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RIBUTES TO IRWIN J. LUBBERS
Upon his retirement from the presidency of Hope College, February 1, 1963

Irwin Jacob Lubbers was born November 15, 1895, in Cedar Grove, Wisconsin. His early education was in Wisconsin Memorial Academy; his diploma is dated 1913. After receiving the A.B. degree from Hope College in 1917, he attended Western Theological Seminary and Columbia University. His master of arts degree is from Columbia, in 1927. Northwestern University conferred upon him the Ph.D. degree in 1931, his dissertation being entitled College Organization and Administration. He was honored with three honorary degrees in 1945: an L.L.D. from Central College, and Litt.D. from both Hope College and Rutgers University.

Irwin Lubbers served in the United States Army Air Force in 1918. He was a lecturer in English at Voorhees College, Vellore, India from 1919 to 1922, and instructor in English at Hope College from 1923 to 1929; instructor in Education, Northwestern University, 1929-1930; assistant to the President and instructor in Psychology and Education at Carroll College, 1930 to 1934; President of Central College in Iowa from 1934 to 1945 and President of Hope College from 1945 until February 1, 1963. Immediately following his retirement from the presidency of Hope College, he will take up his duties as President of the newly formed Association of Independent, Non-Tax Supported Colleges and Universities of Iowa. His headquarters will be in Des Moines.

He has had articles published in School and Society: "Are College Endowments Safe?" and "Who Controls the Liberal Arts College?" Irwin Lubbers received decoration from the Netherlands government, Officer in the Order of Orange Nassau in 1947, and was honored with a Freedom Foundation Award in 1953. He was elected Vice President of the National Council of Churches for the triennium 1960-1963; elected Vice President in 1961, President in 1962, North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. Mrs. Lubbers is Margaret Van Donselaar, Hope College class of 1922. Irwin and Margaret Lubbers are the parents of two sons, Irwin J. Lubbers, Jr., born in 1924 and Arend Don Lubbers, born in 1931.

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Hope College in 1945 was one of a group of quite small, even struggling, church-related liberal arts colleges that had for decades, and in a most unheralded and unpublicized way, been providing an education that was helping graduates to move into the main stream of society, especially in the service professions, with competence and commitment. In spite of unpretentious buildings, small endowment, and limited reputation in the national scene, this was a college of quality. But this fact required a discerning eye and was not recognized by many in the church, the community, or even the college itself. In 1945 there were still many people in the Reformed Church who knew only vaguely of Hope College, and then half erroneously, as a place where ministers were "trained." The large task to which Dr. Lubbers set himself was to make the members of the college community and the constituency that supported it recognize the stature of their college and build on it. The signs of the future in 1945 pointed toward a new burst of interest in collegiate education led by the pent-up demand of the returning G.I.'s, but going even further. More and more, college education was being considered essential for effective performance in the business world as well as in the professional world. More and more parents wanted to give their children, both male and female, a college education, and a good one, with all the facilities that the best colleges and universities had. At this time in its history an appreciative and yet critical understanding of the worth and also the limitations of the college was important, both to insure the continuation of the tradition of academic excellence and Christian service, and to stir the college to face the new problems which these new demands would bring. The largest achievement of Dr. Lubbers in his service as president was his success in bringing the church, the community of Holland, the faculty, and the student body to this level of awareness, concern and action, and in making the general public and especially the national educational community—collegiate and secondary—conscious of the college and its achievements. This was an educational task similar to the task of the classroom teacher, but much more complex, and to it he brought some unusual talents. Let us review the years of the Lubbers Era to illustrate this generalization.  

1945-1949: The G.I. Bulge Dr. Lubbers came to the presidency at the conclusion of a difficult period for Hope College—as for most other small colleges. The war years had reduced the size of the student body from its
pre-war average of around 550, to 312 in 1944-45, nearly all of them women. In the late war years every economy had to be practiced. Some of the faculty had left. The solid core that remained, although they did not have large classes, were teaching many courses many hours per week to maintain the curricular offerings of the program. In the fall of 1945, when Dr. Lubbers took office, 401 students enrolled. But this was the end of the war, and the postwar flood of students was such an inundation that there was little opportunity for orderly long range planning. The first four years were years of ingenious improvisation. How to acquire a staff to take care of a student body that in three years increased four hundred percent? How to provide the physical facilities for this size student body on a campus that in all respects, except the Dimnent Chapel, was geared to an enrollment of 600? How to maintain a reasonable semblance of the direction and purpose which was the stamp of Hope College throughout its history in the midst of these changes? All these problems required flexibility, ingenuity and quick judgments. These were exciting years because the president, with board concurrence, decided to accept the challenge of rapid growth, even though the financial resources of the college were extremely limited. Alumni who were graduated in the years of the late 40's still have fun recalling the life in the flimsy T-Dorm, or in the ancient converted junior high school, unaesthetically but somewhat properly called West Hall (only the most adventuresome pioneering spirits survived the rigors of the "Western Frontier"), or the cafeteria lines in the basement of the seminary dormitory, or the eight o'clock Saturday morning classes. This period called for leadership that was willing to take a chance, and that could move decisively and rapidly. One of the facets of the president's personality has been his relishing a challenging problem. A favorite adage of his is that times of crisis are also times of opportunity, and he has had the knack of converting the one into the other. For example, in 1945 the central classroom building, Van Raalte Hall, had no faculty offices. Each teacher was enshrined in his individual classroom. When he was not holding class, his classroom became his office. By 1946 faculty offices had been carved out of classrooms or sections of classrooms—a necessary step for flexibility of use and an even more significant step toward a professional collegiate atmosphere. In his first two years, Dr. Lubbers was faced with major responsibility for doubling the teaching staff. At the same time he had to acquire and build a whole new administrative team, with one exception, Dean of Men, the late Milton Hinga. The solid core of faculty and administration still serving the college from the group appointed in those first two years gives some evidence of his insight and judgment. 1950-1955: Years of Appraisal and Planning By 1949 the G.I. enrollment wave had reached its crest and begun to subside. In another year or two the Korean War was to bring enrollments down significantly. The first half of the 1950's, then, provided an opportunity for the staff of the college to take stock account and to assess where they had come and where they were heading. Growth in size had posed perhaps for the first time in the minds of trustees and administration the question of the adequacy of the campus site. Should the college consider moving to another spot with more land? Not only the physical plant, but also the program of the college and the financial resources, actual and potential, came under scrutiny. And from these analyses, made in the early fifties, the directions of the college were perceived more clearly and its needs recognized. Some decisions were reached earlier than others. The decision to stay at the present site led in 1950 to the erection of the
first new permanent construction in the postwar period—Durfee Hall and the Central Heating Plant—and began a program of plant development that has transformed the campus in the past twelve years. At the same time in this half decade, the task of bringing the attention of the outside world to Hope College and marshalling the enthusiasm and support of those already interested in the college proceeded apace. A president can function in three main ways in carrying out this task. He can serve as spokesman, as organizer, and as encourager. Let us look at Dr. Lubbers in these roles as he sought to educate his five publics: the larger academic world, the church constituency, the alumni, the people of Holland, and the immediate college community of faculty and students. First, the spokesman. Dr. Lubbers brought to play his very considerable powers as speaker in his relations with all five of these groups. A past master at sizing up an audience and adapting to their mood and concerns, blessed with a remarkable memory, full of apt anecdotes, and above all convinced of the importance and worth of the college he served, he was equally at ease whether he was addressing a church group that was concerned about social practices on campus, or a mellow and nostalgic alumni gathering, or a national conference of educators, or a faculty or student or trustee group that needed to be raising its sights beyond the smaller immediate problem to the larger goals of education. He was a most persuasive spokesman for higher education—in small conferences with corporation heads or with large audiences. For this reason he was in real demand to address educational gatherings, and he followed a schedule of speaking dates that frequently was exhausting. This was his personal way of bringing Hope to the attention of the academic world. There were many factors that brought Hope College the high national ratings it has received in the last seven years, but one of the very foremost was the impression of the college left by the president as he reached the ear of the educational world. Secondly, the organizer. One of the most difficult parts of teaching is to structure a course and set up the teaching aids that will help bring about the desired learning. As I think back to the period of the early 50's, this was the period in which the president was engaged in organizing some of the most important auxiliary arms of the college. For example, to build on the fine loyalty of alumni who over the years had returned with affection to their alma mater at alumni reunion time, and to keep them informed about college development, an alumni secretary and director were added to the staff, the Alumni Magazine was started, and meetings of alumni chapters over the country encouraged. Behind the scenes of all these developments was the president. The building of Durfee Hall marked the real emergence of the amazing Women's League of Hope College—an organization that has not only contributed furnishings valued at over one quarter of a million dollars to the physical plant, but that has been perhaps the best single instrument for bringing the college to the attention of the Reformed Church constituency. Again the guiding hand of the president was behind the development of the group. It was in this period, too, that the Michigan Colleges Foundation was organized to secure the cooperation of the private industry in the cause of private higher education. Dr. Lubbers is generally acknowledged as one of the two prime movers in this organization. Thirdly, the encourager. Any wise college administrator realizes that the best way for a college to gain recognition in the academic world is to have the staff engage in scholarly activities that are recognized by the academic community. The reputations of all the great universities rest largely on the research, scholarly activities and services
of the staff to the academic and political world. There was little tradition of this kind of activity at Hope College, and less opportunity what with budget stringencies and heavy teaching loads. Operating within these serious limitations, President Lubbers was ready to lend every encouragement to the staff to be creative and to become engaged in professional activities. When a staff person came forward with a well thought-out proposal for research or study, the president was always receptive and often imaginative, in facilitating implementation. In the period of the early 50's, as the enrollments declined, and as the faculty had more opportunity to turn to such areas, Dr. Van Zyl's and Dr. Yntema's research programs were instituted, Dr. Ellert's FLES program (foreign language in the elementary schools) got started, Prestatie Huis (achievement House for retarded children) began, an Evening College Program was inaugurated, and the Faculty Self Study in Critical Thinking under Ford Foundation sponsorship was carried out. Behind the scenes, and deliberately staying behind the scenes of these and the many other programs that were launched in the subsequent years, was the person who could easily have stymied such efforts, but who instead was always ready to take a chance and even secure funds to further these ideas.  

□ *Years of Fruition: 1956-1963* From his first days in office the president had insisted on bringing the campus and buildings into first class condition. This was difficult to do in the period of the barracks and the G.I. student bulge. But busy summers with paint, floor and ceiling tile, fluorescent lighting and shrubbery gradually transformed the old buildings and the campus. The year 1956 signalled the beginning of a major program of physical expansion. In this year the Music Hall and the large men's dormitory, Kollen Hall, were completed. The next six years saw the acquisition and development of the Van Raalte campus, the erection of the new women's residence hall and commons, Phelps Hall, the new Van Zoeren Library, and the renovation of Graves Hall.  □ By 1962 the college could look with pride on a campus that was attractive, modern and efficient. The most frequent comment of alumni in recent years, even those who had graduated only a decade ago, has been, "This campus has certainly changed."  □ Even more changed has been the thinking of trustee, faculty and students. In 1950 the raising of $90,000 to modernize Carnegie Gymnasium was looked upon as a very major undertaking, one entered with some trepidation. Since then the people of Hope have learned to think big and to face challenges many times that large with confidence. The inclusion of Hope College in a number of national studies of colleges with outstanding records in the preparation of scientists and other scholars has helped to provide this confidence. If the president was the leader in promoting this pride in achievement, he was also the first to point out the implications. It was he who, after the Chicago Tribune rating of Hope as one of the ten outstanding coeducational liberal arts colleges, coined the phrase "On the pedestal or on the spot?", pointing out the new responsibilities this national prominence gave.  □ Characteristically, in his last months as president, he still spends his days and nights plotting and planning the next steps in the blueprint of Hope for the coming decade. Nevertheless, these past six years in which so many of his earlier visions have borne fruit, undoubtedly have been ones which fill him and his gracious and devoted wife with quiet satisfaction.  □ Hope College has grown in these past eighteen years. In the process she has had to meet many problems as her board and faculty and students have tried to discover new and ever more meaningful relationships between their growing knowledge and the Chris-
Christian faith which is at the base of the college. In these years the relationship with the supporting church has strengthened rather than weakened. What she has gained especially is a sense of confidence in her role of leadership for church and society and a momentum for dynamic change which are so essential if this kind of Christian liberal arts college is to serve effectively in the decades ahead. This is a goodly heritage for the new leadership to receive from the Lubbers Era.

 predictions and accomplishments

feeling expressed 28 years ago that you were the man for the presidency is now a well-known fact, especially to us at Hope. The wish that your administration would consist of many years and be successful has been realized. The dreams and visions of yesterday have taken shape and everywhere we look, we see evidence of the imposing record that is now being written into the history of two of our colleges. You did much to improve and expand the physical plants of the two institutions, but first and foremost, you were the person through whom the objectives of the college were realized more fully. You gave us clear direction. You loved your work. In it you found spiritual and mental and bodily satisfaction. It was your service to God. Carlyle once said, “Blessed is he who has found his work. Let him ask for no other blessedness.” In the consecrated calling of a Christian educator, you found your work and consequently a life rich and meaningful. If I were to express in one sentence what I consider to be the key to an evaluation of your educational career, I would say that it is your ability to see the wholeness of life. Life, as you see it, does not consist of many separate fragments. You have the ability to think things together. We first met in the late summer of 1934. I was just out of graduate school where I had studied philosophy, formally and systematically. My reason for choosing the study of philosophy was that I found in it, more than in any other discipline, the attempt to think things together. I felt that the dualisms of life were to be overcome, not by negating them, nor by setting the one over against the other, but by a realization that the one must minister to the other. In you I saw the philosopher in action. Few people, if any, have taught me so consistently and thoroughly that faith and reason, the eternal and the temporal, the sacred and the secular, fact and value, worship and service and other dualities must come together in the life of thought as well as in the life of action. This is the mark of genius. Your understanding of the wholeness of life has enabled you to relate yourself to us in terms of a strong faith, a steadfast hope and an affirmative love. You were always saying to us, Take time to live; The world has much to give, Of faith and hope and love; Of faith that life is good, That human brotherhood Shall no illusion prove; Of hope that future years Shall bring the best, in spite Of those whose
darkened sight Would stir our doubts and fears; Of love, that makes of life, With all its griefs, a song; A friend, of conquered wrong; A symphony, of strife. Take time to live, Nor to vain mammon give Your fruitful years.* □ You had faith in us. You delegated responsibility and you were confident we would be equal to it. There was no checking of details to see if the work had been done. No dictating as to how it should be done. You gave us a job to do, the principles that were to guide us and then expected us to carry out the assignment in accordance with these principles and the uniqueness and freedom of our own personalities. You imposed no ready made solutions, for faith kept you flexible and open-minded and generous of heart. You refused to be over-awed by little things. You were tireless in explaining the position of the college in matters religious, moral, and intellectual to those who were critical. We shall never know how much time and energy and patience and understanding and wisdom you have given to this aspect of the life of a college president. If we haven’t expressed our gratitude for this evidence of faith, we do it now. There were many occasions, I am sure, when we were undeserving, yet you believed in us. □ You taught us hope. We turned to you when our hope was faint and low for you had a way of rekindling it, both by precept and by example. Your hope is not sporadic for it is deeply rooted in a knowledge of the other than human factor; namely, God, the Holy Spirit, at work in the world. When you assumed the presidency of Central College, almost everyone had given up hope for that institution. She was about to take her last breath after a life of 80 years. It was toward the end of the depression, the college was not accredited by any regional agency, the plant was inadequate, the student body small, the faculty insecure, but in 11 years—almost singlehandedly—you made her into a growing, confident, accredited institution. Here you demonstrated, as you have done at Hope many times since, that what things do to a person will depend in the long run upon what life finds in a person. Life finds hope in you. During the 29 years of your presidency, much of life has been lived on the edge of a precipice—the great depression, World War II, Korean War, Cold War. You have had your share of joy and sorrow, illness and good health, love and loss—for these are no respecters of persons. They come to all alike but all do not respond alike. Some become bitter, some disillusioned, some cynical. Your faith that God and time solve many problems and that no experience is ever wasted unless we allow ourselves to run out of hope, has been a constant inspiration to us. You never give up for you believe that the future is God’s future and “that future years shall bring the best, in spite of those whose darkened night would stir our doubts and fears.” □ You taught us love—not the sentimental kind—but a love that springs from the affirmation of the other person’s value, a love that appreciates and affirms the worth of the other—a love which respects the claim of the other one to be acknowledged as a person. You had concern for our physical well-being. Salaries were increased beyond the ability of the college to pay. You personally assumed the responsibility to provide the necessary funds. For this act of generosity and love, we are deeply grateful. □ Both Hope and Central have had their share of “individuals” on the faculty and this is good for conformity to a common mold is highly undesirable in an educational institution. Yet there must be a pulling together. It takes great executive ability and tact and understanding and love to mold and create unity out of such

*Thomas Curtis Clark
a variety. You created unity. You put yourself in a position of equality, never superiority. You are always a friend. You have the unusual gift of analyzing a problem, indicate the direction in which a solution is to be found and then without invoking sanctions or external compulsion, receive the unified cooperation of your colleagues to bring about the desired objective. This is the mark of an able administrator. You do not move in a world of things and personages and abstract ideas—but everywhere and in all circumstances you deal with others as persons. Your whole personality responds to the whole person. Your sense of humor and perspective are always more effective in bringing about a harmonious working together than a thousand discourses on pedagogy. As we remind ourselves of how you related yourself to us, there is much that calls for song. You gave of yourself. You are warm of heart, wise of mind, adventurous, yet serene in spirit. The lives of all of us have been immensely enriched. Our hearts are full of gratitude to God for the leadership and friendship He has given us in you. We shall miss you.

To a college student, as to other individuals, first impressions are very important. They tell us whether or not a course will be interesting. They tell us whether or not we will be able to get along with our new roommate. They tell us which fraternity or sorority we would like to be a member of. They tell us if the food is going to be to our liking. Yes, first impressions are important to us. On the other hand, lasting impressions are also very important to the college student. They show us how valuable those hours spent reading in the library and doing research in the laboratory are to the educational process. They show us how living with others in dormitories has helped to prepare us for living with others in the world. They show us how important a chapel service is in getting the day off to a fine start. You see, lasting impressions are important to us too. In paying tribute to Dr. Lubbers on behalf of the student body, I can say that both our first impression and our lasting impression of him are equally excellent. Encountering him walking through the campus or sitting in the Kletz having a cup of coffee gives us our first impression and we immediately see by his warm smile and friendly greeting that here is an individual who has a genuine concern for us as students. In the fine work he has done to make Hope College what it is today and what it will be in the future we find our lasting impression of Dr. Lubbers, and once again we see that he has a real interest in the student body. To the student, this interest in his welfare shown by someone as important as the President of the College is invaluable. Too many times the trend is to build a fine name for a college but to forget the welfare of the students in the process. For maintaining an interest in us while at the same time building an excellent college, we extend to Dr. Lubbers a special word of thanks. Although his duties as President often require that he be absent from the campus for long periods of time, Dr. Lubbers has several methods by which he maintains contact with the student body. One of these methods is familiarly known around campus as the Presidential Luncheon. These affairs are given periodically during the year whenever the President feels there is need to sit down with a cross section of the
student body and talk about the campus climate in general. At these
meetings, the only rule of order set down is that no one may quote anyone
ever. From here they usually begin with Dr. Lubbers giving a brief resume
of the activities he has been engaged in while away from the college, and
thus we are informed as to plans for rearranging the academic calendar,
the progress of finance drives, and so on. Next it is the students’ turn to
tell what has been going on at the campus, to voice their likes and dis-
likes, and to ask questions. A luncheon meeting such as this is not only
extremely beneficial for communicative purposes, but is also deeply appreci-
ated by those students present. The general feeling after a meeting of
this type is that it is very gratifying to know that we have a person of
such capabilities and concern working for our educational betterment.
Speaking in chapel is also a method used by the President to maintain
contact with the campus community. His traditional appearance in chapel
the day Christmas vacation is to begin is always looked forward to with
eager anticipation and on this day attendance is noticeably better than
usual. This is due to the fact that all are wondering if Dr. Lubbers will
give his usual Christmas present of early dismissal from classes. Needless
to say, this gesture is always appreciated and it gets the holiday season
off to a fine start for all of us. Accompanying this “present,” however,
is usually something that always means as much to the student body. This
is a compliment from the President for the work done throughout the
school year and encouragement to do equally well in the future. Another
method used by Dr. Lubbers to keep in contact with the students is that
of individual consultation. His office door has always been open to us and
he has always been willing to listen to our problems regardless of whether
they be of individual or campus-wide concern. We know we can trust his
advice and confidence. Finally, and most important, Dr. Lubbers’ inter-
est and concern for the students of Hope College is manifested in the
college itself. Through his efforts we have a fine Christian faculty inter-
ested in giving us the best education possible. An expanded curriculum
appeals to a greater variety of students and thus we find very few stereo-
typed individuals on our campus. Through the President’s efforts a large
scale building and expansion project has taken place, designed to keep the
finest in class rooms, laboratories, and athletic facilities available for the
student’s use. I could go on indefinitely but to do so would only be repeti-
tious of what others have already said. I think the finest tribute we
as students can pay to Dr. Lubbers is the fact that no one on our campus
has to be told what type of an individual our President is. We all know
His achievements speak for themselves. Formally, however, we want
to thank Dr. Lubbers for making Hope College the fine institution of learning
it is today. We thank him for maintaining a deep interest in us as
students as he did his administrative work. We thank him for slowing
us down when we wanted to move too quickly and for speeding us up
when we wanted to move too slowly. Our first impression of Dr. Lub-
bers told us he was vitally interested in us as being integral parts of
Hope College. Our lasting impression of him is something we will carry
with us throughout our lives.

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OPPOSITE: Every graduate is “special” to Dr. Lubbers when he presents
the diploma on commencement day.
Chairman, Board of Trustees

Now that our chief administrator, Dr. Lubbers, has reached the time for a rest from the heavy pressures, all that he has been responsible for and has accomplished, suddenly passes in realistic review. The trustees, with an interim executive committee form the "Consistory" for the President. Through the years of Dr. Lubbers' presidency this has been the relationship. In fact each year more responsibilities have been directed to Board committees for research and information, with the final details and completion in the hands of able administrative officers. In the early years of his administration the board was elected from classical areas and the General Synod. After several years of study the Constitution and bylaws were rewritten to make the trustees much more effective and allow the number of board members to be reduced to a workable group. The first order of business at each Board meeting has been the "Report of the President." At this point from year to year, Dr. Lubbers has shared his desires for Hope. These requests were then referred to various committees for study and almost without exception, have been successfully completed. During these constitutional changes, the Alumni have gained board representation in the category of "Trustees at Large" as well as others vitally interested in the future of Hope. In 1963 the executive committee will be elected completely by the Board for the first time. Prior to this six members were appointed by the Chairman of the Board. This change has been a desire of our President, so that the authority of the trustees democratically lodges in the Executive Committee. This allows decisions between the semi-annual Board meetings to carry on the necessary program. The faculty report has become a part of our meetings because of Dr. Lubbers' desire that the representatives of the church and alumni are aware of the progress and continued needs of this group. The gratifying part of this progress has been the continual Christian atmosphere in which all this has been accomplished, even when there were differences of opinion. Both President and Board were firm but continually demonstrating "give and take" at various points of discussion. When decisions seemed impossible, often we were called to prayer and in God's providence the answers were forthcoming. The administrative team has proven the worth of his leadership. Budget, buildings, and personnel have been handled with wisdom. Remuneration at all levels was considered realistically with faith and this review has now become an annual order of business. The close relationship with other like educational groups has made Hope not only known, but a leader in this field. The talent of our President to mold his personality with that of others for the good of all has resulted in the success of the Michigan Colleges Foundation and receipt of grants from various sources such as the Ford Foundation. His dogged determination that the future of the church related, liberal arts college was connected with the future welfare of our corporations, school systems, and every level of government has resulted in substantial support. Recently a projection was completed for the next ten years, a joint project of faculty and administration. This points out the needs and challenges which we face if Hope is to maintain the fine record of the past. Our denomination, to whom we are all responsible, has joined in a close relationship and soon will again play a major role in the construction of the new Physics-Mathematics building. Annual reports now reach each consistory and the recent appointment of a full time representative to the
churches, Rev. A. A. Dykstra, demonstrates the part that the denomination has in the life of the college. Groups of young people accompanied by their pastors visit our campus often and as a result many return as students. The faculty at the request of the President have played an important part in the decisions of the college. Dr. Lubbers continually stresses the loyalty and devotion of this group, as evidenced by the representation of the faculty on the Committee for the new President. The alumni and friends of the college have been molded into one, “Looking Ahead with Hope.” After Dr. Lubbers was granted permission for a professional survey, the report that three million dollars could be a realistic goal seemed almost improbable. Again our President’s faith in the church, alumni, and friends of the college led the Board to accept this challenge. Possibly it was unfair to student body and faculty to “assign” our President to this task, but again God’s providence led and success was the result. Dr. Lubbers has been blessed with a devoted and gracious wife. Mrs. Lubbers’ interest in every activity of the college has been an inspiration to all of us. As the hostess for many official functions, she has always made us feel “at home.” Comments such as, “Our home sort of puts its arms around you,” tell the story. For their presence with us these past years we are grateful to God and from this source we ask for them strength for each need and continued wisdom and blessings. May their favorite scripture continue to guide all of us as it speaks from Proverbs, Chapter 3, verse 6: “In all thy ways acknowledge Him and he shall direct thy paths.”

The General Synod of 1962 unanimously adopted a resolution expressing appreciation for the long and distinguished leadership of Dr. Irwin J. Lubbers as president of Central College from 1934 to 1945 and as president of Hope College from 1945 to the present. The resolution called attention to his creative and resourceful leadership in our colleges for twenty-eight years. By taking such action, the Reformed Church in America through its delegated representatives sought to make vocal its deep gratitude to Irwin and Margaret Lubbers for their lives and work, shared together in the service of the thousands of young people who attended our colleges across the last three decades. It was a high and historic moment when the President of the General Synod called Dr. and Mrs. Lubbers to the platform to receive his words of appreciation and the rising vote of the delegates. I shall always remember the gracious response made by Dr. Lubbers which ended with his testimony to the assurance of God’s leading in their lives when he quoted the Scripture verse by which they had continually charted their course: “In all thy ways acknowledge him, And He will direct thy paths.” Proverbs 3:6. To me, Dr. Lubbers has been and is a living demonstration of the prayer written by Reinhold Niebuhr for “Good Judgment”: “O God, give me serenity to accept what cannot be changed; courage to change what can be changed; and the wisdom to know one from the other.” Dr. Lubbers’ life and work demonstrated the three key words—serenity, courage, wisdom—in remarkable ways. His “serenity to accept what cannot be changed” was an uncomplaining acceptance of the facts of life which gave him a sure

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Reformed Church in America

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composure in all circumstances. His deep insights recognized the given, the limited, the circumscribed, the irreversible and the unrepentable. With these he did not waste quarrel or argument. Always sensitive to the Almightyness of God and the finiteness of the human, he lived with a “calmness from above.” He was able to live with quiet confidence under the sovereignty of God and with personal responsibility to the demands of his heavy responsibilities. In this characteristic posture his daily living was surprisingly free from restiveness, complaints, alibis and rationalization. His “courage to change what can be changed” was the driving force of his life and work. With vision, determination, commitment and daring leadership he reached the heights of achievement. He constantly resisted the temptation to set limits where God has not, and refused to yield to the inaction of the average many who waver between the big things they are sure they cannot do and the little things they do not want to do. Again and again he confounded those slow to believe and hard to convince by “specializing in the impossible.” What changes we saw! Deficits disappeared, buildings took shape, dormitories arose, budgets multiplied, salaries increased, programs grew, faculty expanded, standards climbed, national recognition came, constituencies were enlisted, campaigns succeeded, and spiritual foundations were strengthened—all these through “courage to change what can be changed.” John L. Sullivan, of fisticuff fame, was reported to have said, “The champion may not be a better fighter than the challenger, but the champ is the one who gets up once more.” Dr. Lubbers drove through to triumph by courage and faith which would not give up. Finally, Dr. Lubbers asked for and received “the wisdom to know one from the other” in evaluating “what cannot be changed” and “what can be changed.” This was the answer to his “prayer for good judgment.” Because he was sensitive to where the line of difference lay between the humanly possible and the impossible, he demonstrated over and over again that what many were sure “cannot be changed” was changeable through courageous faith in God “with Whom all things are possible,” in Christ Who promised “and nothing shall be impossible to you,” and in the Holy Spirit who is given by the heavenly Father to “them that ask Him.”

On August 9, 1949 five college presidents met together at the Hotel Olds in Lansing, Michigan. Their purpose in meeting was to sign a document which was to become historic . . . which was to initiate a whole new pattern of fund raising for the private colleges of America. The college presidents were Irwin J. Lubbers of Hope, Samuel J. Harrison of Adrian, Harvey L. Turner of Hillsdale, Alvin W. Johnson of Emmanuel Missionary and Dale D. Welch of Alma. The document was the Articles of Incorporation of THE MICHIGAN COLLEGES FOUNDATION, INC. These five college presidents were the incorporators and first trustees. Looking back on this event one can only marvel at the wisdom and foresight of these men. Their action was prompted by two events that had taken place just a few months earlier. In December of 1948 the presidents of Wabash and Earlham Colleges in Indiana had obtained a gift from two Indiana corporations to be divided among their own colleges and several others.
In January 1949, Frank Abrams, Chairman of Standard Oil of New Jersey, in addressing the National Association of College Presidents, presented the idea of joint solicitation for funds by the non-tax supported colleges. Recognizing the significance of these two events, Dr. Lubbers and his associates began immediately to plan their association. Michigan became the first state association of private colleges to incorporate in a joint “community chest” type venture to secure financial aid from business and industry. Now, 13 years after these Michigan colleges incorporated their movement, there are 40 similar state and regional associations covering 47 states with over 500 member colleges. Seventy-five million dollars has been raised from business and industry from 70,000 industrial contributors. To date over 4 million dollars has been raised in Michigan from some 4000 contributors and the number of participating colleges has grown from the original five to fifteen. But the early years were fraught with disappointment and hardship. Incorporating an organization and making it successful are entirely different matters. What must one do to start? Obviously hire a director and establish a bank account. So they hired a former teacher, Bruce Raymond, opened up an office and with each college putting up $1,500 they deposited $7,500 in the bank. It was not to be until four years later that these colleges were to start getting any return on their investment. It soon became evident that they needed help—that their director just couldn’t walk into business offices and secure money. The business community was politely receptive but the idea of business firms giving financial aid to colleges was almost entirely new. The general reaction was “What would our stockholders say. They might sue us if we gave money to you.” In time the five presidents came to
realize they could not hire someone to do the asking for them. They themselves would have to take the initiative and they would have to have businessmen help them sell their idea. Irwin Lubbers and his associates sought to interest a key Detroiter in their problem. Harvey Campbell, Executive Vice President of the Greater Detroit Board of Commerce, heard their story and became convinced. Mr. Campbell invited a few business leaders to a meeting to hear the case for the private colleges by the five college presidents. As a result of that meeting and with Harvey Campbell’s urging, several businessmen assumed an active part in the affairs of the Foundation. Brouwer D. McIntyre, President of Monroe Auto Equipment Company, was elected Chairman and Simon D. Den Uyl, President of Bohn Aluminum and Brass Corp., was elected President. Several more prominent businessmen came on the Board of Trustees: Reid Brazell, President of Leonard Refineries; William A. Mayberry, President, Manufacturers National Bank of Detroit; Carl W. Bonbright, President of General Foundry and Manufacturing Co.; Charles R. Sligh, Jr., President of Sligh Furniture Co.; Harry W. Anderson, Vice President of General Motors Corp., and George Carter, President, Detroit Insurance Agency. A number of these men contributed their personal funds to help finance the organization. Harvey Campbell asked James T. Maunders of his staff to help in interesting other businessmen. A nationally known professional fund raising concern was hired to organize the cultivation and solicitation program. The dream was taking shape—but little money as yet was raised. The fund raising firm based its program on getting a few leadership gifts from major Michigan companies to start the campaign. This almost came about, but not quite. The idea of corporate giving to education was still too new for major national corporations to risk stockholder disapproval. Throughout all of these problems Dr. Lubbers was a key architect in the planning. Always he had faith in the ultimate success of the dream. When a plan would fail he would suggest another course ... another tack. His diplomacy in handling the businessmen—of getting them to cooperate and in keeping their interest, has been one of the great contributing factors toward the program moving forward. His enthusiasm buoyed up the other college presidents. He helped induce other colleges to join the program. After it was evident that the large major companies could not, because of certain policies and studies being conducted, lead off in the giving, Dr. Lubbers’ enthusiasm never waned. Jim Maunders was so impressed with Dr. Lubbers’ leadership that he asked for a short leave of absence to attempt a pump priming sales effort on twenty medium sized companies. Bohn Aluminum and Brass Corporation underwrote the cost of this different approach and gradually but surely, money came to the Foundation. All the early effort, the persistent telling of the story, the soundness of the plan, caught on. In time it became traditional for businessmen to join with the college presidents in making calls on other business firms. Each year brought more money and more participants to the program. The Michigan Colleges Foundation became a firmly established and highly regarded media for the investment of industrial funds in the independent colleges of the state. In 1951 the first businessman President of The Michigan Colleges Foundation was a product of Hope College—Simon D. Den Uyl. Now, 11 years later, the President of the Foundation is also from Hope—James M. Ver Meulen, President American Seating Company, Grand Rapids, Mich. And so Dr. Lubbers, The Michigan Colleges Foundation, which you helped create and then nurtured and strengthened through the years, salutes you with signal honor.
It is with sincere appreciation that we recognize the significant contribution which the wife of our president has made to the campus, the church, and the community. We pay tribute to Margaret Lubbers, the friendly and gracious hostess, who warmly welcomes in her home the stream of new students when college opens in September, and who with the president greets and extends best wishes to the graduating seniors and their parents and friends at a breakfast on the lawn on Commencement morning in June; in whose spacious dining room new faculty catch the spirit of Hope as they launch out on their new venture; who annually opens her home to campus and community organizations—among them the Faculty Dames, the Century Club, the American Association of University Women, and the Hope College Women’s League—and to many friends of Hope who are interested in seeing exhibits of antiques or fashions of yesterday in the president’s home on the day of the Village Square in August; whose cheerful fireside extends equal warmth and hospitality to the men who rake the campus leaves and the dignitary from the Embassy. We honor Mrs. Lubbers as the president’s first assistant, who gives wholehearted loyalty and active support to all that contributes to the welfare and strengthening of the College, often accompanying the president to meet with alumni and church groups and assisting him in such projects as the launchings of the Looking Ahead with Hope program in New York, in Chicago, in Los Angeles, and in Washington. We esteem her highly as a talented person and as a friend, one who has the rare gift of being a sympathetic listener and wise counselor when faculty or students come to her to share a problem or a concern, whether it be personal or related to a campus organization or to Hope College standards or ideals. And now as she leaves her home on our campus, we assure her that our many pleasant associations with her and her contribution to us will long be remembered. For her charm, her inspiration, her devotion, and her service to Hope College, we salute our First Lady!

honoring mrs. irwin j. lubbers

JANUARY, 1963
CLASS NOTES

Rare 50ish Reunion
by Kathleen Ver Meulen Yonkman

Picture: 1st row, l to r: Sally Timpson, Linda Miner Hoffman, Margaret Feldman Kruizenga, Richard Kruizenga. 2nd row: Abiodun Fabummi, Mrs. Gongadhar Gouri, Constance Veenstra Fabummi, Ketema Yifru, Kathleen Ver Meulen Yonkman, Marjorie Pickens. 3rd row: Elizabeth Schmidt Dennison, Major Yilmu Alemu, Donald Hoffman, Larry Fabummi, Robert Dennison, Elise Smith, Fredrick Yonkman.

On Saturday, October sixth, Constance '54 and Larry '52 Fabummi entertained in their Jamaica, N. Y. home at a buffet dinner party honoring Ketema Yifru '51, who had come to this country from Ethiopia to spend ten days at U. N. business in New York.

It was a gathering with an international air. Don '52 and Linda Miner '55 Hoffman came from New York City, as did Marge Pickens '53; Liz '52 and Bob '52 Dennison were there from New Jersey. Marge '52 and Dick '52 Kruizenga came from Manhasset and Marge took a prodigious number of pictures, one of which she will send on to you directly. Abiodun Fabummi, Larry's younger brother was there, and Major Yilmu Alemu, a colleague of Ketema's. Two girls employed at the United Nations, Elise Smith and Sally Timpson, and Mr. and Mrs. Gangadhar Gouri of India, plus the Yonkmans, completed the group.

Connie served a delicious meal which featured two Nigerian specialties: a shrimp and spinach combination called OBE EGUSI, and a very hot red sauce, OBE ATA, which we ate with chicken and rice. Everyone enjoyed it immensely, and it was a rare reunion for Hope people of 1950ish vintage who live in the New York area.

(comment by Marge Kruizenga) We are all very proud of Ketema (Acting Minister for the Foreign Affairs of Ethiopia, and Chairman of his country's delegation to the 17th Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations). I actually heard him speak at the U.N. this year. The year before we had no knowledge of his position, until it appeared in the New York Times.

Through Larry we went to a Nigerian reception — a wonderful affair not in the least diminished by speaking to Adlai Stevenson for a few minutes. Wachuku, the head of the Nigerian delegation, is a very interesting person.

1921

Exactly 25 years to the day after Dr. Francis P. Ihrman assumed the pastorate of First Presbyterian Church, Racine, Wisconsin, some 400 parishioners gathered to celebrate his silver anniversary and to commission him to a special assignment: a study tour of the Holy Land and of the Presbyterian mission fields abroad. Mrs. Ihrman will accompany him and the trip is tentatively set for early 1963. The reception was preceded by a program in the church sanctuary which included Dr. Ihrman's favorite anthem, an organ number dedicated to him, greetings from the Synod of Wisconsin, the Presbytery of Milwaukee and the downtown churches of Racine. Among those participating in the program was John Ver Meulen '24, co-chairman of anniversary plans.

1922

Dr. Maurice B. Visscher Distinguished Service Professor and chairman of the Department of Physiology at the University of Minnesota, was presented with the second annual American Heart Association Research Achievement Award on October 27 in Cleveland.

The Award was given to Dr. Visscher partly because his work "is a foundation for the modern techniques of cardiovascular surgery," according to the citation he received.

Dr. Visscher has been active for many years in international medical science cooperation. He headed missions for UNRRA to Italy, to Austria for the World Health Organization and for the International Union of Physiological Sciences to Japan. He was president of the Council of International Organizations of Medical Sciences sponsored by UNESCO and WHO and has held other offices in international and national scientific organizations.

In representing to the presentation of the award, Dr. Visscher mentioned his high school biology teacher, Miss Lyda Rogers, "who intrigued my interest in the science of living things"; and to his biology teacher in Hope College, "Frank N. Paterson, who encouraged me to take my first faltering steps to original study as a college student."

Dr. Visscher visited his mother-in-law, Mrs. Albertus Pieters '87, in Holland after receiving this award. Mrs. Visscher is the former Gertrude Pieters '21. The Visscher children are, Dr. Barbara V. Kahn, Los Angeles; Dr. William M. Visscher, Los Alamos; Mrs. Janie V. Simpson, Oslo, Norway and Pieter, a senior in high school in Minneapolis. There are seven grandchildren.

1927

Dr. William M. Tuttle, of Detroit, was presented the Bruce H. Douglas Award for significant contribution in the field of tuberculosis at a joint meeting of the Michigan Thoracic Society and the Michigan Tuberculosis and Respiratory Disease Association in October.

Dr. Tuttle is chief of staff and chief of the division of thoracic surgery at Herman Kiefer Hospital, chief of the division of thoracic surgery at Harper Hospital, surgeon to Woman's Hospital and consultant on thoracic surgery.
at Mt. Carmel Mercy and Charles G. Jennings Hospitals. He is also consultant in thoracic surgery in Veterans Administration Hospitals in the mid central states area.

The award honors the memory of Dr. Bruce H. Douglas, who served as Detroit Health Commissioner from 1941 until his death in 1949.

Clayde H. Geerlings was reelected for his sixth term in the Michigan State Senate from the 32nd district, in the November election.

Nelson Doak is one of four chaplains (two Protestant) serving City Hospital at Elmhurst, New York. This 1000 bed hospital emphasizes the need for spiritual remedies as well as methods for easing ailments of body and mind. The Trouble Shooting Clinic which has had so much publicity, originated at Elmhurst. A new clinic, dealing with the problem of narcotics, is being started.

Each week the Psychiatrists at the hospital meet with the ministers in the community to help with the people's problems which the ministers face.

Mr. Doak has a certificate from the William Alanson White School of Psychiatry and has done graduate work at Columbia and Union Seminary. He has also spent a summer at the Yale School for alcoholic studies. He has been chairman of counseling for the Queens Federation of Churches for several years, besides being minister of the Reformed Church of Newtown.

1930

Paul C. Dykstra has been named manager of trade sales divisions of The Firestone Tire & Rubber Company, Akron, Ohio. He was formerly manager of the company's Western sales division in Chicago. In Akron he will be responsible for distribution of Firestone products to dealers and through stores.

He joined the company in 1935 as a commercial salesman in Chicago and successively served as district budget supervisor, territory salesman and store manager in Decatur, Illinois. In 1942 he became store supervisor in Chicago and five years later was named Indianapolis district manager. He returned to Chicago in 1955 as assistant manager of the Western division and in 1957 was named manager.

1931

Dean Lester Vander Werf of Northeastern University College of Education, has devised a revolutionary "double purpose" plan of schooling which is being put into effect in five greater Boston communities.

More than 1,600 elementary and junior high school pupils and 58 teachers will be affected by the unique program during the present school year.

The plan, which may lead to a complete revision of the existing structure and emphasis of American education, is being introduced in selected schools as part of a cooperative effort directed by Northeastern University. Basically, the plan aims to educate youngsters for the dual responsibilities of life — as individuals and as members of a democratic society.

The implementation of this goal will involve both traditional and modern means of instruction.

Dean Vander Werf, who believes American education in recent years has placed too much emphasis on schooling the individual and not enough on the student's future responsibilities to society, favors the use of two kinds of pupil groupings. For specialized subjects that primarily involve personal skills — subjects such as mathematics, science, music and art — pupils will be grouped according to individual levels of achievement and ability regardless of age or grade. This is in line with modern concepts of ability grouping.

But for subjects that relate to the individual's role in society — subjects such as English and literature, history and government — pupils will continue to be taught according to standard levels and grades.

Under the plan, teachers will tend to specialize in specific subjects rather than continue as general assignment across-the-board instructors of a little of everything to a mixed group.

1935

Clarence Vander Linden is now affiliated with Eastern Michigan University as a Consultant in the Division of Field Services. His work is with the Michigan School Bus Driver Education Program in southeastern Michigan.

Address: 1211 Clarita Street, Ypsilanti.

1936

Dr. John H. Piet was formally installed as Dosker Hulswit Professor of English Bible and Missions at Western Seminary, in Hope Church, Holland, on October 18, 1936. The chair was established in 1926 and occupied by the late Dr. Albertus Pieters '87 until 1939 and by Dr. George H. Mennenga until 1961.

Dr. Piet is a veteran missionary with a 20 year record of distinguished service in South India. He has the B.D. degree from Western Seminary, the S.T.M. degree from Hartford Theological Foundation, and the Ph.D. degree from Columbia University where he studied as a Dodge Missionary Fellow in 1948.

As director of Tract Evangelism and Bible Correspondence in the Madras Diocese of India, Dr. Piet has written and published eight courses for over 140,000 enrolled students. His course, "The Light of Life," appears in 40 Indian languages, and in 20 other languages around the world.

Mrs. Piet is the former Wilma VanderWende '35. There are two sons, John H., Jr., a senior at Hope College and David L., a senior at West Ottawa High School.

1937

Pauline Hollebrands Dykstra started her work as President of the United Church Women of Detroit on January 1. This organization, 50 years old, is among the first U.C.W. organizations in the nation, and pre-dates the Detroit Council of Churches. (Pauline is the youngest President to date).

Starting her work with the U.C.W. as chairman of the committee on Christian Social Relations, she continued on to Recording Secretary, to First Vice-President and in six years progressed to the Presidency. Organizing her work for the year has required six months work to lay groundwork for the year in this council which embraces 350 member-churches.

Pauline reports that, operating on a $7,000 budget, the organization supports a ministerial chaplain at Herman Kiefer Hospital and a Protestant Teacher-Counselor at
the Vista Maria Home and School for girls, supplies representatives from U.C.W. to fifteen outside agencies and civic groups in the city and state.

Besides being presiding officer and organizer for the U.C.W. Pauline prepares monthly meetings for the Administrative Committee and the Board of Representatives; meets with Detroit women's organizations, such as the League of Catholic Women and the League of Jewish Women to plan joint undertakings, and she is currently serving on five different committees of the Detroit Council of Churches also.

The President reports that U.C.W. is considered to be the voice of Protestant women in the community and is recognized as a power for good, both in the churches and the metropolis. The possibilities for real achievement are endless. Pauline says, "I have a wonderfully understanding and cooperative family — my husband and 3 boys — who are most helpful at home. Craig is 15 and Stuart and Steven are 18 (twins). Without their encouragement, I would be lost." They are members of the Grosse Pointe Memorial Presbyterian Church. Pauline has been Superintendent of the Pre-school Department there for two years in the Church School, and Bible Study leader for the Women's Association Circle Study for two years.

1941
Robert M. Verburg, General Manager of the Photo & Repro Division of General Aniline & Film Corporation, has been elected a Vice President by the Board of Directors of the Company.

1944
Dr. Elmer Van Egmond and family will move to Cambridge, Mass. early in January when he will assume a newly created position as Coordinator of Research at Lesley College, a private teacher training school for women.

For the past six years Dr. Van Egmond has been associated with the Group Dynamics Research Center of the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. As Study Director he has been responsible for directing the efforts of a staff of research workers in an investigation of factors that determine the degree to which classroom teachers share new, effective teaching practices they have developed. A second aspect of the study concerns the effects of certain psychological and sociological aspects of the school situation on the learning, performance and achievement levels of pupils in the classroom.

During his stay in Ann Arbor, Dr. Van Egmond has also been associated with the School of Education teaching courses in Educational Psychology and Group Dynamics and has served as a Research Associate in the University Schools. He has also been active as a consultant with Educational, Religious and Industrial organizations.

In his new position at Lesley College, Dr. Van Egmond will be primarily responsible for the evaluation of an experimental effort to create an integrated learning experience on the campus which would erase some of the traditional separations between formal learning activities, dormitory life, and extra-curricular activities. He will also have administrative responsibilities for three laboratory schools which are operated by the College. One of these schools serves as a special education facility for mentally retarded children; the second, as a school for pupils needing remedial learning services, and the third specializes in the education of gifted children.

1947
Robert J. Danhof, Muskegon attorney, has been tapped by Governor George Romney to be his executive assistant for the legislative program. He will be a member of the Governor's advisory staff and be his liaison with the State Legislature.

1949
Howard Koop has accepted a job as assistant director of Wisconsin state colleges. He will be assistant to Eugene McPhee, director and secretary of the regents. Howard will handle land purchasing and planning for the nine state colleges. He also will be the liaison man with the federal government on financial aids.

As a member of Governor Nelson's staff since 1968, Howard drafted the Wisconsin tax revision bill and was a key man in the passage of the bill which included the creation of the department of administration for the state. Governor Nelson "borrowed" Howard from Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Co. where he was assistant comptroller.

John E. Tirrell, former president of the Grand Rapids Junior College and until November 1 executive director of the University of Michigan Alumni Association, was appointed vice president in charge of instructional services at the new St. Louis Junior College District in October.

In his new position he will be responsible for development of the instructional program of the Junior College District here and will recruit and supervise the teaching staff.

1950
Julia Smith Henkel is an associate professor and chairman of the Division of Language and Literature at Malone College, Canton, Ohio. Her husband, Dr. Milford F. Henkel, is chairman of the Division of Social Sciences at Malone. They have two children, Milford F., III, who is ten and Jerry Allen, seven.

Julia, who received her Ph.D. from the University of Pittsburgh in August, wrote her dissertation on the subject "The Education Contributions of the Brethren of the Common Life." Besides her busy life as mother, wife, scholar, and educator, she has also written for various religious periodicals and conducted Christian education workshops throughout the country. She is listed in Who's Who of American Women and in Who's Who in the Mid-West. She is a member of the American Society of Church Historians, Evangelical Theological Society, National Educational Association, Religious Educational Association, Kappa Delta Gamma (honorary society for teachers), National Council of Teachers of English, American Association of Teachers of French, Research Commission of National Sunday School Association, American Camping Association, and Quota Club International.

Daniel L. Paul, principal of the Pine Creek School in Holland, has been honored for having contributed to the publication of a unique book in education. This book is appropriately named PROBE.

PROBE is a teacher's handbook of games, activities, and experiments to motivate the teaching of elementary science. The publisher invited several thousand successful teachers to share the activities they had found most helpful in stimulating the interest of children in science.

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Dan's contribution was accepted for inclusion in this book which represents, perhaps, the greatest cooperative effort by teachers ever published.

1953

Another high honor has come to Arend D. Labbers. He was selected one of 50 national and international figures to receive the Golden Plate Award from the Academy of Achievement — a non-profit organization dedicated to the education and inspiration of youth — to raise their sights high, to excel in their endeavors — through the dramatic annual gathering of, and salute to, men and women of exceptional accomplishment in the great walks of life."

The award was presented at the Academy's second annual week-end "Salute to Excellence," in San Diego, December 29.

1954

Walter D. De Vries, on leave from Calvin College faculty since his election as a delegate to the Michigan Constitutional Convention, has been appointed by Governor George Romney to the post of executive assistant to the Governor for program development and agency liaison.

1955

Harry Tan has become affiliated with the DuPont Company at the Experimental Station in Wilmington, Delaware. He and wife, Julie, and son Larry, 1½ years old, are living at 824 Wilson Road, Greenmeadows, Wilmington 3.

James D. Van Putten, after spending the past year in Geneva, Switzerland, with the European Organization for Nuclear Research, has accepted an assistant professorship of physics at California Institute of Technology. He will be doing research in high energy physics.

1956

Richard H. Decker, after completing two years as a post doctoral fellow at the Cancer Research Hospital, University of Wisconsin, has been appointed Research Associate in the biochemistry section of the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota. He and his wife and son are living at 220 10½ St., S.E., Rochester.

George A. Pelgrim, Jr. was made manager of freight for the port of Honolulu by the American President Lines upon his completion of a two year executive's training course with the company. He welcomes contact made with him through his office at 705 Bishop Street, by Hope graduates as they stop in Hawaii on the way to the Orient.

1957

Martin K. Gideon, Jr. has been appointed Curriculum Consultant for Passaic County, New Jersey, by the State of New Jersey Department of Education.

1958

After spending three years in Germany, Carol Houghtaling Brinkerhoff has returned to the States. Her husband, James, has resumed civilian life as an engineer for Ingersoll-Rand Co. in Painted Post, New York.

George O. Van Verst is serving with the United States Army Dental Corps in Long Branch, New Jersey.

1959

Arnold J. Boeve is in the private practice of dentistry in Sheldon, Iowa.

Rev. John H. Meyer is serving two parishes in New York — Berne and West Berne.

Frederick M. Brown, after a year and a half of graduate psychology at Syracuse University and another year and a half as a research technician at the V. A. Hospital in Syracuse, is now enrolled as a first year medical student at the Upstate Medical Center, Syracuse, and President of his class.

Spencer and Sally De Wolf Weersing are living in Arlington, Virginia. Sally is a research assistant at George Washington U. in Washington, D. C. and Spencer is serving in the U. S. Army Dental Services at Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

1961

Henry Steffens was graduated from Officer Training School, Lackland AFB, Texas, as a second lieutenant in the United States Air Force, and has been assigned to Wurtsmith AFB, Michigan, as a personnel officer.

Charles A. Smits has been commissioned second lieutenant in the United States Air Force upon graduation from Officer Training School, Lackland AFB. He has been reassigned to Keesler AFB, Mississippi.

Charles Truby is a graduate student in Microbiology at Arizona State University. He expects to receive his master's degree in June and go on for his Ph.D.

1962

Glenn Glass is serving in the Peace Corps in Niger, Africa. He is teaching English to French speaking students and adults in a small community in which the temperature is almost constantly 118 degrees in the shade. The people are mostly Arab and Moslem and very friendly to Americans.

Rodney Zegers, a graduate student in the department of Psychology at the University of Illinois, has received a half-time research assistantship. His work is being done at the Aviation Psychological Laboratory and involves human vigilance.

Karen Legren Jansma is employed by the New York Telephone Company as a Business Office Representative in New York City. Her husband, Roger W. Jansma '64, is employed by the E. J. Korvette Carpet Center as Assistant Manager of the Westbury, L. I. store.

Bruce Beiners is teaching in the Northview School system in Grand Rapids as well as coaching the Cross Country and Track teams. He is also working toward his masters degree at Western Michigan University.

Notice to all Hope men and women attending the annual convention of the American Association of School Administrators,

HOPE COLLEGE BREAKFAST
8:00 A.M.—MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1963
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ATLANTIC CITY, NEW JERSEY
NEWS REVIEW

Hope College has received a WOOD-TV Education Grant in the amount of $250 for participation in the station’s Tom O’Clock Scholar series which featured Dr. D. Ivan Dykstra as instructor of the Oriental Philosophies course during the fall semester.

Dr. Robert F. De Haan, Chairman, Department of Psychology, and F. Philip Van Egl ’55, instructor in the department, have recently been certified in the State of Michigan under the Certification Act 257 of the Public Acts of 1959 as Consulting Psychologist and Psychological examiner, respectively. Dr. De Haan has also been a member of the Advisory Committee of the Michigan Psychologist Registration Act.

Dr. Lars Granberg, professor of Psychology and Clinical Psychologist, is certified in the State of California.

Professor Marguerite E. Prins ’17, who retired in June, last, as chairman of the Hope College French department, has been honored with an annual endowed award established by an anonymous donor. The award will be designated the Marguerite Prins Award.

The prize of $50 will be presented to the Hope senior who has evidenced the greatest interest and development in the study of the French language and literature.

Dr. Lars Granberg was elected by Wheaton College faculty to the Scholastic Honor Society in the spring of 1962, a distinguished tribute to Wheaton alumni who have achieved prominence in the eyes of the faculty. Four were honored last spring — an Army Colonel, an Advertising Executive, a Missionary and Dr. Granberg.

At the Centennial Celebration of Hope Church in October, Hope College presented the church with a carved plaque of the Seal of The Reformed Church in America in memory of the late Rev. Edwin Paul McLean ’38, a son of the church who went into full time Christian service. Mr. McLean served Hope College on the English, Religious Education, Psychology faculties from 1927 to 1945.

By action of the Executive Board of the Hope College Board of Trustees two buildings on the campus will be named in honor of former members of the faculty.

The new women’s dormitory, currently being constructed on the corner of 10th and Columbia will be called Gilmore Hall in memory of Christine Van Raalte Gilmore who was principal in charge of women at Hope from 1887 until 1907. She was appointed Dean of Women in 1907 and resigned from this position in 1909. Mrs. Gilmore was a daughter of the Rev. A. C. Van Raalte, founder of the college. She died in April, 1933.

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Dr. Nykerk was instrumental in starting the Nykerk Cup Contest which annually pits the freshmen women against the sophomore women in a contest of song, oration and a one-act play.

BIRTHS

James and Carol Houghtaling ’58 Brinkerhoff, Derek Peter, May 5, 1961 and Laura Anne, June 25, 1962, Heilbronn, Germany.

James ’60 and Harriet Wissink ’60 Engbers, James Arend II, September 24, Madison Heights, Mich.


Robert and Norma Hungerink Westerhof, both ’50, Steven Clark, June 13, adopted October 5, Grand Rapids.


Donald ’49 and Lynn Van Weelden ’51 Ihrman, Claire Lynne, November 16, 1961, Benton Harbor.

Roger ’58 and Wilma Winkels, Lori, May 1, 1962, Grand Haven.

Jan ’60 and Joan Tellman ’60 Robbert, Nicholas Edwin, October 19, Ann Arbor.

Donald ’49 and Elaine Bielefeld ’46 Walchenbach, Nancy Beth, September 11, Flint.

Jerrald ’56 and Elsie Vane Zande ’57 Redeker, Joel Hale, June 25, Grand Rapids.

Arthur ’57 and Joan Roos ’60 Hielkema, Stephen Arthur, September 30, Holland.

Warda Slivo ’59 and Mrs. Barkho, Maria Zago, November 1, Holland.

Kenneth ’51 and Betty Dowd ’52 Smouse, Elizabeth Anne, October 20, Antioch, Ill.

Calvin ’58 and Evelyn Berens ’56 Losee, Steven Winfield, April 10, 1962, Greenwich, N. Y.


Donald S. ’56 and Demitra Pangburn, adopted Melisa Helene, 2 months old, in November, Hicksville, N. Y.

Ben ’60 and Delores Bergman, Dulcie Zoe, October 23, Lansing.

Robert ’53 and Louise Loula ’52N Ondra, Donna Marie, November 14, Canandaigua, N. Y.

Ronald ’61 and Jean Schregardus ’62 Beyer, Kimberly Joy, October 31, Zeeland.

John ’60 and Mary Van Koeverying ’60 Stryker, John Nelson, November 18, Ann Arbor.

Gary ’58 and Carol Ter Haar, Lisa Renee, October 15, Farmington.

Allison ’50 and Karyl Prigge ’49 Van Zyl, Craig Mathew, November 25, Lake Odessa.

James ’56 and Barbara Jeffery ’56 Neveal, Kenneth James, November 30, Delmar, N. Y.

Fred ’50 and Joyce Baker ’50 Brieve, adopted Thomas Frederick, 2 weeks old on August 2, Lansing.
Robert '57 and Mary Alice Ferguson '57 Ritsema, Julie Frances, November 7, Kalamazoo.

Charles '61 and Nancy Truby, Lauren Anne, November 30, Tempe, Ariz.

Adrian '53 and Gloria Gore '52 Bruininks, John Alan, May 10, Grand Rapids.

John W. and Helen Vander Wall '52 Adriance, John Ross, November 27, San Mateo, Calif.

Donald '52 and Linda Miner '55 Hoffman, Douglas Mark, December 19, New York City.

Lawrence and Ruth Laning '60 Custer, Timothy Dean, August 7, 1961, Hamilton.

James and Barbara Pennings Kremer, both '56, Carolyn Sue, August 25, Grand Haven.

ADVANCED DEGREES

Henry P. Kik '42, M.A. pastoral counseling, Michigan State University, September 1962.


WEDDINGS

Roger W. Jansma '64 and Karen H. Lefgren '62, September 7, Roosevelt, L. I., N.Y.

Jerry De Nooyer and Dorothy De Goed Kuizenga '30, October 10, Kalamazoo.

David Kinkema '57 and Ruth Knylans, August 18, Fort Atkinson, Wis.

Charles E. Lindahl '57 and Patricia Alice Dunphy, August 17, Chicago.

Barbara Klompaiens '57 and Joseph Ray Carroll, December 28, Aruba, Netherlands Antilles.

Lois Thoms '59 and David Dickason, August 4, New Concord, Ohio.

Lt. John Frank Brooks '61 and Bonita Nietering '63, December 28, Grand Haven.

James Clark '58 and Janet Lethen, December 21, Ann Arbor.

Representing Hope College

James A. Verburg '10 at the inauguration of Dr. Elden T. Smith as President of Ohio Wesleyan University, October 18. “The charge to the new president was given by a former president of Ohio Wesleyan, Bishop Herbert Welch, who, in November, will observe his 100th birthday anniversary. His participation in the program was one of the high points in the service.”

Ruth Hyma Hill '27 at the inauguration of James Ernest Crimi as President of Aurora College, November 3, Aurora, Ill.

Lynn Szabo Smith '32 at the inauguration of Robert Cook as president of King's College, October 6, Briarcliff Manor, N. Y.

Paul L. Vanden Brink '53, M.D. at the Dedication Convocation, The John Schoff Millis Science Center, Western Reserve University, October 13, Cleveland.

Leo J. Mrok '50 at the inauguration of Philip Guthrie Hoffman as President of the University of Houston, April 27, Houston.

Jerold P. Veldman '55 M.D. at the inauguration of Kenneth Sanborn Pitzer as President of Rice Institute, October 10, Houston.

Myron A. Leenhouts '31 at the inauguration of Brother Timothy Michael, F.S.C. as the twenty-second President of Saint Mary's College of California, October 4.

Grace Gardel Landwehr '25 at the inauguration of Robert Fisher Oxnam as the eighth President of Drew University, October 12, Madison, N. J.

Suzie Van Slageren Ross '56 at the inauguration of Robert A. L. Mortvedt as President of Pacific Lutheran University, November 8, Parkland, Wash.

DEATHS

Rev. Jerry A. Veldman '25, associate pastor of Third Reformed Church, Holland, died of a heart attack at his home on October 20.

After graduation from Western Seminary he held pastorates in Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo and Orange City, Iowa before he accepted the Third Church call about eight years ago.

Surviving are his wife, Adelaide Borgman '25; a daughter, Marilyn Veldman Vander Velde '52, Ann Arbor; a son, Jerold P. Veldman '55, M.D., Houston, Texas, and two sisters, Mrs. Henry Avink and Mrs. Bertrand Kragt, both of Grand Rapids.

Rev. Elmer F. McCarty '05, retired pastor of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, died in February 1962. After studying in a seminary in Houghton, N. Y., Dr. McCarty served his denomination in Michigan for fourteen years, three years of which he was President of the Michigan Conference. Elected Secretary of the Foreign Missionary Department of the Church, he was chosen to be Superintendent of the Wesleyan Methodist Mission field in Sierra
Leone, West Africa, where he served for nearly 5 years. After active service he retired to Seattle, where he was living at the time of his death.

Rev. Robert Kroodsma '14 passed away on February 6, 1962 at his home in Tacoma, Washington. A graduate of Western Seminary, he served churches in Montana, New York, Michigan and Washington. After his retirement from the ministry he took a position with the State of Washington as an interviewer from which he had just retired.

He is survived by his widow, Ellen L., two sons, Robert B., Portland, Oregon and Major Gordon A., Jacksonville, N. Carolina; one daughter, Mrs. Wilber Olsen, Tacoma.

Miss Laura Boyd, professor of German at Hope College for 34 years until her retirement in 1955, died November 25, at the age of 78, in University Hospital, Ann Arbor, where she had been a patient for two weeks. She had been living with Dr. Eva Van Schaack '29 at 250 College Avenue, Holland.

Miss Boyd came to Hope College in 1921 from Sterling College, Kansas, where she had taught German, French and Spanish for 5 years. A native of Clarence, Iowa, she was a graduate of Tarkio College in 1906 and received the M.A. degree from Missouri State University in 1907.

She took graduate studies at Colorado State University, University of Wisconsin, and the University of Jena at Weimar, Germany. She had majored in Latin and minored in Greek but preferred German because it offered fresh, new material.

Since her retirement, Miss Boyd was active in Hope Church circles and served on the education committee of the Woman's Literary Club. She was regent of the D.A.R. for two terms, 1957 to 1961, and contributed to The Instructor and several other church and school publications.

Surviving are three nephews, four grandnieces and three grandnephews and several cousins, including Miss Ann Whitnell of Holland. Funeral services were held in Hope Church, Holland, with burial in Red Oak, Iowa.

Dr. Edward Cathcart '17, retired because of illness in 1942, died on November 4 in St. Louis, Mo., while visiting a brother.

A native of Holland, Dr. Cathcart received his M.D. degree from the University of Michigan in 1921, his M.S. in urology from the University of Minnesota in 1925. He taught at the University of Michigan Medical School from 1926 to 1928. From 1929 to 1931 he was an associate professor in the department of urology, Mayo Clinic. He was associate dean of medicine of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University, from 1934 to 1935.

Dr. Cathcart practiced urology in Detroit from 1935 until 1942 when he entered the Navy Medical Corps to serve during World War II. He wrote several articles on urology and was a member of many scientific societies.

His survivors are his brother, Dr. W. B. Cathcart of St. Louis; three sisters, Mrs. J. J. Mersen of Ann Arbor with whom he made his home for the past several years; Mrs. E. R. Kruizenga, Palatine Bridge, N. Y.; Miss Blanche Cathcart, Holland, and Mrs. W. W. Clark, Flint.

Rev. Arthur H. Voerman '18 of North Haledon, N. J., died of a heart attack in St. Joseph's Hospital, Paterson, on November 16. A native of the Netherlands, he was a graduate of New Brunswick Seminary. He had served churches in New Jersey and New York; was a member of the American Seminar in Europe, a theological study group, and lectured on world affairs. Mr. Voerman's book The Story of the Good News was published by Exposition Press of New York last July.

Dr. James J. De Kraker '08, who had served Reformed, Presbyterian and Congregational churches in New York and Michigan, died October 9 at St. Joseph hospital, Pontiac.

A native of Jenison, Michigan, he was a graduate of New Brunswick Seminary. Alma College conferred the Doctor of Divinity degree upon him. He began his ministry in the Reformed Church in the East, returned to Michigan to serve Presbyterian churches in Grand Haven and Big Rapids, and after retirement served the Congregational Church in Grandville and Romeo. He is survived by his wife and a daughter, Mrs. John I. Nicol of Stockbridge.

Nanki C. Bos '20N, president of John N. Bos Sand Co. and the Producers Core Sand Co. of Michigan City, died October 16 in White Sulphur Springs, W. Va. He was a resident of River Forest, Illinois. He is survived by his widow, Alice; three sons, John N., Harold G. and James C. and a sister, Wilhelmina Bos Hughes '26.

Albert Hoeksema '01, director of the Holland Business College from soon after graduation from Hope until 1940, died in Kalamazoo on December 18. A native and lifetime resident of Holland, he was a graduate of the Hope Preparatory School as well as from Hope College. He started his teaching career at the Maplewood District School in 1901. After retiring from the Business College, he was employed by the Michigan Department of Revenue. At one time he was affiliated with the First State Bank. In retirement he served as ambassador for the world Home Bible League. He is survived by his wife, Grace; one son, James Hoeksema, Holland; three daughters, Mrs. Malcolm Elliott, Saginaw, Mrs. Fred Bocks, Cadillac and Mrs. Harry Meighan, West Nyack, N. Y.

Dr. William M. Tuttle '27, prominent surgeon and chief of staff at Herman Kiefer Hospital, Detroit, died unexpectedly while addressing the Western Surgical Association in St. Louis on December 22. His recent honors and work appear in the Class Notes column of this magazine.

He is survived by his wife, Geneva; two sons, George and William M., Jr., and a daughter, Mrs. John E. Parker.

Rev. John Minnema '24, retired and living in Grand Rapids, died at his home on December 23 just before he was to leave to preach the evening service at the Newhall Reformed Church.

A native of the Netherlands, and a graduate of Western Seminary, he served in World War I. His pastorates were in Michigan, Wisconsin, New Jersey, and Alberta, Canada. At the time of his death he was a hospital chaplain serving the Evangelical Ministerial Union of Grand Rapids.

His survivors include his wife, two daughters, two brothers and three sisters.

Bertha Van Kolken Vis, Prep '09, widow of the late Rev. Jean Vis '10, died of a heart attack on December 27 at Rest Haven in Holland. She is survived by two daughters, Bertha Vis Van Wyk '41; Tokyo; Florence Vis Douma '36, Benton Harbor, and a son, Eugene A. Vis '48, Webster, N. Y.
Campus Buildings of the Lubbers Era

Besides the buildings pictured here, campus improvements of the Lubbers Era include the Central Heating facility of 1950 which converted campus buildings into a modern plant; remodeling and refurnishing of Van Raalte, Van Vleck and Voorhees Halls, the President's home and the fourth floor of the Science Building; acquisition of Gilmore Cottage for the Dean of Women, and the College Clinic, plus three fraternity houses and nine cottages for women, now in use; converting Winants Chapel-Graves Hall into Graves Hall, a language center, in 1962; acquisition and development of Van Raalte Campus for the athletic department in 1962, plus the acquisition of property for future expansion.

The dollar value of the physical additions and improvements to the college during this era is approximately six and one-half million dollars; the endowment has been increased by one million dollars.

Durfee Hall, 1950, a dormitory for 100 women with dining facilities for 160 students.

Kollen Hall, 1956, a dormitory for 300 men.


Nykirk Hall of Music, 1956.

Phelps Hall, 1960, a dormitory for 160 women with dining facilities for 450 students.

Buildings of the Lubbers Era continued

Two dormitories, Gilmore Hall for women, and a quadrangle for men, credited to the Lubbers Era, will be completed for use in September 1963. Thus, the Lubbers Era spills over into the future physically, as well as academically and as an inspiration to all Hope students for all time.

ALUMNI CALENDAR

FINE ARTS FESTIVAL AND SPRING HOMECOMING

Friday, March 22
John Ciardi, Poet and Poetry Editor, Saturday Review, 8 P.M. Dimnent Chapel

Saturday, March 23
Exhibits and Artistic Events

Sunday, March 24
The Requiem by Brahms
The Chapel Choir
Directed by Robert W. Cavanaugh

MORTAR BOARD INITIATION

Tuesday, May 14
Uninitiated Alcor members are invited to apply to Barbara Walvoord, 12 West 13th Street, Holland

COMMENCEMENT

Saturday, June 1,
Alumni Day

Sunday, June 2,
Baccalaureate

Monday, June 3,
Commencement