Associate, Assistant Professor. In this capacity he was in charge of the gifted child project of the Quincy Youth Development Commission, serving as consultant to the public schools and community groups that set up programs for the gifted.


Dr. De Haan is a member of the American Psychological Association, and Sigma Xi, Chairman, the Special Committee on Gifted Children of the Illinois Association for the Education of Exceptional Children.

He is married and has four children: Joan, 7; Philip, 5; Christine, 3 and Eloise, 1.

1949. Vergil Dykstra has been invited to be a Visiting Lecturer in the Department of Philosophy at the University of Wisconsin for the coming year. He has been granted a year's leave of absence from the University of Oregon.

1953. Arend D. Lubbers, a research fellow at Rutgers University during the past year, has been appointed an instructor in the departments of history and political science at Wittenberg College, Springfield, Ohio, for the fall semester.
ALUMNI DAY

At the annual Alumni Association board of directors meeting held on the campus on June 2, Harold Dykhuizen '30 was reelected President and Mildred Ramaker '26, Vice-President. The meeting was devoted to plans for making the board a more active instrument in promoting the cause of the college in the various centers of alumni population. Dr. Lubbers talked to the group about the aims and plans of the Board of Trustees and the ways in which the alumni board could be helpful and effective. He also showed preliminary plans of the next building under construction— an Art Center to be erected on the corner of 10th and Columbia, which will house classrooms for the speech department, an art studio and a little theatre.

The plans for the annual fund drive were discussed and action taken to endorse the “Match the Foundation Gift” appeal this year. The board acted to conduct the follow-up drive through the area clubs, with specific plans to be made at the Homecoming meeting of the board, October 13.

Quinquennial reunions were held by

* 1950. Ervin R. Knookhuizen has accepted a position, as materials manager, for the construction materials division of General Electric in Bridgeport, Conn. After he received his M.B.A. from Michigan in 1951, he joined the American Seating Company. He was with the company for five years and was the accountant for the installation division when he accepted the position with G.E. Address: 39 Hawthorne Street, Bridgeport 10.

* 1951. LaVerne L. and Lorraine Van Farrow '30 and Sikkema '30 are on furlough from their first assignment to Africa as agricultural missionaries. LaVerne attended the University of Arkansas, studying tropical agriculture, this past summer. She is presently attending Cornell where she received her B.S. before going to Africa. Watch for Lorraine’s article about their experiences in the January magazine.

* 1952. Robert C. and DeAnn De Jonge '26 have been married since June 7 and are active in the University of Michigan Alumni Association. They are now living at 1525 S. State St., Ann Arbor, Mich.

* 1953. Guy Vander Jagt has returned from his Rotary Fellowship in Germany and will enter his last year at Yale Divinity School this fall.

* 1954. Don Prentice was released from Army service and studied three months at the University of Innsbruck, Austria before returning home. He will enter Yale Divinity School this fall.

* 1955. John Haberland, who received his Ph.D. in Education from Northwestern University in June, is teaching at Colorado State College of Education in Greeley.

At the Alumni Convocation held on June 2 in Holland’s Civic Center, several reunioning classes presented anniversaries gifts to the college through President Harold Dykhuizen. The class of 1926 topped all class gifts, by presenting $2,772. Their gift was solicited by Merja J. Ross.

The class of 1926 donated the sum of $500 for the college to be used for the improvement of the Hope Library facilities, with the strong recommendation that first consideration be given to the purchase of the microfilm edition of the New York Times.
CLASS OF 1926


CLASS OF 1906 REUNION

HANNA G. HOEKJE

"With reluctant feet" the Class of 1906 came to their last reunion in Cumerford's restaurant on Saturday, Alumni Day at Hope College. It was almost a unanimous overseas delegation that gathered about the tables prepared for their luncheon.

Arabia claimed for her representative, with five decades of service, Dr. Dirk Dykstra. China had another class member, with about the same record, in Miss Nettie R. De Jong.

From "India's coral strand," where these had made their home for all their married life, came Dr. and Mrs. Bernard Rottschaefer. To join this quartet of missionaries was one woman who had given several years of service on the home mission field of the mountains of Kentucky, Miss Hanna G. Hoekje.

Another bond of fellowship was found in that they were all retired, the Rottschaefer now living in California, the other three enjoying church life in the city of Holland. Taken as a retired group.

CLASS OF 1931

CLASS OF 1906


two others of the class still living could have joined these. They are John C. Hoekje, lately Dean of Administration and Registrar of Western Michigan College in Kalamazoo, and also Dr. Benjamin J. Bush, now living in Asheville, N. C., preacher and teacher in Warren Wilson College. Their state of health forbade the journeys to Holland.

The thoughts of all were frequently turning to the seven members of the original class who have been promoted to a higher service. These include Raymond Visscher, Judson Kolyon, Allen M. Freeland, John Douma, Andrew Stegenga, Anno Dykman, and Richard d' Zeeuw.

The Class organization has now been merged with the Fifty Year Circle of Hope College Alumni, into which group the six remaining members of 1906 were welcomed Saturday evening at the Civic Center. They keep their unqualified espirit de corps and their unbounded loyalty to their Alma Mater.

REPORT OF THE 20th REUNION OF THE CLASS OF 1936

Fifty-seven people attended the reunion luncheon at the American Legion Club House on June second. The occasion marked the first time many of the classmates had seen each other since leaving Hope's campus twenty long years ago. Spontaneous gaiety and free-flowing conversation seemed to effervesce as friends found each other again.

Aside from John Piet and his wife who are home just now on furlough from India, the Herman Knolls, living in Idaho, travelled the furthest to be there. Alyce Van de Riet Hempstead came from New Jersey and was leaving that week for a three year stint in Argentina. The Albert Mansen's combined reunion activities with attendance at General Synod, as did the John Buteyn's. Jim and Mary Jane De Weerd came from Minnesota. Stan Joeckel and Fern took it in on their way home from a western business trip. Murray K. Rogers and his new bride came all the way from Paducah.

CLASS OF 1941


We shared the letters from 19 other classmates who couldn't be with us. Evidently the clergy made the best male correspondents; we heard from ministers—Bill Gaston, Jay Bush, Custis Fletcher, John Van Meulen, David LaMan, Howard Teusink, and Bill Welmers. Two teachers, Harold Ver Steeg and Dick Van Voldvoard, took time to write; and two men with General Motors—Leon De Jongh and John Van Wyk—sent newsy notes. Les Wolterink, scientist, hopes to be at the 25th.

Six of the women sent interesting tidbits about themselves, families, activities, hobbies—Toodie Van Raalte Kies, Alice Englesman Redecker, Elinore Pierrepont Marlowe, Miriam Baehr, Doris Van Lente Neckers, Olive Wishmeier Winter. It was good to hear from you all.

One member, Milton Spana, has a son who is now attending Hope College. There were several others who expected their young people to choose Hope as their school in the near future.

George Douma, our class president, conducted a brief business meeting and was charged with the appointment of a committee for the 25th reunion.

Our picture (vide page 11) shows what fun we had and how we anticipate our get-together in 1961.

The 1956 committee consisted of Muriel Chandall Hardie, Lois Van Meulen Ellert, Betty Goehner Boven and Helena Visscher Winter.

CLASS OF 1916

CLASS OF 1936


50 YEAR CIRCLE


CLASS OF 1946

A College of Distinction

I have been away from this platform for eleven years, but the passing years have brought to me a new appreciation of Hope College and new perspectives from which to judge and interpret the College. Last summer as we were travelling through the Pacific Northwest, we sometimes came to heights in the mountains from which we would see all the long, climbing, winding road by which we had come. It is something like today as we look back upon the rough and toilsome road which the college has travelled since that time when pioneers of great faith and courage planted a colony in the wilderness in 1847. Four years later they established an academy and eleven years after that, the first freshman class became a reality. Four years later, on May 14, 1866, the college was incorporated. A few days later came the first commencement, with a graduating class of 8 men. These men hold in high honor because they were the first fruits of the hopes and the faith of the colonial church. Now 90 years have passed and the college has reached the highest plateau in her history. Here now is an educational structure of distinction whose place in the world of religion and culture seems secure.

My personal relation only goes back to 1901, when I entered the Preparatory School at a tuition charge of $18 per year. I would like to deal with the period with which I have been intimately connected, to try to discover some of those things which have made Hope College a college of distinction.

In the first place, I mention her role in the area of co-education. One of the surprising things is that this college, founded by a group of determined and hard-headed Dutchmen, should so early have had any interest in the higher education of women. And yet, in 1866, the Council of Hope College made the following declaration: "Higher education for women seems to provide the proper medium between the spirit of oriental barbarism which regards women as fitted only to be parent and housekeeper, and the infidelity of women's rights falsely so-called." Contrast that with the words of President Eliot. In his inaugural at Harvard University in 1869, he said, "This corporation will not receive women as students in the college proper, nor into any school where discipline requires residence near the school. The difficulties involved in the common residence of young men and women of immature character and marriageable age are very grave. The necessary police regulations would be exceedingly burdensome." And when ten years later in 1879 the President of Columbia University advocated the admission of women to the undergraduate college, he is said to have convulsed the educational world. Even as late as 1902, James B. Angell of the new university of Chicago said, "To behold a campus dotted with couples billing and cooing to an A.B. degree is a thing that is said to rejoice Venus and Pan rather than Minerva, and were it to be the frequent and necessary outcome of co-education, the future of the system would certainly be in jeopardy." In the face of such general opposition to co-education, it seems proper to give a word of praise to the leadership of a small pioneer college which had vision even to risk the venture. But even though the doors had been open to women since the founding, it continued to be virtually a man's college until 1900. The class of 1882 graduated the first two women, one of whom, Frances Phelp Otte, is still with us. By 1900, nine women had earned the bachelor's degree, but after that the number of alumnae increased rather rapidly. In time we discovered that men of and women could not stop the billing and cooing. In addition to the shrines of Pan and Venus, we have now erected on the campus a shrine to Hymen, the God of marriage. Today neither marriage nor co-education is an issue in the undergraduate or graduate colleges of the country.

In the second place, let us note the role of Hope College in the field of science education. In 1900, it was still in its infancy, but the foundations had already been laid. Some courses in Natural Science had been part of the curriculum for some time, because as natural philosophy they had a disciplinary and cultural value. The method of instruction was chiefly lecture and demonstration, but with the turn of the century there was a rapid growth in the volume of tested knowledge and also a rapid public acceptance of experimental science. In every area, immense new worlds were coming into view. There was an increasing interest in the old questions of the nature of matter and in the transformation and control of energy. There was an even greater interest in the application of new discoveries to the physical comfort and well being of society. Consequently, the needs for the training of scientists in the colleges became very apparent. There came to Hope College in those days three men who may be credited with laying the foundation upon which the present structure was built. The first was Samuel Mast in the area of botany and biology, who went on to achieve fame in Johns Hopkins University. The second was Dr. Almon T. Godfrey, professor of chemistry, 1909-1923. Although a medical doctor and not a specialist in chemistry, he set up a respectable laboratory in Van Raalte Hall and encouraged some of the better students to go on into graduate work. The third was Dr. Frank Patterson, professor of biology 1909-1926. In spite of his generally poor health and many eccentricities, he, too, was able to prepare his better students for medicine and biology. The period 1922-1927, eleven of his students went on to earn the Ph.D. degree.

Since that time rapid progress has been made by the addition to the faculty of trained specialists and with much more adequate laboratory facilities. Several national studies indicate that Hope College ranks among the first ten colleges in the nation in the production of Doctors of Philosophy in several science areas. The president of General Motors recently said, "Studies have shown that even the famous names of science, for all their specialization in graduate schools, owe much to the undergraduate training in the sciences and humanities in the independent liberal arts college." I am confident that among the reasons for the progress at Hope College is the fact that the sciences and the humanities are not divorced in the curriculum. The college has not primarily been concerned with the training of technicians as such. It has been concerned with producing in her graduates that kind of life and that measure of technical skill which will help them to understand the world in which they live in order that they may live decently and properly in it. It is one thing to train specialists for college teaching or to research in industrial chemistry. It is much more difficult and more worthwhile to train men who may become masters of the forces they create and who will always be concerned with the social and ethical impact of their achievements. The place of science education in a Christian college was well described by Dr. Leonard Yntema in connection with the dedication of the new science building in 1941. "The fabric of man's thought is woven of three threads: his relation to God, his relation to his fellow beings and his relation to the physical universe. He calls these threads his theology, his humanities and his natural science. With one thread, a structure can be built.
monotonous in color, without lasting strength. Take all three and there is made the rich tapestry that pictures the highest creation of man's thinking—masterpieces of the human intellect.

In the third place, I suggest that it is a mark of distinction that the basic function of the college has not changed, although the program has been flexible and adaptable to the ever changing needs of society. The story of higher education in this country in the last fifty years is fascinating and dramatic. Never has there been such a staggering increase in enrollments, such expansion of the physical facilities and so general an increase in knowledge or so lively an interest in the methods and purpose of education. In fifty years the college enrollment has increased 1,000 per cent, while the population increase has been only 100 per cent. In 1900, the American colleges granted a little less than 12,000 degrees. In 1950, they granted about 400,000 degrees. In 1900 there were on this campus only two of the present buildings, Graves Hall and Van Vleck Hall, and the college at that time was still subordinate to the Preparatory School. In these changing scenes, many colleges have lost their moorings. Stephen Luccock, of McGill University, put it humorously this way, "In the place of the older learning, the colleges have embarked on a wilderness of function. They are gay from morn to night with student activities, they sing, they dance, they act. They run newspapers and hold mock parliaments, and the midnight oil of the pale student is replaced by the 2:00 a.m. gasoline of his burley successor." It is obvious that with the great changes taking place in our culture as well as in the forms and pattern of society and in the life of the campus, that curriculum changes became necessary. Change is in the very law of nature. The Grand Canyon is deeper by one inch each year and the North Pole is said to move South six inches each year. But change is also inevitable in education because we are concerned with a process which cannot be static. The old classical pattern of 1900 is largely gone under the impact of the influence of the German university and modern scientific research. In many colleges the humanities have suffered greatly under the onslaught of specialization and fragmentation. Many of the colleges were caught in the battle which raged about free election, core programs, vocational specialization, intellectualism and general education. The elective system first advanced by Thomas Jefferson and vigorously supported by Eliot of Harvard had profound effect upon higher education. As a result, all courses were accepted as of equal value and the curriculum blossomed with new offerings in every field. The critics watched the game and denounced it as the crime of the century against American youth. A little later Maritain, Hutchings and Adler appear on the scene with the idea that a liberal education can be developed which is the same for all men. Hope College did not go to either extreme. Proceeding largely on the assumption that no one curriculum and no one procedure is valid for everybody, programs have been provided which allow integration and synthesis in certain areas of knowledge, while at the same time allowing opportunity along the lines of special interest. The college has been equally wise in handling the issues rising out of the conflict between liberal education and vocational education. It was not a choice between learning for learning's sake on the one hand and job training on the other hand. In the words of President Dodds of Princeton, "The average student does not easily accommodate himself to the role of an academic humanist." And so at Hope College liberal arts furnish a broad cultural background without destroying vocational motivation. Most of us are willing to concede that vocational education reaches its highest level when motivated by certain satisfying objectives and that, on the other hand, liberal education reaches its highest goal when motivated by the purpose of relating all life to the realities of practical experience. In this way a broad knowledge and satisfactory skills can help produce the complete person who is sensitive to the finest and best in life and competent in vocation or profession. To summarize, Hope College has found it necessary to alter the content of liberal education without losing the essence of it. Dr. Harold C. Hunt, in the last issue of the Journal of the American Association of Colleges, writes an article about liberal arts which I commend to all of you. He says, "Our task, then, is to use the honorable word 'liberal' more as an adverb than as an adjective; to think in terms of educating liberally, because the phrase connotes active and constructive use of a precious approach rather than the worship of a traditional concept. We look for liberally educated men and women with the perspectives and the vision which will make them creators of a better world, rather than precision parts in an existing world."

The fourth mark of distinction is the place which Hope College gives to the Christian tradition and culture, not only in the academic disciplines but also in the entire life of the campus. It is not necessary to remind this audience that the small group of courageous men and women who came here in 1847 and founded a college in 1856 did not come to the wilderness of Ottawa County to exploit its resources, but rather to realize for themselves and their children ideals of freedom in church and state, ideals of religion and education. Out of their conviction that religion and education are one and inseparable came the academy and the college. These were to be the instruments for the training of leadership, and as Van Raalte said, "To prevent his people from becoming the flag end of civilization." The college was to be the instrument of the church for the interpretation of culture in terms of the Calvinistic faith. That trust has been faithfully kept for ninety years. The tangible proofs are found in hundreds of men and women in the service of the church and the professions. The best proofs are the intangible ones—the culture that has gone into the building of the Christian home and the church, the high ideals and ethical practices brought into the market place, love and service in schools and hospitals, law and morals into courts and legislatures, and the mes-
The sage of reconciliation carried to the ends of the earth. Although a denominational college, its spirit has never been parochial or sectarian but always ecumenical. Neither has it severed its connection with the church, as has been the case in many of the pioneer church colleges. It has become increasingly sensitive to its desires and needs. Fortunately the church has responded by giving it increasing devotion and support.

It must be quite obvious that if higher Christian education was important in 1866 and in 1900, that it is doubly important in 1956. A deep concern for the future is characteristic of our age. The rapid secularization of life and the pursuit of knowledge without any conviction as to the end sought or the purposes to be obtained are frightening. And it is one of the paradoxes of our time that while we have greatly reduced the time and the space of the earth and have created terrible forces in the scientific field, we still lack the basic sense which alone can make the unity a living force and make our creations our servants instead of our masters. It is within the province of the scientists to produce the hydrogen bomb, but it is within the province of religion to determine how it is to be used. The fundamental questions of life are not answered by technology. The answers are found in the eternal truths of our faith. Dr. Gustavson, Chancellor of the University of Nebraska, commenting on the changes for good or ill taking place in all areas of knowledge and the abiding realities of our faith on the other hand, said, "If Galileo or Newton were to return to the earth and enter into a classroom in modern physics, they would be lost in the discussion. The same thing would be true of Darwin in biology. But if Moses or Jesus or Paul or any of the great and good of all times were to return to a classroom in the humanities, they could lead the discussion with distinction." The college must help to develop a civilization rich in mechanics, but it does it at its peril, if it does not at the same time produce a culture rich in purpose. Colleges like Hope have a tremendous advantage and opportunity in this field. The secular colleges are conscious of this need and are beginning to apply themselves seriously to the problem; but the church college has the best chance. It can not only impart knowledge but it also can help the student arrive at certain convictions about morals and the Christian faith, for as Dr. Sockman said, "We must all know two things about religion—the shelter of it and the exposure of it." The redemption of society can only come through people who know the comfort of it but also the compulsion of it. No man can live decently until his eyes are open to the needs of the human world.

It is the glory of Hope College that it produce scholars who discover truth not only objectively but also subjectively by way of experience and revelation.

The marks of distinction I have outlined certainly do not exhaust the field. If time permitted, one could elaborate on the role the college has played in the cultural development of Holland and the surrounding areas. It has not been an academic island and the faculty have not lived in ivory towers. Who can estimate the influence of Dr. G. J. Kollen, who at the turn of the century was responsible for laying solid foundations for the college; or of Dr. J. B. Nykerk, who for years brought to this city the finest in music and the best in oratory; or Dr. Dimment, whose dreams and whose labor brought this chapel into being.

Or I could speak of the way the college has met the emergencies of the hour in various periods of her history. Even as late as 1900, many people believed that the small college was doomed to lose its place in the education world, but today it occupies a most important place in our dual system of education. The college survived the threat and poverty of the early days. It survived the shock of two great wars. Nothing stirs a civilization like that of war. The attack upon culture and spiritual ideals does great harm to that which is good. But the college met the shock and at the same time rendered a large patriotic service.

Several times in her history, she has met the shock of severe economic depression and always without lasting danger to her financial structure or a serious dislocation of service. And out of these came re dedication and the forward step. Macaulay, in "The Best Italian Writers" says, "Just as the richest fruits of the field often grow in a soil fertilized by the fiery deluge of a volcano, so the richest fruits of the imagination and spirit often come out of the crisis of the day."

The last ninety years have witnessed the building here of a college of great educational significance. The leadership of the past has been vindicated. The high idealism and intense devotion of the faculty have borne rich fruit. What our fathers did is now secure and permanent. Now we are to carry the torch. When David Livingstone was sick in Africa in 1852 and when Dr. Stanley found him last, he said, "Dr. Livingstone, where shall tomorrow's march go?" The sick man rose from his bed, pointed his finger to the sky and said, "Anywhere, just so it's forward." Civilization becomes static just as soon as people conceive of the past as holding all value. It becomes alive when each generation adds to the gains of the past. The past is prologue. It illuminates the present and the future, and all three—past, present and future—can help us to live in the foremost files of time.

1946. Peter Van Lierop has been transferred to Chosun Christian University, Seoul, Korea. The Presbyterian Mission assigned him to this oldest university in Korea with a high standing to teach and do student-evangelism. The president has asked him to teach Religious Education and eventually to set up a Department of Religious Education. Letter mail address: Presbyterian Mission, APO 301, San Francisco, Calif.

1951. Thomas D. Malewitz has been appointed an instructor in anatomy at Michigan State University. Tom received his M.A. at the University of Kansas in 1953 and his Ph.D. at Michigan State in 1956. Before his present appointment he was an instructor in biology at U. of Kansas and a graduate assistant at M.S.U.
Necrology

Daniel Ten Cate

Daniel Ten Cate Prep '97 died at Holland Hospital on May 25 following a stroke. He was born September 28, 1877 in Holland.

After attending Holland Public Schools and Hope Preparatory School, he entered the University of Michigan and was graduated from her Law School in 1902.

Upon graduation from law school he became associated with his uncle Gerrit J. Diekema '81 and George E. Kollen '92 in the practice of law.

He was married to Veronica K. Klever who died in 1927.

After retiring from the active practice of law in 1931 because of impaired health, he continued his directorships in the Home Furnace Company, of which he was president for many years; in the De Pree Company of which he was Vice President at the time of his death, and of the Community State Bank of Grandville.

During his professional and business career he had been a Member of the State Bar of Michigan and the Ottawa-Allegan Bar Association. He belonged to the Emeritus Club of the University of Michigan and the Alumni Association. He served as director of the Peoples State Bank, The First National Bank and the Ottawa Savings and Loan Association.

He is survived by his son Vernon D. 27, and his daughter Myra Van Leuven '30 and five grandchildren.

Willard De Jonge

Willard De Jonge '30, superintendent of the Comstock Public Schools, died suddenly on July 13. He had suffered a heart attack in December, 1955, but had been in good health for the last several months.

A graduate of Zeeland High School and Hope College, Willard received his MA degree from the University of Michigan in 1949. He went to Comstock in 1953 after two years as a consultant in child accounting and finance for the State Department of Public Instruction.

Prior to his work with the state, he had served as principal of Coopersville High School from 1931 to 1934; Kent City High School from 1934 to 1941 and of the Newhall High School from 1941 to 1951.

Active in the formulation of school legislation in Michigan, Mr. De Jonge had been elected president of the Michigan Association of School Administrators for the year 1957 and would have taken office in January.

He is survived by his wife and four sons, Willard, a teacher in Adrian; Robert, a senior at Western Michigan College; Bruce, a Marine, and Henry, in high school. He also leaves his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry De Jonge of Wyoming Park, two brothers, Mark and Kenneth '35N, also of Zeeland; two sisters, Mrs. Henry Steenblik of Holland and Mrs. Donald Hoezee of Hudsonville.

Paul E. Kleinheksel

Paul Edwin Kleinheksel '07, business broker in Chicago for 40 years, died August 31 enroute from Chicago to Holland to visit relatives.

He was a native of Holland, the son of the late John H. Kleinheksel, former professor and vice president of Hope College.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy; two daughters, Mrs. Joan Trickle and Mrs. Gay Giordan; two brothers, Frank D.'13 of Holland and Dr. J. Louis '23 of Wichita, Kansas.

Funeral services were held in Holland on September 3. Burial was in Pilgrim Home Cemetery.

Julius H. Van Eenenam

Julius H. Van Eenenam, class of '26, died of a heart attack at his home in Traverse City on May 25 at the age of 52.

Since he left Hope he had worked with various concerns including Schulte United and Sears Roebuck and Company before establishing his own hardware business in Traverse City from which he retired two years ago.

He is survived by his wife Mildred Bertsch '26, two daughters Mrs. Phyllis Archambau of Rockford, Ill., Mrs. Marilyn Wideman, Ithaca, Mich.; one son, Julius H. Jr., at home.

Clarence O. Stryker

Clarence O. Stryker '45, Grand Rapids hardware merchant, passed away in But- terworth Hospital on August 13, victim of a rare and new disease.

He is survived by his wife, Anne Vander Jagt '47, a daughter, Claire Ann, 3 years old; his parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. O. Stryker of Grand Rapids; four sisters, Cornelia Brouwer '34, Lansing; Margaret Dolfin '35, Ann Arbor, Eleanor Swart '38, Grand Rapids and Ruth Smith '41, Angola, Indiana, and one brother, James G. '53N, Grand Rapids.

Laurie, three-year-old daughter of Abraham and Jeanne Touissant De Vries, both '50, passed away after a long illness on August 20, at their home in Hammond, Indiana.

It's a Small World

A Holland couple spent several months this winter visiting the South American countries. Here is a paragraph from a letter he wrote to a friend who gave it to Dr. Lubbers:

"Now this will knock you for a loop as it did me! Since I am completely lost in Portuguese, the Sao Paulo Rotary Club looked up a man who spoke English to be my friend. All of these clubs are very careful to do so and our nicest contacts have been with Rotarians and their wives. However, this man said when I told him I was from Holland, Michigan, "Why, I graduated from Hope College in 1920." He is Peter Baker, a Hollander whom many of you may know. He has been a missionary in Brazil for 35 years and now is President of Mackenzie Institute, a Presbyterian College. He received an Honorary degree from Hope College in 1952, has talked at Hope Church, gets home about every three years, knows and asked for Dr. Nichols and others. Tomorrow he will meet us and take us to church, an English speaking one."

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REV. C. VANDER MEL HONOURED

This has been a “Golden Year” for Rev. Cornelius '03 and Mrs. Vander Mel, 211 West Main Street, Williamson, N.Y. On May 24 he was an honored guest at the Alumni Convocation at New Brunswick Theological Seminary, celebrating the 50th anniversary of his graduation from the oldest seminary in the country.

On August 1 he and Mrs. Vander Mel celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary and on September 6 they celebrated the 50th year of his Ordination as a Christian minister of the Reformed Church in America and his installation on the same day as pastor of his first charge, the Reformed Church of Fairfield, N.J.

Other churches served by the Rev. Mr. Vander Mel during these 50 years are the Old Historic Church of Fishkill, N.Y. (1909-15); Reformed Church of Pulaski, N.Y., 1920-25; Third Reformed Church of Albany, 1925-31; and the Reformed Church of Williamson, N.Y. from which he retired in 1939.

This year also the Vander Mels attended the 75th Diamond Jubilee Anniversary Convention of the New York State Christian Endeavor where they were honored guests being among the oldest Christian Endeavorers at the convention, both having been active in that organization for over 60 years.

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENTS


Robert D. Bhe '50 and Nancy J. Blanchard, June 30, Schenectady, N.Y.

Jack Boeskoel '51 and Wilma Schippers, March 22, Coopersville, Mich.

Francine Marie De Valois '54 and Robert M. Schramm, Holland, July 7.

Norman W. Thompson '53 and Marcia Veldman '56, June 12, Grand Rapids.

Jerry Veldman '56 and Lois Torng '56, June 15, Grand Rapids.

John H. Mulder '55 and Mary Anne Meyers '55, June 15, Muskegon.

Marjorie De Neut '52 and Maurice E. Boon '51, June 30, Grand Rapids.

John T. Satttinga '54N and Reda Ann Rynbrand '57, June 12, Holland.

Lawrence W. Minuth '52 and Wilma E. Dean, June 24, Phoenix, Ariz.

Daniel J. De Graaf '53 and Myra Saunders '54, August 18, Holland.

John J. Adams '56 and Jane Durman, June, Saginaw.

Donald L. Brookstra '56 and Georgia McCormick, August 25, Davenport, Ia.

Janice F. Conklin '56 and Mark Hesselink, June, Spring Valley, N.Y.

Edwin C. Coon '56 and Betty J. Luhrs, August, Poulsbkeepsy, N.Y.


Robert W. Bedingfield '56 and Nancy Gaikema '56, August, North Muskegon.

Carl Van Farowe '53 and Meryl K. Gowens '56, June 22, South Holland, Ill.

Harold J. Goldzund '55 and Mary Ellen Hesselink, August, Waupun, Wis.

Marie M. Hookman '56 and Sid Van Gelder, August, Clayton, Minn.

Margaret G. Hospers '56 and Harvey Doorenbos '55, June 21, Alexandria Bay, N.Y.

Jane J. Hospers '56 and John De Pree '56, June 21, Alexandria Bay, N.Y.

Judith Y. Kingma '56 and Sherwood Hazelton '57, August 30, De Matte, Ind.

Janet M. Kinney '56 and Milton Orsillo '58, June 30, Clifton, N.J.

Allan Russcher '54 and Glenda Kleis '56, June 22, Holland.

Phyllis R. Maat '56 and Donald Klaprup, June 21, Reynolds, Mich.


Audrey M. Nienhouse '56 and Robert Fritts, June 19, Oak Park, Ill.

Doris E. Stoffregen '56 and William Latham, Jr., August 18, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Henry Stegenga '56 and Charmaine Vandermyde '56, June 15, Chicago.


Jean Van Den Biesen '51 and John L. Wanson, October 15, 1955, North Bergen, N.J.

Betty Van Den Biesen '55 and Joseph L. Bizarro, May 12, North Bergen, N.J.

Lloyd J. Wolters '51N and Catherine Rozendal, August 15, Cicero, Ill.

George Myrskens '56 and Arlene Ritsema '53, August 31, Moment, Illinois.

Kenneth A. Van Hemert '52 and June Dories Vanderlaan, June 23, Muskegon, Mich.

Nevin Webster '54 and Dorothy Morrison, September 8, Gary, Indiana.

Elaine Vrugink '56 and Richard Spildenner '55, August 10, South Bend, Ind.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

George '49 and Joan Zuidema, David J., June 18, Dayton, Ohio.

Jeffrey '47 and Marie Jenkins '45 Wiersum, Schuyler Van Ry, December 28, Albany, N.Y.

Gene F. '45 and Margaret Babcock, John Frederick, July 22, Grand Haven, Mich.

Roger '50 and Barbara Hendricks, David Allen, July 28, Falmouth, Mich.

Atlee and Elizabeth Koch '50 Robinson, Barbara Anne, December 3, Flemington, N.J.

Walter A. '50 and Joyce Scholten, Beth Elaine, February 19, Chicago.

Elton J. '50 and Elaine Bruins, Mary Elaine, April 18, Elmsford, N.Y.

David and Winnie Koopsen '54N Oakland, David Mark, November 30, Kalamazoo.


Rene '48 and Marge Hoeksema, Richard Clarence, March 17, Washington, D.C.


J. David '45N and Arlyne Voorhorst '45 Hiller, Melinda Sue, June 3, Thiensville, Wis.


Paul '51 and Olga Kilian '49 De Kok, Gretchen Lynn, July 25, Holland.

Richard and Carol Crist '52 Fern, Randolph Charles, July 5, Flint, Mich.

Roger '47 and Elizabeth Christie '46N Schriemer, Christy Ann, May 29, Grand Rapids.

Robert and Shirley Otteman '46N Outhouse, Jean Ellen, May 5, Canandaigua, N.Y.

Gene '51 and Dolores Freyling '51 Campbell, Nancy Ann, June 21, Salinas, Calif.

Bert and Shirley Pyle '52 Troast, Nancy Lynn, June 17, 1956 and Donald Paul, November 19, 1953, Clifton, N.J.

John '49 and Louise Turrell, Paul Andrew, May 2, Grand Rapids, Mich.

John and Jean Van Den Biesen '51 Wansen, Jeanne Marie, July 21, Norther, Bergen, N.J.

Roy and Myra Kleis '49 Berry, Lynn, June 10, Lombard, Illinois.

William '54 and Isabel Stuart '54 Mestler, Nancy Eileen, June 4, Rochester, N.Y.

John C. '52 and Marilyn Veldman '52 van der Velde, Mary Elizabeth, August 25, Ann Arbor, Mich.

Dan '50 and Donna Hoogerhyde '56 Hakken, Ruth Ellen, August 23, Grand Rapids.
PUBLIC SCHOOL CUSTODIAL HEAD GETS A.B. DEGREE AFTER 10-YEAR PROGRAM

After 10 years of study, much of it evening classes, Edward Prins, superintendent of buildings and grounds for Holland public schools, has a bachelor of arts degree.

The genial head of the custodial staff received his sheepskin at Hope College commencement exercises in June. It climaxied a carefully worked out program of part-time studies which started first at Hope College in 1946.

Ed first became a public school employee following his graduation from Holland High School in 1934. Back in those days, there were 13 custodial workers in the school system. Today there are 21.

In recognition of his academic accomplishment and his exceptional service to the school system, teachers paid tribute to him at a dinner in Durfee hall. Then on June 5, the custodial staff staged a surprise party in Washington school and presented him with a watch.

During his 22 years of work, Ed has seen the growth of enrollments, replacement of old facilities with modern new buildings and has experienced a whole new procedure of methods in dealing with his work.

He has written and published a custodian’s handbook to serve as a guide for school employees and is responsible for bringing to Holland at least two classes per year for training in building care and other aspects of school work.

Prins served on City Council for a term in 1946. He has been a special police officer for 18 years, and a member of the board of directors of the Michigan Association for School Employees. He carries an electrician’s license and retains a special teaching certificate for vocational education.

His wife is the former Ella Risselada of Holland. They have four children, Russell, Mary, Thomas and Jane. The family attends Fourth Reformed Church.

HOPE COLLEGE Homecoming
OCTOBER 12, 13, 14

Enclosed find $__________ to cover the following:

□ ________ tickets to “Cuckoos on the Hearth” for Friday/Saturday (65c)
□ ________ tickets to Hope-Adrian football game ($1.00)
□ ________ tickets to Alumni Chicken Dinner ($1.25)

CHRIS DE YOUNG GIVEN MISSION BOARD POST

Chris De Young ’20, head of the department of education and psychology at Illinois State Normal University, has been appointed by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church as a member of the Board of Foreign Missions.

Chris served from 1920-24 as Principal of Hope High School in Madanapalle, India, for the Reformed Church in America.

During the past year he and Mrs. De Young (Marion Van Drezer ’18) served as short-term missionaries for the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. in Pakistan.

1938. John F. Vander Ploeg has recently been appointed to the position of assistant sales manager of John Morrell & Co.’s Sioux Falls Plant. He began his employment with the firm as a salesman at Sioux City in 1945 following his discharge from service. He was transferred to the personnel department in 1946 and a year later was placed in charge of the Company’s employee development and testing program, and was transferred to the sales department in 1953. John will continue his duties as manager of the metropolitan sales division and manager of sales training. He and his family reside at 1508 South Park Avenue in Sioux Falls.

1952. Neil Droppers, a former member of the International Business Machines sales force in Milwaukee, has been promoted to department manager in Grand Rapids. He began his IBM sales career in 1952 in Milwaukee.
**Meet Your College Friends at**

**HOMECOMING**

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*Come to the Campus Often... But Don’t Miss Homecoming!*