editor's corner

What can the Alumni Association do for me? When you’re young, recently graduated, attending graduate school or just starting in that first job, mention of the Hope College Alumni Association seems to immediately evoke an image of somebody tugging at your already all-too-empty wallet.

That’s an outdated image, say the Alumni Board and the Alumni Office. For the past three years, a program has been in effect to better inform seniors of the nature of the Alumni Association and establish more personal relationships between the Association and seniors who are fast on their way toward becoming alumni.

After two years of experimentation with formats, this year a highly successful Senior Desserts program is underway. The Desserts are held in the Alumni House on Sunday evenings and an atmosphere of informality is encouraged. The Desserts are stand-up affairs, and seniors are free to come and go as their schedules dictate.

Seven Desserts are being held this year, involving approximately 150 members of the senior class. The guest lists are drawn up by the Senior Class Alumni Board Representative, who this year is Wendy Martin of Kingston, N.Y., with the assistance of the Alumni Office. Variety is the key in making up the guest lists and every effort is made to include a cross section of the class. Alumni Association representatives and College personnel are also invited to the Desserts, to mingle casually with students and answer their questions.

Vern Schipper, alumni director, says the main purpose of the Desserts is to get to know students and to relate the services the Alumni Association provides.

Among these services is “Career Corner,” the job want ad column that is printed in all Hope publications. Also, upon request, the Alumni Office can provide an alumnus who’s starting out in a new area of the country with a computer printout of all Hope alumni who live in that particular area.

Beginning last year all seniors receive The Hope College Magazine through campus mail. A wallet-sized mini diploma is presented to each senior at graduation, compliments of the Alumni Association.

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DIMNENT MEMORIAL CHAPEL

After 50 Years Still 'A Hymn Turned to Stone'

by Elton J. Bruins

The small notices in newspapers or periodicals that recall events of twenty-five and fifty years ago usually escape notice, yet a few lines in such a notice can evoke many memories. One such notice in a recent periodical conveyed the information that the cornerstone of Dimnent Memorial Chapel was laid just over fifty years ago. Just as now the college community awaits the opening of the new Dow Physical Education Center, fifty years ago the college family was watching with great interest the construction of a massive new chapel.

A new building on the campus is often the inspiration of one person. In the case of the Memorial Chapel, as it was first called, the person responsible was Dr. Edward D. Dimnent, the president of the college from 1918 to 1931. He spent his student days and his entire professional career as professor and president at the college. His numerous talents were recognized when he was chosen for the presidency after the resignation of Dr. Ame Venema. Both Venema and Dimnent had appreciated the efforts of Dr. Gerrit J. Kollen who led the college into a new era at the turn of the century by building Voorhees Hall, Van Raalte Hall, and Carnegie Gymnasium, but these men had the unhappy task of wiping out a debt of $35,000 and placing the college on a better financial footing.

During President Dimnent's administration, both the prep school and college grew in enrollment, and by 1923 he saw the need for a larger chapel building because the student body was now larger than could be accommodated in one assembly hall. Winants' Chapel. Dimnent was convinced that daily chapel was a vital part of the students' life and insisted on attendance and so reversed the policy, inaugurated by Kollen, which allowed student choice in the matter. This was one reason why he believed that the next building should be a new chapel. But this was not the only reason. In a letter to a prospective donor, A.H. Landwehr, he outlined the second reason:

The new chapel would be a building for community religious gatherings and social service organizations — community choral work, community and other conventions and conferences, civil gatherings of a community character, etc. for none of which is there any accommodation in Holland at present.

Dr. Dimnent sold the college's governing body, the Hope College Council, on his proposal for a new chapel and was allowed to begin the fund raising for the task. He was aware that this would not be an easy task for earlier he had declined a raise in salary knowing he would have to raise the extra money for it. In the year the cornerstone was laid (1927), the college's budget was less than $100,000, and in spite of Dimnent's careful handling of funds there was still an annual deficit of over $5,000. That same year there had been considerable discussion in the council before permission was given to raise the annual tuition from $60 to $75.

President Dimnent went to the traditional sources of new funds such as Mrs. Elizabeth Rodman Voorhees who had given $100,000 to build the girls' dormitory. Mrs. Voorhees had these funds given as an annuity, but she usually returned the annual interest check as a donation, something Dimnent liked very much! But there were apparently to be no further gifts from Mrs. Voorhees. The breakthrough for the president in his fund raising efforts was a gift from a college professor in the East, William Bancroft Hill, a minister of the Reformed Church in America and a professor of Bible at Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, New York, and his wife were wealthy people, well-known for their generosity to Christian causes, particularly foreign missions. Hope College had recognized his generosity to the church and his academic achievement (he published a widely known life of Jesus Christ) by granting him an honorary degree in 1924. Hill must have been impressed with the college, for in 1925 he became the first major donor to the chapel fund with the munificent gift of $50,000. At the time the chapel fund was initiated, this amount was considered one-half the amount required for construction.

With this major gift in hand, President Dimnent invited others to join in funding the project. Mr. Cornelius Dosker of Grand Rapids was a generous contributor. In addition, many Holland families made contributions: Mr. A. H. Landwehr, president of a major Holland firm, the Holland Furnace Company, responded with generosity; the Arendshorst family contributed the cost of the large Skinner organ; the McLean family purchased the chime system; the children of Prof. and Mrs. J.H. Kleinheksel paid for the beautiful chancel window. The Class of 1916 raised the funds for the magnificent rose window.

1 Edward D. Dimnent to J. Ackerman Coles March 23, 1923, The Hope College Archives.
ANONYMOUS GIFT—The college's new, $42,000 Dutch classic tracker organ has been installed in the gallery of Dimnent Memorial Chapel, and will be formally dedicated at a recital Saturday evening. Professor Roger Davis will do the honors.

Davis to present organ dedication recital Sat.

Assistant professor of music Roger Davis will present a dedication recital on Hope College's new Dutch classic tracker organ on Saturday at 8:15 p.m. in Dimnent Memorial Chapel.

The organ, a gift to the college by an anonymous donor, was built in the Netherlands by Pels & Van Leeuwen of Alkmaar, and has been constructed in the gallery of Dimnent Chapel.

Davis' repertoire will include a variety of Baroque, Romantic and modern compositions. A dedication litany will be offered before the recital by Chaplain William Hillebrands.

The new organ is self-contained with polished tin pipes forming a prospect across the front of its oak case. The key action is completely mechanical, like that of a piano. Its wind pressure is very low and the sound of the instrument is light, clear and articulate.

A series of recitals featuring both the new organ and the large, E. M. Skinner organ already located in the Chapel, will be held during Holland's annual Tulip Time festival, May 12-15. These recitals will feature several Hope College alumni.

WINDOW PRESENTED BY CLASS OF TWENTY-SIX

So marvelous are the windows of the new Hope Memorial Chapel that no matter how often they are studied, on each occasion they reveal some new bit of detail and beauty. They are the work of Zucchi, an Austrian from Venice, and have been purchased from the George Hardy Payne studios located at Paterson, N. J. Many of the windows are replicas of famous European cathedral windows, with representative symbols of medieval church history. Every detail has a spiritual or historical significance. They are rare in their artistic and graceful designs and contrasting colors that blend beautifully.

The window that attracts the most attention for the class of 1926 is the fourth from the front on the south side of the chapel. The center panel of the window is devoted to James, the disciple of the sacred circle. The symbolic designs in the middle sections are the Sheaf of Wheat, the Anchor of Hope, and the Lily. There are medallions and shields so significant in church history. Though the upper panel is still lacking, which will be given to one of the Old Testament prophets, the larger part of the window is a harbinger of the completed masterpiece. A bronze plate will be placed beneath the window with the inscription: Presented by the Class of 1926. The window is being installed at the total cost of $1,000.00 to the class. The bill has been paid.

The most elaborate single window

Laying of the Corner-Stone

The Memorial Chapel
As It Stands Today

The picture above shows the new Memorial Chapel as it looks after five months of intermittent work upon the structure. The Westminster chimes are a 22-tone set costing at least $12,000. No city in Michigan outside of Detroit has a set that will equal these. The chimes can be played from an organ key board or can be mechanically set to chime the hour, the half and the quarter hour. These can also be regulated to chime both day and night, or the night chimes can be eliminated.

The beautiful rose window that will be installed is from the class of 1916. The pulpit will be a unique affair built of Rosewood, and is the handiwork of Missionary Rot- schafer of India.

It is still too early to give any details as to furniture and fixtures, but it is understood that some liberal donations from insectors are in prospect in the way of fitting out this beautiful building.

Some headway has been made relative to a large pipe organ that is to be installed after the building is completed. Twenty-five thousand dollars for this instrument is being considered, however, this is a matter for later consideration since it will be some time before the building is completed and details relative to the organ will be worked out before that time.

The membrane chimes, which are

Laying the Corner Stone

Hope's new Memorial Chapel

HOPE ALUMNI TATTER

HOPE'S NEW MEMORIAL CHAPEL HAS 2000 SEATING CAPACITY

In the cover is an architects design for Hope's new Memorial Chapel to be erected at an estimated cost of $250,000. The frontage is 200 feet, the depth is 100 feet, the large room is 120 feet high while the walls are 100 feet each. The main auditorium is 60x32 feet with a seating capacity of 1,200, the rear balcony is 40x60 feet rising 350 feet, the side balcony is 472 feet seating 600, while the house is 34x70 feet can seat 1,000.

The seating capacity of the new building is well over 2,000.

On the main floor the main corridor is 16x90 feet, the rooms for missionary work, Bible Study and M.C.A. and for other uses are 36x36 feet and there will be a room 26x48 feet. The building is to be built of reinforced concrete, reinforced concrete walls, and concrete floors throughout.

It was necessary to change the original plans, building the tower feet higher in order to accommodate the beautiful chimes given Mr. C. M. McLean and family of Holland, in memory of the late Mr. J. McLean.

The Westminster chimes are a

As It Stands Today
Other Holland families, well-known for their long contribution to the life of the community made generous gifts: Keppel, Marsilje, Walsh, and Steketee. Because so many gifts were memorials, the building was named "The Memorial Chapel," but it is not clear what name Dimnent actually had in mind. Early in the planning stage, he referred to the "The Van Raalte Memorial Chapel," thus using the name of the founder of the city and the college. Elsewhere in his correspondence, he referred to the generosity of the many ordinary people whose benevolent gifts had kept the college alive over the years. Dimnent wrote:

The larger part of our current funds had always come from people whose means are very limited. They are the laboring class, men in factories and stores, women and girls in domestic service and clerical positions, many who are unable to send their own children to school even to the compulsory limit. They are unrecognized, get no credit for their sacrifices, and yet are the backbone of religious benevolence.

I know from my own family circumstances as a boy and later in personal income what hardships may be connected with this; my sympathies are most strongly with them.

In the dedication service, Dimnent stated clearly why the building was named the Memorial Chapel:

In memory of all those who had given of their goods, meager or plentiful, for the maintenance and growth of Hope College,

Who have shared freely with their wisdom, born of rich talent and courageous travail;

Who as teachers have given long hours of consecrated toil in abundance of faith, yet with scant remuneration;

Who as officers and trustees have taken added responsibilities upon themselves for no personal gain, and have, from almost nothing, built nobly for the glory of God, for peace on earth, and for good will among men:

Hope College pays sacred tribute to all...3

Even though the chapel was renamed in Dr. Dimnent's honor in 1959, I am sure this former Hope president would want to memorialize all donors to the college who contributed something to the well-being of the college.

After acquiring the funds to get the building started, Dimnent presided at the cornerstone laying ceremony on October 12, 1927. Mr. W.K. Johnston, the architect who designed Graves-Winants in 1893, was the architect of the new chapel building. Work proceeded, and the final costs reached $404,000, much higher than originally thought. (It was rumored that during the Depression, Dr. Dimnent contributed the last $50,000 from his own funds to wipe out the chapel debt.)

At the annual meeting of the General Synod of the Reformed Church in June of 1929, the building was dedicated. The speaker for the occasion was, appropriately, Dr. William Bancroft Hill. The people who attended the dedication had occasion to marvel at the beauty of the new building and its furnishings. The stained glass windows, produced by the Payne Studios of Paterson, New Jersey, were outstanding. The pulpit furniture and the chairs for the YMCA and YWCA rooms were constructed from rosewood at the Kalpati Industrial Institute in India under the supervision of a Hope graduate, the Rev. Bernard Rottschaefer. The pews, chapel chairs, and furnishings for the classrooms on the lower level were produced by the American Seating Company of Grand Rapids. The new chapel was a major addition to the college campus and was regarded as an outstanding building. After commending the noble work and President Dimnent's concern for detail the editor of The Anchor added: "the Chapel stands flawless in its grandeur, like a beautiful hymn turned to stone."

A contemporary evaluation of the chapel as a building does not come to quite that generous a conclusion. Dr. Donald J. Bruggink, professor of Historical Theology at Western Theological Seminary and author of an excellent volume on church architecture, Christ and Architecture, has said that the building comes off best from an exterior viewing. To get the best look at the chapel one has to stand in front of Van Raalte Hall and look west at the south side of the building and the tower. This is the view most graduates of the college remember and recall with nostalgia. For a Gothic type structure, the interior comes off less well. The interior liturgical arrangements are essentially low church Protestant for which there were no prior Gothic precedents. The beauty of the interior resides primarily in the stained glass windows. The lighting has always been inadequate. But the chapel is a very functional auditorium, useful for a very wide range of occasions, from the visit of Queen Juliana of the Netherlands to the appearance of civil rights advocate Dick Gregory.

President Dimnent was right on both counts. The chapel not only accommodates community use but enhances the Christian life and worship of the campus community. Dimnent earnestly maintained the system of required chapel which brought the college community together once a day. The faculty, led by the president, entered the chapel from the south-east door each day. For instance, in the fall of 1946, when the veterans were returning to college, the sophomore, junior, and senior classes filled the south side of the chapel. The largest entering freshman class ever, 650 persons, had assigned seats on the entire north side of the chapel and most of the balcony. Most likely the daily chapel services had a major influence in molding all those students into a community. Although required chapel was eventually dropped, the chapel is still the center of the religious life of the campus. The Sunday student church services instituted in the spring of 1966 play an important part in the life of the student body. The chaplains' offices are located on the lower level. The student body and many visitors repeatedly fill the chapel for the annual vespers services.

For many buildings, an existence of fifty years is a long time, and the wear and tear would by that time have diminished their usefulness. This is not true of Dimnent Memorial Chapel. The building stands solidly at the heart of the campus. It remains actively in use along the lines originally envisioned by the man who brought it into existence. There is a timeless quality about the building. The stained glass is the finest in the city. The beauty of the tower is a constant reminder to the campus community that Hope College is an institution that takes the Christian faith seriously. The Hope College community of students, faculty, staff, and alumni owe a great debt of gratitude to Dr. Edward D. Dimnent, through whose vision and sacrifice this building was brought into existence.

Dr. Elton J. Bruins has served as professor of religion at Hope since 1966. He was named chairman of the department in January, 1977. He is also chairman of the College's archives council and has served as an elected faculty member to the Hope College Board of Trustees since 1971.

He is a member of the Reformed Church Historical Commission and a consultant in archives for the Netherlands Museum and Western Theological Seminary. Dr. Bruins has authored several historical articles and books.

He is a graduate of Hope College (1950) and Western Theological Seminary (1953). He earned an S.T.M. degree at Union Theological Seminary and a Ph.D. in church history from New York University. Prior to coming to Hope, he held a pastorate at The Reform Church of Flushing, now known as the Bowena Street Community Church.

2 Edward D. Dimnent to Charles A. Runk, May 24, 1928, The Hope College Archives

3 The dedication brochure of the chapel, June, 1929.
A career that began with a jingle.

Jantina Holleman's musical career began when her mother won a piano in a jingle-writing contest. Because there was no money to spare for lessons, her parents had the telephone and electricity disconnected. Miss Holleman and her twin brother were then able to study piano at a cost of 50c a lesson. It was South Dakota in the midst of the Depression.

"South Dakota is a very beautiful country but also very much on the thin edge of disaster always," Miss Holleman says. "I think people live there with a different sensation — life is not cozy and assured. I remember seeing cattle starving in the fields, and people leaving in droves.

"While we had a lot of comradeship within our church and our school, we didn't have any luxuries and were perhaps unnaturally mature and responsible. And that can be both good and bad."

At the age of 16, Miss Holleman began giving piano lessons to youngsters in her hometown, Springfield. She was active in the music programs of both church and school, and achieved recognition as a state winner in a high school music contest.

After graduation, the Holleman twins received scholarships to Morningside College in Sioux City, Iowa. Although they stayed with relatives, the costs were still too high and the following year Miss Holleman transferred to South Dakota State Teachers College in her hometown.

After one year, she earned her teaching certificate and went off to teach music and first and second grades in "a kind of cowboy town," Reliance, S.D.

By this time her early maturity had evolved into qualities she exudes today — a sense of determination, a willingness to take on almost any task. In those older days, she was probably tagged with adjectives like "plucky" and "spunky."
Miss Holleman, in the early '50s, checks the engine of her aging Chevy.

Breaking ground for Wichers' Hall, spring, 1970, are (l. to r.): Dr. Robert Ritsema, Miss Holleman, The Rev. Jay Weener, pastor of Second Reformed Church of Kalamazoo, Dr. Wynand Wichers, former President Calvin VanderWerf, Dr. Robert Cavanaugh, and development officer Stuart Post. Miss Holleman was chairman of the faculty committee that planned the addition.

Nonetheless, at a mere 19 years, Miss Holleman confesses that she somewhat unreliably entered her Reliance schoolroom, "shaking in my boots."

"But there are some things you learn only by doing...I'd had student teaching, I'd been teaching piano for several years, and I'd grown up in a country school where I watched the teacher starting beginners. I got an idea of teaching methods in my country school and those methods stood me in pretty good stead in the years to come."

After two more years as an elementary teacher and music supervisor, this time closer to home in a little town called Avon, Miss Holleman decided to finish her college education.

"I cast about for where to go," she says. Although she applied to Hope, she was easily won over by the president of Central College — "a wonderful man named Irwin Lubbers."

After receiving her degree from Central in 1943, her pluck was given one of its severest tests: she became a full-fledged music teacher in Sioux Center High School.
and was given charge of a choir that included the entire first string basketball team.

"Sioux Center is a very competitive place and they live to win the state basketball championship and also to win the music contest. The basketball players in my choir were hard to handle because they were so cocky, but they had a lot of spirit."

"That year my group swept the music contest. We had more 1st prizes than any other school. I had been having so much trouble with those kids that I was ready to quit, but after the contest I was ready to go back for another year."

(It appears that a little of the Iowa sports fever left a permanent mark on Miss Holleman: her metaphors are more often sporting than musical.)

Having tamed the Iowa dribblers, Miss Holleman took on what was in some ways a lesser challenge. In 1945 she and a friend, Irwin Lubbers' former Central College secretary, left the Great Plains behind and made their entrance into New York City.

"It was quite an adventure. My friend had a job at Reformed Church headquarters and I got a job at Banker's Trust, on the corner of 44th St. and Fifth Avenue. In the afternoons I went to Columbia University, working towards my M.A. degree. I didn't know exactly what I wanted to do with the degree. I guess I just wanted the adventure of it."

The New York interlude ended for Miss Holleman when Irwin Lubbers came to town, looking for someone to teach music at Hope College, where he was the newly-named president. He was also looking for a secretary, and had hoped to fill both jobs in one trip. But it was one of Lubbers' rare moments of defeat, and only Miss Holleman was persuaded to return to the Midwest.

She joined the Hope faculty in 1946. It was just after the War and a time of tremendous growth for the College. Within the next few years, several of the eventual "institutions" of the music department came to Hope: Morrette Rider, Anthony Kooiker and Norma Baughman. Robert Cavanaugh was already there. (Dr. Rider resigned from the Hope faculty in 1975, Dr. Cavanaugh died in 1976 and Mrs. Baughman died in 1977; today Dr. Kooiker is professor of music at Hope; Miss Holleman holds the rank of associate professor of music.)

The music department soon acquired its first separate facility, Walsh Music Hall, a former private home.

"There was a tremendous esprit de corps in those days," Miss Holleman recalls. "We had a sense of being a part of something new."

In the years to come, Hope was to develop a tradition of excellence in music. Nykerk Music Hall replaced Walsh Music Hall. Accreditation came in 1959 from the National Association of Schools of Music. To what does Miss Holleman attribute the department's success?

"I think a church-related college always has a strong choral music program, and it attracts students who are interested in piano and organ. There's always a need for church musicians..."

"But beyond that, I think that Dr. Lubbers was extremely important to us. Dr. Lubbers doesn't know much about music, and he can't carry a tune. But he knows music is important. He's really got a liberal arts philosophy and was a great support and encouragement to us... Also Morrette Rider, who later became the dean, was a very foresighted and capable leader for the department.

"We've also had this support in the VanderWerf and Van Wylen administrations. We've a very expensive department — private instruction is always costly. But we've always had administrations that have gone to bat for us."

Miss Holleman says she's never envisioned herself as an extraordinary concert pianist. She brings to her students what is probably a more valuable experience. She says, "The development of one's potential is what you're trying to achieve in a student, to have them see what they can achieve with what they've been given. And you have to know yourself what it means to develop what you've got."

While a student, developing her potential meant disciplined practice, sometimes for up to four hours a day. As a teacher, developing her potential has meant giving recitals, playing concerts with the Hope Symphonette orchestra, and participating in the Hope faculty music concert series. But Miss Holleman says the frequency of her performances is dwindling. "It's rather like asking Russ Devette (Hope's recently retired veteran basketball coach) to go down on the court and still play championship basketball," she maintains.

"I really don't have much time to practice anymore. You can't often be a performer and do all the things a teacher does. But I try to do a little performance yet, just to keep honest in it, to still know what it means, to still experience the butterflies."

The otherwise proper pianist confesses to an ever-so-slightly underhanded means of keeping her fingers nimble: while students play their scales in lesson, she plays along.

Although she sometimes calls her students "boys and girls," Miss Holleman is by no means looked into an old-fashioned way of looking at her role as a teacher. Graduate study in a half-dozen universities, in summer study, has helped to give new perspectives. Professional conferences are valuable, too, she notes. "I see myself as developing," she says, happily. "I suppose I'm a lot less egocentric than I used to be. You become more realistic about what you can and can't do."

What does she believe she can do as a teacher?

"I want my students to realize that music is a beautiful thing. It's a wonderful solace and resource in times of loneliness. Music is a never-failing source of joy, I think, and you want the students to have some of that, to develop inner resources and capabilities."

"And it's very important to do simple music well, and to understand, as well as play the score."

In addition, as a Christian teacher at a Christian college Miss Holleman says she tries "to give students some idea of what a Christian relationship is like."

"Students are coming out of very large high schools, they've been in 'open school' situations where they float around among six different teachers. The result is that students are less and less able to make stable relationships. It worries me."

Miss Holleman says the music department is fortunate because private instruction demands a very direct, personal contact with students. However, in the classroom courses she teaches — Elementary and Secondary Music Methods and Introduction to Music — she always schedules at least one personal conference with each student. Ostensibly, the purpose of the conferences is to discuss readings or perform. "They don't know it, but those conferences are my way of relating to them," she says.

During her 31 years at Hope, Miss Holleman has not only dedicated herself to teaching, she's also been generous with her time in support of the College as an institution, serving on many boards and committees. She was the music faculty chairman to plan the recent addition to the music building, working closely with the architect and building supervisor. She has been chairman of the piano faculty, chairman of Christmas Vespers, and chairman of publicity for Christmas Vespers in the days when they needed publicity.
"I think Hope is a rare place that's possibly becoming rarer. I think Hope is unique not only because it's a Christian liberal arts college, but because it's a Reformed college. From that Reformed tradition comes a belief in serving God with one's mind. After all, if anyone was an intellectual, it was John Calvin."

She is active in the Holland community through the Piano Forum, an organization for the improvement of piano instruction. She has directed three church choirs and is a member of the local chapter of the American Association of University Women. She says she's grateful to AAUW for funding her first study trip abroad, in 1953, before the days of sabbatical leaves, when she studied at the Music Conservatory in Amsterdam and sang in a famous Bach society choir. Since then, she has gone abroad five times, most recently in 1976 when she studied European methods of teaching music in elementary schools, especially observing Orff and Kodaly methods in Hungary and England, and Dalcroze methods in Switzerland.

Miss Holleman's involvement with her church, Holland's Third Reformed, is also an important part of her life. She's served on many committees there, sings in the choir, and a few years ago completed a term as the congregation's first woman elder. More recently she was the first woman named to the executive council of the RCA Particular Synod of Michigan.

Did the plucky girl from South Dakota grow up to become a feminist? Not really, she says.

"I think you have to be good at what you're doing. That's the best way to improve your professional status. But once in a while, a woman does get passed by . . .

"As far as I'm concerned, the eldership was one of the most rewarding things in my life. I was tremendously honored . . . I think the church, if any place, ought to show equality of people. And I think the College should too. I think the women on the faculty of Hope should do all they can to show young women students what their lives could be, to show them that a profession is a possibility for their lives."

Even if you got your start on a piano won for a verse.
His mother would have been happier with him if he had become a minister. But science was Maurice Visscher's (22) interest, and from that interest sprang a half-century of work which has made him an internationally-recognized physiologist.

Visscher's work in cardiac energy metabolism is a foundation for the modern techniques of cardiovascular surgery. His studies of the mechanisms of the productions of pulmonary edema have been very significant, and his demonstrations of the active transport of materials between the intestinal lumen and the circulation has been hailed as one of the greatest advances in physiology in the past two decades. The regents' professor of physiology at the University of Minnesota has also had a profound influence through his dedication to education. Many of his former students have achieved distinction in medicine and the basic sciences.

But Visscher is not only well known for his research and teaching. Throughout his career he has also taken on the time-consuming and often controversial role of the scientist as a citizen.

The late Senator Hubert H. Humphrey said of Visscher: "He is a political activist who is able to blend the excellence of his professional ability with his outrage against any form of injustice. Those of us in political life know him as fiercely independent and always persevering."

Visscher's list of articles geared to the general public almost matches his list of purely scientific publications. Said one colleague: "It is interesting to speculate on what additional scientific contributions Dr. Visscher might have made had he not taken his obligations as a citizen so seriously."

The son of Dutch Calvinist parents, Maurice Visscher was born and raised in Holland, Mich. His father was a teacher and later a farmer. Young Maurice, like most boys of the community, had early and practical exposure to the ramifications of the Protestant work ethic. However, unlike most of his peers, sixty-some years later Visscher looks askance at the notion that hard work at a young age makes for a better man. He says, instead:

"My own experiences in participation in the hard work of a family earning a living from the soil have made me very skeptical about the idea that there is some soul-saving grace in youngsters being obligated to spend much of their out-of-school hours in gainful occupation. For me, at least, it consumed so much time and energy that only a fortunate set of genes allowed me to get a reasonably good education in spite of the necessity to participate in earning a living."

Photo courtesy of the Minnesota Medical Foundation.
Growing up in Holland, Mich.

Dr. Visscher as a Hope College graduate in 1922.

Dr. Visscher "on the road to heaven" while in Austria in 1949 as chairman of a World Health Organization educational mission.

However, in addition to the many opportunities provided to test the mettle of his genes, the Visscher home supplied a good measure of intellectual stimulation for the young Maurice. His father and a number of aunts and uncles were all Hope College graduates. Lively discussions, marked by intelligence and logic, were by no means extraordinary familial occurrences. In retrospect, Visscher notes: "My boyhood, adolescent, and college years were undoubtedly fortunate for me because they opened my eyes to the great range of opportunities which were open to reasonably intelligent and diligent persons. Before I graduated from college, I had literally no fixed idea as to what I wanted to do with my life. I saw so many attractive things to do that it was hard for me to make a choice.

"Two exceptionally stimulating biology teachers piqued my interest in the biological sciences. One was Lydia Rogers in my high school (Holland High) and the other, Dr. Frank N. Patterson, in my college years."

At Hope, Visscher embraced studies in botany, zoology, embryology, bacteriology, comparative anatomy, genetics, and chemistry. Ironically, his study in physiology — which was to later become his specialty area — was a "skimpy one-year" and his mathematical background at college was also sparse.

"But I enjoyed literature, history, political science, philosophy and psychology, and some Greek and Latin which have been valuable to me in vocabulary and language structure," says the author of hundreds of well-turned articles and the inveterate writer of usually impassioned and always literate letters to the editor.

During Visscher's senior year at Hope, Dr. Patterson recommended that he apply to Minnesota for graduate work because the then-dean of Minnesota Medical School made it a practice to look to small private colleges for promising graduate student candidates.

Visscher received a modest stipend as a teaching fellow at Minnesota. He earned his Ph.D. and M.D. degrees in four years. He received post-doctoral National Research Council Fellowships to University College of London, where he worked with the eminent physiologist Dr. Ernest Starling, and to the University of Chicago, where with A. Baird Hastings he discovered the pH dependence of epinephrine in its action on blood vessels.

Visscher began his career at an incredibly young age. In 1936 he became head of Minnesota's department of physiology, when he was but 35 years old. He had already been head of the physiology departments of three other universities before he accepted the Minnesota position (the University of Tennessee in 1927, when he was 26; the University of Southern California, 1929, and the University of Illinois, 1931).

He continues his research today at the age of 76. There are 267 papers on one list of his scientific publications, but he is still actively engaged in writing and the list is inclusive only to 1972. His articles can hardly be avoided by students reading any of a score of professional journals of physiology, chemistry, biology, medicine and general science.

He has published another 180-plus miscellaneous articles of opinion, information and observation on science, medical education, politics and other topics not directly related to his laboratory work. Several subjects have remained important to Visscher throughout his life: students and teaching, conservation of energy and world resources, politics, war and peace, academic freedom, free flow of scientific information, particularly across national boundaries, and continued availability of animals for medical research.

Although his contributions in the field of cardiovascular physiology have brought him much acclaim, he considers his most creative contribution to be his studies of the transport of materials across membranes, especially the mucosa of the intestine. Drs. E.B. Brown, Jr. and Earl H. Wood, in a tribute to Visscher in The Physiologist, quoted Charles Code: "Armie with his isotopes, his optimism, his brains and help from his graduate students, he quickly demonstrated that the movements of water across the mucosa of the bowel were in fact in both directions. There is no area in his multifaceted career in which Visscher's virtuosity is more brilliantly displayed than in his studies of intestinal transport. He really was plowing new ground — all alone."

Visscher's work in cardiovascular physiology helped shape the University of Minnesota's leadership in intracardiac surgery. Brilliant young surgeons at Minnesota were sent to Visscher for up to three years of study of the physiologic problems involved in heart surgery. Among those who benefited from Visscher's teaching is the now-famous heart transplant surgeon Dr. Christiaan Barnard.

Lavish praise comes from colleagues of Visscher. Dr. Marvin Bucaner, associate professor of physiology at Minnesota, says: "No question, I love the man. He is a giant. He is world-class in every respect, as a scientist, as a teacher, as a human being."

Bucaner came to Minnesota in 1961 from the University of California at Berkeley. His wife liked California's weather and believed only the worst about Minnesota.
He told her he was “going to Visscher” and that Minnesota was only where Visscher happened to be. It didn’t answer the weather question but it seemed to make sense.

Bucaner’s admiration for Visscher increased over the years they worked together. It is a pattern of others who have worked with him. “He lets his people flourish,” Bucaner says. “He is confident of his own ability and never has the slightest need to downgrade anything else does. The only test that matters to him is whether a person makes a contribution to progress. Once, when he nominated me for an award, he included a statement... telling the committee not to pay too much attention to the fact that his name was also listed on several of my papers because the work was mine. I know of many cases where other scientists have suffered from exactly the opposite problem with senior scientist co-authors.”

Visscher’s reputation for brilliance, and his encouragement and support of graduate student, brought many promising scientists to Minnesota. He trained 33 Ph.D.s in physiology since 1950 and 28 of them are in academic positions. He trained about 20 more before 1950. A number are heads of departments. A few of the better known names among these students are Gordon Moe, Earl Wood, E.B. Brown, Jr., Francis Haddy, P.F. Pilleby, Nathan Linson and Victor Lorber.

Despite his great popularity among colleagues as a scientist, Dr. Visscher has spent a good deal of his life on somebody’s blacklist. And he is proud of it.

In 1949, his subject for the past-president’s address to the American Physiological Society was the growing paranoia over national security, loyalty oaths and the House Un-American Activities Committee and its distrust of scientists. Visscher said in that speech, “I am much more convinced of the decency of the average citizen than I am of the average politician... I had an opportunity to see how perilously close we are in this country to a total eclipse of intellectual freedom. Fear and hatred have so stirred up the midbrain and hypothalamic centers of millions of otherwise sane people that they no longer retain cortical dominance.

“First and foremost among the reasons for public suspicion of the loyalty of scientists is, I believe, the fact that almost all scientists recognize that science itself is universal and has no uniqueness for any race, religion or nation. The general acceptance by scientists of the thesis that basic knowledge must flow freely across political, geographic and racial lines if the national welfare is to be best served, causes many well-meaning people to doubt that such persons could possibly be loyal nationals in any country.”

Visscher introduced a resolution into the Council of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, calling for a committee study of the effects of the loyalty-security order on science and scientists. It was adopted. This brought about an investigation of his own loyalty-security clearance concerning his membership on the first study section of the National Heart Institute. He was presented with requests to list all of his travels abroad, his contacts, and particulars about what he knew of the opinions and organizational affiliations of a number of people. He decided to comply with the request to the best of his ability, and was promptly cleared. After being cleared, he resigned the NHI post and never again accepted any position which required more than a simple affirmation of loyalty to the United States.

Visscher was very active in the movement against the Vietnam War. He has been a courageous foe of bigotry in any form, and has been particularly outspoken against racism and anti-Semitism.

He has attracted a good deal of attention and ire from antivivisectionists for his leadership in efforts to guarantee continued availability of animals for medical research. One of his more famous opponents was Irene Castle McLaughlin, the famous dancer of the 1920s and 30s. She was the leader of the antivivisectionist movement in Chicago in the 1930s. She had exhausted the patience of many debaters, and colleagues looked to Visscher to take his turn at meeting the lady in her challenge to debate before a thousand or so members of the Chicago Women’s City Club. Visscher knew that she made it a practice to arrive late, leading one or more of the most beautiful dogs she could find.

Visscher did three things to counteract her disruptive behavior. First, he concentrated in his remarks on the surgical advances which had particularly benefited children. Second, he arranged for the wife of a colleague to sit in the front row with her darling four-year-old son on her lap. Third, he spoke entirely from lantern slides, keeping the room in total darkness, which considerably lessened the effect of Mrs. McLaughlin’s late entry while leading two beautiful white Russian wolfhounds. There remained only for the four-year-old to run to Visscher’s lap and the lady was vanquished.

Dr. Visscher became interested in international cooperation in science at the time the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization was set up. He became a member of the National Research Council on UNESCO, and served as chairman for a number of years. This led to greater involvement with international groups and he became interested in having an international organization in physiology, to become part of the International Council of Scientific Unions. The International Union of Physiological Sciences was formed, with Visscher representing the United States and serving as secretary of the committee which established the group. He was general secretary of IUPS for the first six years of its operation. In that capacity, he received the applications of physiological societies in various parts of the world for membership in IUPS. One such request turned out to be particularly troublesome.

Before the meeting of the general assembly of IUPS in Buenos Aires in 1959, he received an application from the secretary of the physiological society in Taiwan, requesting admission as the “Chinese Physiological Society.” Red China had an interest in seeing that Taiwan physiologists were not accepted as representative of all Chinese physiologists. The U.S. State Department was very interested in having the Republic of China (Taiwan) recognized as the official representative of China in all affairs. Since it was a clear fact that not all Chinese physiologists were represented by Taiwan, Visscher found himself at odds with the State Department. He was reminded by State Department officials that the American Physiological Society received federal funds and that it was possible that the funds could be turned off. The Council of the IUPS objected to admitting the Taiwanese as representatives of all of China and the general assembly agreed. The State Department requested that a special meeting be held to reconsider, and the IUPS refused to hold the special meeting. Faced with such firmness of purpose, the State Department eventually backed off. True to his style for recognizing the contributions people make, Visscher prefers today to emphasize the tremendous help the State Department provides to international scientific meetings in smoothing the way for international travel for participants.

Free flow of scientific information also involves abstracting and indexing of critical scientific material. Visscher, as president of the Board of Directors of Biological Abstracts, Inc., sought to obtain financial subsidy from federal sources to allow it to continue operation despite large deficits which had prevented publication of indexes for a number of years. Through his leadership, Biological Abstracts was revived and remains an important force in the identification and retrieval of scientific information.

He served on the board of publication trustees of the American Physiological Society, part of the time as chairman. He initiated and directed the first 10 years of
publication of the Handbook of Physiology series, the multi-volume publication of physiology by medical area (respiratory physiology, neurological physiology, endocrine physiology, etc.).

He has also been a member of the Board of Annual Review, which publishes critical review volumes yearly in 14 major areas of science.

Of special significance has been his long-time association with the National Society of Medical Research as a founder, a board member for 20 years, and president from 1966-January, 1977.

Visscher has received so many honors and awards that it is impossible to recount them all here. A few are: The Distinguished Service Award of the Minnesota Medical Foundation, the Ray G. Dags Award of the American Physiological Society for service to the society and the profession, the Distinguished Teaching Award of the Association of Chairmen of Departments of Physiology, and the service award from the American Heart Association.

Pressed to say something about his life and accomplishments, Visscher says the expected: "I am glad to have been able to make some contributions."

Like many of the scientists, researchers and physicians who obtained their undergraduate training at Hope, Visscher has not been content to be a mere technician. Beside his skills have stood an individual philosophy, a personal set of ethics, a self-developed idealism.

And while Visscher may have turned his back on his mother's wish to see him behind a pulpit, he has never declined to mount a soapbox if he thinks the cause is right. He has been both a professional scientist and a professional citizen, and believes that's the way it has to be today.

"The growth in magnitude of the scientific enterprise in the twentieth century forces scientists themselves to take an active interest in the social and political forces that actually control their lives and their work," he says. "The best hope that we can have is that the public spokesmen for science may have good judgment and that they may be successful in influencing the public and the political leaders in society to adopt policies that will not in the end be self-defeating. In a democratic society one must be optimistic about the ultimate power of reason."
STORM OF '78

"Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow" may have been the hope of students on Thursday, Jan. 26, the second official day of the Storm of '78 and the first day the College was officially closed. All classes and activities were cancelled, including a home basketball game against Chicago State.

But after Friday and another day of cancelled classes, many students said they were getting a little bored with being snowed in. Most students tried to catch up on their reading, many organized parties to fill the voids, and a few went outdoors for snowball fights, snow tunneling or jumping off roofs into snow drifts (an activity which quickly became unpopular after one student suffered injuries). There was no mail delivery until Monday, the 30th. Downtown Holland was virtually shut down.

Approximately 30 inches of snow descended on Hope's campus during the Storm of '78. Last year heavy snow also forced Hope to close for a day in the last week of January.

While the snowstorm provided an unexpected vacation for students and faculty, for members of Hope's maintenance department, the storm meant a lot of headaches and a lot of overtime. Marty Strang, groundskeeper, estimates he put in 100 hours in nine days, and says other maintenance people also worked those long hours. Two dump trucks and a front-end loader were contracted to clean out the parking lots, where some cars had remained stranded for more than a week. Another priority item was clearing sidewalks, not only inner-campus sidewalks but also city walks surrounding the campus, and getting students off the streets.

Saga Food Service found that snowed-in students eat and drink more than students who are following their normal schedules — about 1 1/2 times more, according to Prescott Slee, manager of Saga. No deliveries combined with the increased appetites posed a threat of food shortages. There was no rationing, but students were urged not to take any more food and drink than needed. On Saturday and Sunday a brunch replaced the two separate meals of breakfast and lunch. Because regular staff members couldn't make it to work, most of the cooking during the storm was done by students.

At the new Dow Health and Physical Education Center construction site, a few workmen from the Pioneer Construction Company made it to Holland from their homes in Grand Rapids on Thursday. They decided to proceed with their work for at least part of the day. However, as the day progressed storm conditions intensified and all roads were officially closed. The workmen, realizing they weren't going to make it home that night, fashioned beds out of rolls of insulation and called it a day. Rumors are now circulating that Hope has people sleeping on the job!
HOME COMING IN FEBRUARY?
IT HAPPENED!

Enrichment, fun and frolic marked Hope's first Winter Homecoming on Saturday, Feb. 11. Hundreds of participating alumni and friends of Hope declared the day the start of a great tradition.

Three academic seminars, each beginning at 11:00, provided opportunities to hear Hope professors lecture on some of their special research interests. Buffet luncheons followed each seminar.

Especially well-attended was the humanities seminar, which featured Dr. John W. Hollenbach speaking on "Mark Twain and his Views of the Opposite Sex." Dr. Hollenbach has been a member of the Hope faculty since 1945 and will be retiring at the end of the current academic year.

At the buffet following the Twain lecture, tributes were paid to Dr. Hollenbach by President Gordon J. Van Wylen, English Department Chairman R. Dirk Jellema, and former President Irwin J. Lubbers. Lubbers pointed to Hollenbach's unwaivering devotion to Hope and her ideals throughout his career. He recounted in particular Hollenbach's mid-career decision to remain at Hope despite being offered the deanship at a prestigious and financially well-off private college.

"You can tell what a man is by what he does," Lubbers concluded, indicating that Hollenbach had always matched his actions to his ideals.

The science seminar consisted of Dr. J. Cotter Tharin speaking on "Two Hundred Years of Energy — Now What?" and Dr. Harvey Blankespoor explaining aspects of his ongoing research into two human ailments — schistosomiasis and "swimmer's itch." Dr. Richard Peterson, newly-appointed director of health sciences, conducted a seminar on the topic "Your Health and Physical Education."

Basketball at the Civic Center gave Winter Homecomers the chance to watch the Dutch in action. Unfortunately, a close contest against Olivet ended in defeat for the varsity players, 68-66.

Special halftime activities consisted of greetings from President Van Wylen and Alumni Board Representative Wendy Martin '78. A special statement of recognition and appreciation was presented to Bess Schouten '31 by the Athletic Department and the Alumni Association. Miss Schouten was honored for her lifelong support of Hope athletics and for her contributions to the Holland community as a teacher.

After the game, Hopeites converged on the court for "Hope at the Pops," a special concert presented by the Jazz Band under the direction of Robert Cecil. Hot cider and donuts were available to all, and, despite recent defeat, Winter Homecoming ended on a note that was definitely upbeat.

Professor John Hollenbach shared both his birthday cake and his knowledge of Mark Twain at the College's first Winter Homecoming. The day before the event Dr. Hollenbach, who retires this spring, had celebrated his 65th. Pictured at right is Margaret VanDonselaar '22 Lubbers.
AGGEN FUND

Hope College has established a $20,000 endowed scholarship fund in the name of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Aggen of Fulton, Ill.

The fund serves as a permanent memorial in appreciation for a bequest from the Aggen estate, according to President Van Wylen. Each year one or more scholarships will be awarded to worthy students in the name of Mr. and Mrs. Aggen.

"Such gifts are of great help as we seek to maintain the strength of Hope College and fulfill with excellence our mission in Christian higher education," President Van Wylen said.

John Aggen was born in Chicago and later moved to Fulton where he established a greenhouse business. Mr. Aggen, the former Jennie Decker, was born in Fulton. The couple married in 1915.

The Aggens were charter members of the Second Reformed Church of Fulton, where Mr. Aggen served as deacon and elder.

Mr. Aggen died on February 12, 1976, at the age of 88. Mrs. Aggen died on July 12, 1976, at the age of 86.

COORDINATOR FOR BRUSSELS, BELGIUM PROGRAM

Education professor Dan Paul '50 has been selected by the Michigan Interinstitutional Consortium for Overseas Student Teaching to coordinate the student teaching assignments of 17 students in Brussels, Belgium during the winter term.

Two Hope students, Glenn Johnson from Randolph, N.J., and Lois McConnell from New Canaan, Conn., are among the participants who are completing their student teaching assignments under Dr. Paul's supervision in American Schools in Belgium. Dr. Paul is also teaching a graduate course for teachers in Brussels.

Hope first participated in the program two years ago when six students from the college were selected for a similar program in the Netherlands. Last year Prof. Lamont Dirks from Hope was selected to direct the program in Brussels. Dr. Paul joined the Hope faculty in 1966 and was promoted to full professor in the spring of 1976.

COMMEMORATIVE EXHIBITION

A commemorative exhibition of paintings by the late Stanley Harrington '58, a Hope College art professor who died in 1968, was on display in the DeWitt Center gallery during February.

Harrington was an active artist and a dedicated teacher, serving on Hope's art faculty from January, 1964 until his death in October, 1968. During his tenure at Hope, he served as chairman of the art department, and established an art gallery on the mezzanine of Van Zoeren Library for Hope's exhibition program.

In 1969, the Harrington Memorial Scholarship was established by family, students and friends. It is awarded yearly to a promising Hope art student.

The commemorative exhibition included Harrington's gouache and acrylic paintings.

PANEL CHAIRMAN

Dr. Jack E. Holmes, associate professor of political science, was chairman of a panel on "Alternative Futures of American Foreign Policy" at the 1978 annual meeting of the International Studies Association in Washington, D.C.


APPOINTED TO COUNCIL

Dr. Jacob E. Nyenhuis, dean for the humanities, has been appointed to the executive committee of the Michigan Council for the Humanities.

The Michigan Council for the Humanities is a state-based program which re-grants funds from the National Endowment for the Humanities for funding adult, community discussion programs on public policy issues.

The Council consists of 20 members appointed either by the Governor of Michigan or by the council, plus four program staff members.

THIRD EDITION

The third edition of the Hope College Women's League cookbook is now off the press. The cookbook is compiled by the Grand Rapids Chapter of the Women's League and contains nearly 1,000 recipes, none of which appeared in previous editions. The third edition also contains a new category of recipes — busy day meals utilizing crock pots or microwave ovens.

Editor of the cookbook is Mrs. John Albrecht (Jane Wells '67). Mrs. Edward Marsilje (Diana Helfenga '64) is associate editor and Mrs. Donald Walchenbach (Elaine Bielefeld '46) served as advisor.

The first edition of the Women's League cookbook appeared in 1963. A second printing was run in 1965. The second edition was published in 1970.

The Hope College Women's League of Grand Rapids was organized on May 10, 1950, for the purpose of furnishing dormitories and various other buildings at Hope College and to promote interest in the College.

Copies of the new third edition of the Women's League for Hope College cookbook may be ordered from the Hope-Geneva Bookstore, Hope College, Holland, Mich. 49423. The cost for mail orders is $4.50 per copy. Checks should be made out to Hope College.

NAMED FOR COUNCIL

Deibert Michel, associate professor of art, has been named to the individual artists advisory panel for the Michigan Council for the Arts.

Prof. Michel, a member of the Hope College faculty since 1964, was recommended on the basis of his professional qualifications and background.

Advisory panels assist the arts council in making judgments on the artistic merit of grant applications and serve as a link with the artistic disciplines.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

A Hope College distinguished service award was presented to Michigan State Senator Gary Byker of Hudsonville in December during a breakfast of Holland area businessmen on campus.

The award, presented by President Van Wylen on behalf of the College's Board of Trustees, recognized Sen. Byker's support of Michigan's independent colleges and their students.

Sen. Byker has played an instrumental role as a member of the Senate committees on appropriations, colleges and universities and education in bringing about the creation of financial aid programs for college-bound students.

"Sen. Byker has championed the cause of freedom of choice in regard to education," said President Van Wylen. "The results have been that Michigan has one of the finest programs in our country for the financial support which is necessary to enable students and their parents to choose the college which best meets their personal goals and aspirations."

1978 HOPE COLLEGE CHAPEL CHOIR TOUR ITINERARY

Sunday, March 26
Second Reformed Church, Kalamazoo, Mich.

Monday, March 27
First Reformed Church, St. Catherines, Ontario

Tuesday, March 28
The Reformed Church, Herkimer, N.Y.

Wednesday, March 29
Johnstown Reformed Church, Johnstown, N.Y.

Thursday, March 30
New Hackensack Reformed Church, Wappingers Falls, N.Y.

Friday, March 31
The First Reformed Church, Pompton Plains, N.J.

Saturday, April 2
Bronxville Reformed Church, Bronxville, N.Y.

Sunday, April 3 (a.m.)
Second Reformed Church, Hackensack, N.J.

Sunday, April 3 (p.m.)
The Community Reformed Church, Mahantset, Long Island, N.Y.

Monday, April 4
First Reformed Church, Little Falls, N.Y.

Tuesday, April 5
The Community Church, Harrington Park, N.J.

Wednesday, April 6
Abbe Reformed Church, Clymer, N.Y.

Thursday, April 7
Kirk in the Hills Presbyterian Church, Bloomfield Hills, Mich.

Friday, April 8
Annual Home Concert

Dimmit Chapel, Hope College, 8:30 p.m.
THE ADVENTURES, THE ANECDOTES, THE HONORS ARE MANY

Adapted from New England Baptist Hospital News, Fall, 1977

It was in the steamy jungles of Mexico where New England Baptist Hospital Neurosurgeon James L. Poppen, M.D., got the news. The message stuffed into the bottle dropped by a helicopter was blunt and to the point. "President Kennedy has been shot. Can you come?"

Again a Kennedy tragedy. Again, the dead of night. The phone by Dr. Poppen's bedside was ringing insistently. The authoritative voice on the other end had a Texas drawl: President Lyndon B. Johnson was asking for medical help for Senator Robert F. Kennedy. "Do you mind flying in a small last jet?" he asked. Dr. Poppen assented. A half hour later he was picked up for a ride to Los Angeles. But it was already too late. He was the one who informed Ethel and the family.

Another small jet, another year. Dr. Poppen was the only passenger besides Jacqueline and Aristotle Onassis, hurrying to the hospital bed of Alexander Onassis. The son of the Greek shipping tycoon had been fatally injured in an airplane crash. Dr. Poppen found him breathing only with the aid of a machine. The brain damage was irreversible. Again the Boston doctor prepared himself to give a famous family the dread news.

The adventures, the anecdotes, the honors are many in the career of Dr. James L. Poppen '26. That is because the burly, six-foot-four man seen walking the halls of the New England Baptist Hospital has contributed all to the field of neurosurgery. And the world has seen fit to recognize him for it in his lifetime.

That lifetime began in the hamlet of Drenthe, Michigan. Dr. Poppen, of Dutch ancestry, spent his early years on a farm before attending Hope College in his home state.

While at Hope, Poppen played basketball and baseball with Coach Jack Schouten and was well-known as a pitcher for the Holland Independents. He also played baseball with a Grand Rapids team.

Neurosurgery as a career specialty began to come into focus for the young man after graduation from Chicago’s Rush Medical College and the University of Chicago in 1930. While a student at Rush, the Holland hurler played minor league baseball for the Baltimore Orioles (then a member of the International League).

While serving as an intern at St. Luke’s Hospital in Chicago, the doctor from Drenthe was asked by one of the patients to see a friend. That friend turned out to be the notorious Al Capone. After Dr. Poppen treated him for a minor ailment, Capone insisted that he stay for dinner.

Dr. Poppen then moved into surgical residency at Illinois Research and Educational Hospital from 1931-33. In the latter year he was recruited by the famed Dr. Gilbert Horrax, head of the Lahey Clinic’s Neurosurgery Department.

The two men worked closely together and in 1957, Dr. Poppen was named the Clinic’s chief of Neurosurgery. He continued in that post until 1970 when he joined the Baptist and became the prime mover behind the Hospital’s world-renowned Neurosurgical Section.

Currently serving both New England Baptist Hospital’s surgical staff and the Board of Trustees, Dr. Poppen is described by his associate Dr. Gerwin Neumann as “one of the greatest neurosurgical technicians alive.”

Dr. Neumann, an excellent surgeon in his own right, has been with Dr. Poppen eight years and is depicted by his senior as “my right arm.” With those credentials Dr. Neumann is a good source on both the expertise and personality of his neurosurgical mentor.

"Dr. Poppen devised many of the modern neurosurgical techniques, taking complicated methods and transforming them into simple, effective and masterful procedures,” says Dr. Neumann. His book Atlas of Neurosurgical Technique is a road map to the field. Dr. Neumann explains. “It is so clearly illustrated and lucidly written that any neurosurgeon could perform the operation from the book’s description.” Many other articles and papers comprising the neurosurgical spectrum have similarly come from Dr. Poppen’s pen.

But the literary world is not the only place where the doctor has made his mark, his associate is quick to add. "Dr. Poppen is a devoted and dedicated surgeon, who gives his patients time, thought and encouragement."

These qualities helped to shape the NEBH service, internationally respected for the technical skill of its personnel — the "personal touch” of its physicians and nursing staff.

Overall, the New England Baptist Neurosurgical Section handles some of the most challenging and difficult cases seen in the field, not to mention the routine disc and brain tumor surgery. Twenty-four-hour coverage is provided by four neurosurgical fellows on continuous duty.

No wonder that the famous and infamous alike have sought out the services of Dr. Poppen.

He was there to help John F. Kennedy recover from World War II back injuries. And he was physician to the President’s brother, Senator Edward M. Kennedy, when that man, too, was felled by back injuries, this time from a plane crash.

Other prominent patients included twice-president of Argentina Juan Domingo Peron and his wife Evita, President Lopez Mateos of Mexico; and the leaders of Uruguay, Venezuela and Brazil.

Accordingly, the doctor has collected many national and international honors: honorary president of the Brazilian Neurological Society; honorary member of the Sociedad Argentina de Neurologia, Psiquiatria y Neurocirugia; Sociedad de Neurologia, Neurocirugia, honorario, Republica Oriental del Uruguay; honorary member of the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Madrid; corresponding member of the La Real Academia Nacional de Medicina in Spain; honorary member of the Sociedad de Neurochirurgia de Langua Franceaise; doctor of science; Hope College; Society of Neurology of Rio de Janeiro; honorary member of the British, the Spanish-Portuguese, the Venezuelan and the Colombian Neurosurgical Societies; and honorary member of the Congress of Neurosurgical Surgeons.

He is the recipient of the Cross of King of France, of Spain; Sword of San Martin in Argentina; Orden Nacional de Cruzeiro do Sul, Brazil; and Orden de Boyaca, Colombia.

Closer to home, Dr. Poppen has served as president of the prestigious Harvey Cushing Society, the Society of Neurological Surgeons, the New England Neurosurgical Society, the American Neurosurgical Society and the Boston Society of Neurology and Psychiatry. Presently, he is a Diplomate of the Pan American Medical Association and a member of the American Surgical Association, the Boston Surgical Society, the Massachusetts Medical Society and the American Medical Association. He is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons.

Just as important, however, is the high regard of his colleagues.

Photos: Michael Weymouth, Boston
"His residents and associates have always marveled at his ability to accomplish what often seemed impossible in the operating room," says Dr. Charles A. Fager, chairman of the Department of Neurosurgery at Lakey Clinic and a member of the Baptist neurosurgical team.

But Dr. Poppen has always treated the most minor operation or procedure with just as much importance and dignity as the most complicated cases, according to Dr. Fager.

"His surgical approach is neither ritualistic nor fussy, but his insistence upon an orderly, chronological sequence is the keynote of every operation," says Dr. Fager.

"He has built his reputation on three basics: enormous technical skill, the large number of neurological fellows he drew who wanted to train with him, and the operations he performed on stellar dignitaries."

But according to associates, Dr. Poppen has remained unaffected by it all.

"Dr. Poppen has cultivated almost a crusty manner," Dr. Neumann comments.

A man of unusual energy, noted for his unerring swiftness in operating techniques, Dr. Poppen welcomes the most complex cases.

"I find the intracranial aneurysms, the arterial malformations of the brain and basal meningomas the most interesting," Dr. Poppen explains. "But the best technique is not enough. Only smooth teamwork between the assistants, the skillful instrument nurse and most important, the anesthesiologist, can make the operative procedure successful!"

While the strain and pressure of such a demanding routine might tire a lesser man, Dr. Poppen has an enormous capacity for work.

"Yet, he is a gentle man and a gentleman," says Dr. Neumann of his colleague, "with a lot of heart. He is very straight and direct."

Standing behind Dr. Poppen are his wife Nancy (High) and two children, Elizabeth and John, as well as six grandchildren.

The father and grandfather, looking back on his years of surgery, claims that the greatest advance he has seen during his time is the contribution to the profession. This includes electrical instruments which facilitate closing and opening of the skull, drugs to control swelling of the brain in the post-operative stage and microscopes specially adapted to certain neurological procedures.

Personal success, to Dr. Poppen, is something which comes from "industry, or hard work, intelectual honesty — trying to do the operation to the best of your ability — and common sense, crucial in the practice of surgery."

Himself a 4 a.m. riser, with an 8:30 p.m. curfew, the active Dr. Poppen escapes to safaris in Africa, South America and Alaska. Though he no longer hunts, he is now making a study of the South American Indians in Colombia, their habits, customs, marriage laws and methods of survival.

"Camping out with the natives sitting up in a tree all night, watching the big game, with those mosquitoes sucking out all your blood, it's a little rough," Dr. Poppen admits with a chuckle.

"But I enjoy it."

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**BACK TO BASICS**

"Back to basics in education" — for Robert Quisenberry '57 that phrase is more than an idea. It's a battle cry. Quisenberry was named superintendent of the Hamilton, Ohio, city school district last June and since then he's been making headlines in all of southwestern Ohio for his old-fashioned revolution.

Quisenberry says that during the 1976-1977 school year, the Hamilton system (12,000 students) "was suffering from the insanities that have engulfed school systems across the nation for the last 15 years — deplorable student behavior and almost non-existent academic standards."

"Some of our elementary schools had adopted a 'never say no to children' attitude and, as a result, students went wild. Students could enter and leave classrooms anytime they wanted and would habitually argue and sass teachers."

The Hamilton high schools had an open lunch policy and, according to the new superintendent, suffered from an over-abundance of academically-bankrupt "Mickey Mouse" courses. An early dismissal policy allowed high school students to leave school in the middle of the day. (At one high school in the district, 50 percent of the students left by 11:30 a.m.)

As a result of all the freedom, Quisenberry says, the typical Hamilton high school student was academically functioning two years below grade level. One of the system's elementary schools fell 24 months below the national norm in achievement test scores, and 72 percent of the school's sixth graders were functioning two years below grade level. Yet in that particular school, only two students were not advanced to the next grade.

With the school system's credibility at an extreme low among both citizens and students, last spring the board chose Quisenberry as the man who could turn the tide. With over 15 years of experience in the district as a sixth grade teacher, assistant senior high principal and junior high principal, Quisenberry knew the system from several angles. He says, however, it was a shock to be offered the position because he doesn't have a Ph.D. degree and, as a junior high principal, was hardly next in line for the top administrative post.

Quisenberry says "wholesale war" was declared last summer in Hamilton. When the school doors opened in September, the system had been turned upside down with the following changes: 33 out of 55 administrative positions were changed, the open lunch policy was abolished, a new dress standard for students was adopted (no halters, sandals, and other "disruptive and inappropriate attire"), and two para-professionals were placed in each high school to insure out-of-classroom discipline. Also, monetary fines were levied against parents not complying with Ohio's compulsory attendance laws, and new discipline standards were put into effect, including special tactics for handling disruptive students (expulsion or assignment to a "no nonsense school").

Most newsworthy was the establishment of minimal skill expectations in reading, language and mathematics for each grade at the elementary level. Those who don't meet these standards simply will not be promoted to the next grade, Quisenberry says.

So far, the back to basics approach to education seems to be working in Hamilton.

"The whole attitude of adults and students has changed and it has come about overnight," says the man who made it happen. "It proved what this superintendency felt all along, that parents want a high academic standard for their children, an atmosphere where they are disciplined, and one where school takes seriously their responsibility for transmitting this nation's standards and values. It also proved that the students want the same thing."

**NAMED CAMPUS MINISTER**

The Rev. Paul Lupkes '50 has been named campus minister at South Dakota School of Mines and Technology, Rapid City. The position is sponsored by the ecumenical United Ministries of Higher Education.

Before accepting the UMHE position, Lupkes served as chaplain at St. Anthony Hospital Systems, Denver.

During his nine years in Denver he was responsible for several innovative developments, including founding a drive-in ministry, a mall ministry and a clubhouse ministry.

In 1975 he was presented the Mercury Award for the most creative communicator in radio-TV in the Denver area. His extensive media activities included religious broadcasts, television devotions, news broadcasts and serving as host for a radio phone-in talk show.

Lupkes also produced religious dramas, including a "Living Nativity" in shopping centers.

He holds his advanced degree from Christian Theological Seminary, Indianapolis. He is married to the former Gladys Buurma '56. The couple has four children, ranging in age from 10 to 23 years.

Lupkes' first pastorate was at Immanuel Reformed Church, Willow Lake, S.D., from 1953-1955. He later held positions at Waterloo, Iowa, and Indianapolis.
Boelkins was previously a faculty member in the departments of medical sciences and physiology at Southern Illinois University School of Medicine.

A Hope biology major, Boelkins earned his master's degree in physiology at the University of North Dakota in 1968 and his Ph.D. in pharmacology from the University of Missouri in 1971. He spent a year-and-a-half at Pennsylvania State University on a post-doctoral fellowship and did research for the U.S. Navy on survival of animals at maximum water depth.

The author of numerous research publications, Boelkins specializes in research on the physiological and pharmacological control of bone and marrow blood flow, measurement of regional circulation with radioactive microsphere, and measurement of regional circulation in normal, diabetic and insulin-treated diabetic animals.

He is married to the former Barbara Boyink '68.

CRUISE CHAPLAIN

Dr. Bernard Brunsting, minister of the Reformed Church in Scarsdale, N.Y., and a member of the Hope College Board of Trustees, has accepted an invitation from the Holland-America Lines to serve as chaplain on the 20th anniversary world cruise of the "Rotterdam." Dr. and Mrs. Brunsting left January 17 for a three-month world trip which will take them to 23 ports. Dr. Brunsting will conduct the Sunday services and be available for pastoral work for the ship's 1,000 passengers.

This past summer Dr. Brunsting served the Union Church of Lima, Peru and did research of the religion of the Incan civilization. Other assignments in recent years include two summers as chaplain of the English speaking congregation in Moscow and church related trips to India, Africa and Europe.

APPOINTED EXECUTIVE MINISTER

The Rev. Peter Paulsen '64 of Grand Rapids, Mich. has been appointed executive minister for a proposed Dallas cluster of Reformed Church in America churches. Since 1969, Paulsen has been serving as the RCA denomination's media coordinator.

Paulsen will head a team of four pastors who will simultaneously begin three congregations in Dallas. His immediate responsibilities will include becoming acquainted with the opportunities in Dallas, determining the most fruitful areas of ministry, beginning negotiations for sites and initiating public relations. As the congregations are established he will be the administrator of the project, freeing the other three pastors to carry on the work of preaching, pastoral care and evangelism.

The Dallas cluster of churches is one of the prominent projects of the Reformed Church Growth Fund. Present plans are that Paulsen will begin his work in Dallas in February and continue in the position for three to five years.

Paulsen is a 1967 graduate of New Brunswick Seminary. For two years he was assistant public affairs director for WZZM-TV in Grand Rapids and served concurrently as assistant pastor of Third Reformed Church of Grand Rapids. He and his wife Diana have two children.

NAMED CHAIRMAN OF PHARMACOLOGY

Dr. James N. Boelkins '66 has been named chairman of a newly-created department of pharmacology at the University of North Dakota School of Medicine.

REV. TELLIER'S "INVADER"

"Everything on the futuristic yellow sports car seems a little out of place. It has Fiat parking lights, a chrome Dodge Charger gas cap, Opel GT bumpers, and perhaps the strangest of all, a minister behind the wheel," says an article in The Knickerbocker News of Albany, N.Y.

The minister is the Rev. Norman J. Tellier '63 of Community Reformed Church of Colonie, who built the car himself using a Volkswagen chassis with a completely rebuilt engine and a mallored fiberglass kit car body. Dubbed "The Invader," the car has been said to make the Batmobile look conservative.

Tellier is the son of a motor repairman. He says he's been fascinated with cars and their engines ever since he was a kid. He built The Invader in his garage on Saturdays. Due to his full schedule of ministerial duties, it took two years.

"The project could have been done much more quickly had I been in some other profession," he notes.

Tellier uses the car to make his ministerial rounds. His wife and three children travel in the family station wagon. He says most of the members of his church are on the youngish side and aren't shocked to see the bright yellow car parked in the minister's slot.

He has been pastor of the Colonie church since 1971. He is a member of the Reformed Church of America General Synod Executive Committee, the Extension Foundation, the Finance Committee and the Task Force on Women. From 1974-75 he was president of the Particular Synod of Albany.

Tellier has been active in the establishment of the Colonie Community Services Unit which works with local police in solving family problems.
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THE REV. THEODORE ESSEBAGGERS '26, Colchester, Conn., has been listed in the United Church Board's Roll of Honor. He served as a missionary in India from 1935-1970. Theodore returned temporarily to India in 1977 as a consultant in stewardship for Church of North India.

JULIUS SCHIPPER '28 recently completed his tenth year as chairman of the English listener mail department of Trans World Radio, Bonaire, Netherlands Antilles.

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THE REV. RICHARD '30 and JEAN BRINK '35 ELZINGA have retired after 43 years in the Christian ministry. During the past year they served on the church staff of Covenant Presbyterian Church, Long Beach, Calif.

ANNETTE WITAN '33 WHITE, South Hadley, Mass., traveled throughout the U.S.S.R. this past year. Annette is a retired teacher.

A book on missions, This is the Way, Walk Ye in It, by JOSEPH ESTHER '35, retired Reformed Church in America missionary who served most recently in the Philippines, is now available. The Esthers hope to use the proceeds from the book for scholarships for students in the Philippines. Copies may be ordered from the Rev. Esther, 964 S. Redlands, Calif. 92373, Ben Haas, 5068 22nd Avenue, Hudsonville, Mich. 49426; David deVelde, 77 Adams Place, Delmar, N.Y. 12054; or Rosalinda Go Ong, 426½ Central Ave., Orange City, Iowa 51041.

ARNOLD VANZANTEN '35 has retired after 40 years with the Michigan National Bank, Battle Creek. He served as senior vice president since 1962.

ROBERT H. BRUGGINK '36 is corporate director of environmental control for Clark Oil & Refining Corp., Blue Island, Ill.

ROBERT W. HAAK '38, Potomac, Md., recently resigned as chairman of the board of directors of Lockheed Corp.

DOROTHY LINCOLN '38 KARL, Schenectady, N.Y., was recently elected the first woman deacon in Woestina Reformed Church. She is retired after serving for 38 years as a teacher and school librarian.

DONALD THOMAS '38, has been appointed chairman of the board of First National Bank and Trust Co., Holland, Mich.

LEONARD J. VAN HOVEN '39, superintendent of the Breitung (Mich.) Township school district since 1973, is retiring at the end of the current school year.

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THE REV. CALVIN DEVRIES '43 is senior pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. His wife JANET CLARK '45 is on the staff of the Early Childhood Education Division of the Grand Wood Area Education Agency.

ARTHUR G. KERLE '46 was recently honored when the new media center of Kettering School, Willow Run, Mich., was named after him. Arthur has served as principal of the school for 31 years.

DR. ROBERT SCHULLER '47, pastor of Garden Grove (Calif.) Community Church, was recently presented the "Clergyman of the Year Award" by Religious Heritage of America at its 27th pilgrimage and national leadership conference in Nashville, Tenn.

JOYCE MUILENBURG '49 BENDER is a night nurse at the VA Hospital in Batavia, N.Y.


THE REV. DONALD LAM '49, Kalamazoo, Mich., has accepted a call to Raritan (III.) Reformed Church.


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PAULA CHAAT-SMITH '50 is the new project-director for the Title IV-A Indian education services for the Cleveland (Ohio) public schools.

ROBERT DEYOUNG '50 is director of elementary school services and categorical aids for the Kalamazoo (Mich.) public schools.

GERALD '50 and CONSTANCE HARTMAN '50 FORMSMA are living in Elkhart, Ind., where Gerald is president of Architectural Anodizing Corp. of America.

DAN PAUL '50, professor of education at Hope College, has been selected by the Michigan Intermural Alliance to coordinate the student teaching assignments for 17 students in Brussels, Belgium during the winter term.

WALTER SCHOLTEN, JR. '50, M.D., chief of staff at Beloit (Wis.) Memorial Hospital.

EMANUEL ALLARA '51 is a salesman with Frank W. M. West, Inc., Stanford, Calif.

DONALD HAZEKAMP '51, professor of mathematics at Central Michigan University, served as chairman of the university's beginning teacher conference this fall.

JOAN PHILLIPS '51 ARWE is a registered nurse at Elmhurst (Ill.) Hospital.

OWEN CHRISTENSEN '52, M.D., has been elected chief of medicine at Heywood Hospital, Gardner, Mass. He has also been elected chairman of the Board of Health in Westminster.

DOUG LEAFSTRA '52, owner of a photography studio in Ludington, Mich., has recently enlarged to provide environmental portraiture. For the past three years, he has specialized in wedding, senior and family portraits.

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THE REV. JAMES P. ROZEBROOM '61, Indianapolis, Ind., has accepted a call to become minister of Christian education at Fairview Reformed Church, Grand Rapids, Mich.

LORRAINE LAWRENCE '62 PATOINE, Outremont, Quebec, is enrolled in the library studies program at Concordia University. For the past three years she has been organizing parents for school library lending service at Nouvelle Quebecs Elementary School.

JUDY SHULTIS '62 STEFFENS is a receptionist for U.S. Weiding, Casper, Wyo.

ELISABETH TALMSA '62 BAKKER has been a teacher since 1966 in Pittsford, N.Y. Her husband Conrad is associate professor of mathematics at Rochester Institute of Technology.

DIANE ANDERSON '63 KELLY is a teacher in Bloomfield, Colo.

MARY DYKSTRA '63 HAVLICEK, Ph.D., is assistant professor of chemistry at Floyd Junior College, Rome, Ga. She formerly taught at Detroit Institute of Technology, the University of Hawaii and Bemidji State College in Minnesota.

JUDSON EMeRICK '63, Ph.D., teaches art history at Pomona College, Claremont, Calif.

Sakiko Kanamori '63 Mook is living in Enschede, Holland, where her husband Byron is an agricultural extension advisor to the government of Sudan in a Dutch aid project. Sakiko continues to sing in the Opera Forum.

GEORGE MARR '63, Ph.D., is director of advanced products with American Microsystems, Inc., Santa Clara, Calif.

JAMES MICHMERHUIZEN '63 is operating the Boston (Mass.) School of Electronic Music.
MARIETTA WORKMAN '63 DRISCOLL, Muskegon, Mich., is a pre-school teacher in Mona Shores schools.

L. CALVERT CURLIN '64, senior engineer of diaphragm cell operations for Diamond Shamrock Corp., Chardon, Ohio, supervised the commissioning of six new chlorine-caustic plants this past year in Germany, Israel, South Africa, Brazil and the United States.

ARVIN TEBRINK '64, Glen Rock, N.J., is a marketing representative for the Pryor Corporation in New York City. His wife LANA VANDERVEN '65 is a customer support specialist with VYDEC, an Exxon affiliate.

DUANE DE HOLLANDER '65, Ph.D., recently won his bid for election as Ontario (N.Y.) town justice. Duane is a chemistry instructor at H.W. Schroeder Senior High School in Webster.

ANNE HUTCHINSON '65 BAO is employed by the acquisition department of Center for Disease Control, Atlanta, Georgia.

GEORGE CHARLES LANTAY '65, a certified school psychologist, is a consultant for the New York City Board of Education After School Program for intellectually gifted and culturally deprived children.

BRUCE NECKERS '65 was recently awarded the Grand Rapids (Mich.) Jaycees Distinguished Service Award. Bruce is an attorney with the law firm of Mohney, Goodrich and Titta.

JAMES RONDA '65, Ph.D., has had his new book Indian Missions accepted for publication by Indiana University Press. He is on a one-year sabbatical from Youngstown (Ohio) State University.

ROBERT REYEN '66 is vice president of Delancy & Kipp, Inc., an insurance brokerage firm in Verona, N.J.

RONALD STEENSMAN '66 is a department manager for Woolco in London, Ontario.

GERALD AUTEN '67 is a teacher at Bowling Green (Ohio) University.

ROBERT BENZENBERG '67 is vice president of Carr Spring Co., Holland, Mich., a manufacturer of innerspring systems affiliated with Spring Air Corp.

THOMAS DRAFT '67 is materials manager for the South Boston (Va.) Power Transformer Division of Westinghouse Electric Corp. He is responsible for purchasing, traffic, material control, and stores and receiving.

JAMES K. DRESSEL '67, Ottawa County (Mich.) treasurer, was recently named winner of the Holland Jaycees Distinguished Service Award for 1977-78.

JOHN KILLMASTER '67, associate professor of art at Boise (Idaho) State University, has received a fellowship grant from Western States Arts Foundation to develop large-scale porcelain-on-steel sculpture. Last year he designed and installed a porcelain and corten steel sculpture in downtown Portland, Ore.

PHILIP PLUSTER '67, M.Ed., is a guidance counselor at Deer Park High School, Cincinnati, Ohio.

VERNON REIDSMAN '67 is a Michigan state policeman, living in Niles.

JOHN SABO '67, Olympia, Wash., is a broker with Olympia Insurance Brokers.

WILLIAM WHARY, JR. '67 is a respiratory therapist at St. Claire Hospital, Denville, N.J.

THE REV. ERIC BLAHTH '68 is pastor of Ghent (N.Y.) Reformed Church.

KENNETH FEIT '68, Reading, Mass., motorcycled 10,000 miles last summer across Canada and the United States.

DAVID FOLKERT '68, J.D., is a new partner in the Muskegon (Mich.) law firm of Marietti, Mullally and Grimm.

HAROLD LAY '68 is the manager of Claremont (Calif.) Theological Seminary bookstore.

WILLIAM F. MILLS '68 is a partner in the law firm of Thoades, Mckee, and Boer, Grand Rapids, Mich.

ROBERT W. VELDHOF '68, chief commercial lines underwriter in the Minneapolis office of Sentry Insurance, has been named charter property casualty underwriter in the firm's San Francisco office.

BARBARA CLAUSSEN '69 is a conventional loan training coordinator for Home Federal Savings & Loan Assoc., San Diego, Calif.

BARBARA DEHART '69 EADIE, has been selected for inclusion in International Who's Who in Music. Barbara was the winner of the British Columbia Provincial Finals of National Music Competition this past year and played in the national finals in Toronto. She has also been named recipient of the Intermunicipal Award from the city of Victoria for outstanding achievement in the field of music.

NORMA EMERSON '69 VARRILE is a flight attendant for Pan American Airlines. She is based at J.F. Kennedy Airport, New York City.

LINDA KOZEL '69 HEGSTRAND, is a faculty member in the pharmacology department at the University of Colorado Medical School, Denver.

RICHARD MEZESKE '69 is a Title I remedial reading teacher in the Allegan (Mich.) public school system.

ELIOT H. MYERS '69 is a pharmaceutical sales representative in the Lansing/Jackson (Mich.) territory, representing the Boehringer Ingelheim Co.

JOYCE VANHOUZEN '71 STACY is a teacher in Shepheard, Mich.

THE REV. RICK VAN HAITMSA '71, minister of Christian Education at Beechwood Reformed Church, Holland, Mich., and his wife LAUREL DEKKER '72 recently attended the Institute for American Church Growth in Pasadena, Calif.

BRUCE WOUDENBERG '71 is a Pittsburgh, Pa. sales representative for Herman Miller, Inc.

DAVE C. AUSSICKER '72, a doctoral candidate in higher education at the University of Michigan, is assistant director of the Center for General and Career Studies at Oakland University, Rochester, Mich.

DR. JEFFREY L. COOK '72 has completed his general dentist residency and entered into private practice in Newark, Del.

TERRY NYHUIS '72 is an intern minister of Christian Education at Lake Hills Community Church, Laguna Hills, Calif. His wife ANITA KOLLEN '72 is a legal secretary in Newport Beach.

BARBARA PAUL '72 is a registered nurse in the surgical-anesthesia intensive care unit at Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center, New York City.

ALLAN T. REIFF '72, has been appointed assistant cashier at Industrial State Bank, Kalamazoo, Mich. He is assistant manager of the Southland Mall office of the bank.

KATHY VANKRUININGEN '72 ROHR is teaching remedial reading and journalism at Hackensack (N.J.) High School. Her husband is an attorney with the New Jersey State Office of the Public Advocate.

ENSIGN WILLIAM WOLTERS '72, Virginia Beach, Va., is a flight officer with the U.S. Navy.

PHILIP BOS '73 is a doctoral candidate at Kent State University. He is researching nuclear magnetic resonance in liquid crystals.

JONELLE CARLSON '73, a certified medical technologist, is working part-time at Suburban General Hospital, Pittsburgh, Pa. She is also a full-time student in the lay studies program of Trinity Episcopal School for Ministry. Jonelle graduated from Vanderbilt University last June.

THE REV. ROBERT D. HOFFMAN '73 is associate professor, director of Christian education and parish life at Second Reformed Church, Grand Haven, Mich.

STEVEN M. ZONNEBELT '73, M.D., is in his second-year residency in general surgery at University of Wisconsin affiliated hospitals in Madison. Steve graduated from Johns Hopkins Medical School in 1976.

GARY BEGLEY '74 is completing his second year in the master of divinity program at Oral Roberts University, Tulsa, Okla.

BARRY BRUGGER '74 is teaching physical education and economics at Grand Haven (Mich.) Junior High School. He is also coaching football, swimming and track.

CAROL RYNBRANDT '71 is completing her second year as a physical education instructor at Hillsdale (Mich.) College. She also teaches dance classes and coaches the volleyball and softball teams.

THE REV. JONELLE COOK '76, a Lutheran layman, has been appointed director of the Lutheran Women's Coalition at Lancaster (Pa.) Area Synod. He is also engaged in the study of Lutheran church history, particularly the role of the laity in early church history.

ROBB ADAMS '70, Pittsfield, Mass., is coordinator of the program for hearing impaired at Berkshire County Collaborative.

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KAREN KNUDSEN '77 is teaching elementary and secondary special education in South Bend, Ind.

WILLIAM MELVILLE, JR. '77 is a production supervisor for Sykes Brothers, Inc., Roslyn, Pa.

EILEEN MUGG '77 NORSTROM is a 6th grade teacher at Hamilton (Mich.) Elementary School.

GLENN PFEIFFER '75, M.B.A., is studying toward his Ph.D. in business administration at Cornell University, where he has been awarded a Haskins and Sells Fellowship for the current academic year.

PAULA VANDEHOEF '77 is a programmer/analyst for Roper Corp. in Kankakee, Ill.

MARY HARMELINK '77 WISNER is teaching 5th grade in the Crestwood school district of suburban Detroit. Her husband Larry '77 is employed by Ford Motor.

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Ron and Marilyn Reed '64 Boling, Matthew Reed, July 21, 1977, Kalamazoek, Mo.


Dave '72 and Diane Buchanan, Courtlandt David, Jr., Oct. 14, 1977, Schuyerville, N.Y.

Don and Linda Munro '65 Cailliez, Margaux Munro, Jan. 5, 1977, Minneapolis, Minn.

Dan '70 and Mary Zuldena '70 Colenbrandter, Ellen Beth, Nov. 20, 1977, Holland, Mich.

Jack '65 and Denise Cook, Brian Joseph, June 7, 1977, N. Palm Beach, Fla.

Bob '72 and Gretchen Tellman '72 Cooper, Benjamin Robert, April 24, 1977, Grand Rapids, Mich.


Tim '68 and Nancy Culver '68 Dykstra, Christine Bernice, July 20, 1977, Columbus, Ohio.


Steven and Debra Frifeld '75 Hinchman, Kelley Anne, Aug. 22, 1977, Ann Arbor, Mich.


Harold '69 and Janet Spooner '70 Kamm, Gretchen Elizabeth, Sept. 22, 1977, South Kent, Conn.
THE REVEREND GEORGE BERENS '32 died unexpectedly following surgery on January 16, 1978, in Wiersdale, Fla. He was 73.

Born in Fremont, Mich., Rev. Berens was a 1935 graduate of New Brunswick Theological Seminary. In 1936, he received his Master of Theology degree from Princeton Theological Seminary.

Rev. Berens served churches in Somerville and Pequannock, N.J., and in Port Ewen Ulster Park, Greenwich, Garvanocot, Berne, Beavardam, and Shawangunk, N.Y. He served as an active member of the class of 1933 at Columbia-Greene.

Rev. Berens is survived by his wife Doris Rasmussen '35, a son Wayne '54, and a daughter Evelyn Losee '55.

EDNA MAE COOK '18 died on January 23, 1978, in Battle Creek, Mich. She was 81.

Miss Cook was a history teacher at Battle Creek Central High School for more than 40 years. She also served as a member and former president of the American Association of University Women and was a member of the Retired Teachers Association and Circulus Club.

After her retirement Miss Cook traveled extensively, taking two trips around the world.

She is survived by a sister.

DR. EDWIN DEJONGH '30 died on November 22, 1977, in Royal Oak, Mich. He was 69.

Dr. Dejongh had a 32-year career with General Motors Corp., retiring in 1973 as associate medical director.

He is survived by his wife Alva, a daughter and a grandson.

HAROLD GROTH '49 died on December 24, 1977, in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Mr. Groth was a teacher and later was an estate analyst for Connecticut General Life Insurance Company in their Detroit office.

JACOB O. HINKEN '25 died in Dec., 1977, in Midland, Tex. Mr. Hinken was the owner of a farm equipment manufacturing company in Litchfield, Ill.

Surviving are his wife Marjane and a daughter.

RUTH STEGENA '42 LUIDENS died on December 26, 1977, in Teaneck, N.J. She was 56.

The daughter of the late Rev. Dr. Miner Stegena '15, Mrs. Luidens was raised in Walden, N.Y., and North Bergen, N.J. After graduating from Hope College, she did post-graduate study at Princeton (N.J.) Theological Seminary.

During 1943 to 1964, she and her husband, the Rev. Edwin Luidens '40, served as Reformed Church in America missionaries in the Middle East, with assignments in Bahrain, the Arabian Gulf, Amaranth and Basrah, Iraq, and Beirut, Lebanon.

After returning to the United States in 1964, Mrs. Luidens was active in church and community programs. She serves as president of Church Women United for Teaneck and Bogota, was involved in the RCA's women's organization, had membership in the RCA's Nominations Committee for General Synod, and was a regional participant in the Alumni Association of Hope College. She was also active as an officer in the Japan International Christian University Foundation in New York, and served as director of Christian Education at Second Reformed Church, Hackensack, N.J.

In 1975 Mrs. Luidens and her husband were named recipients of the Bergen County Council of Churches award for outstanding Christian service.

Rev. and Mrs. Luidens were recently selected by the Hope College Alumni Board to be recipients of 1978 Distinguished Alumni Awards at the annual Alumni Dinner in May. The award will be presented posthumously.

She is survived by her husband, a daughter Carol '71, two sons, Donald '69 and Robert '75; and a brother, Preston Stegena '47.


After graduating from Hope, Miss Pellegram taught history for two years and then attended the Grand Rapids (Mich.) Conservatory of Music. Miss Pellegram had a lifetime career as a music teacher.

GERALD ROTTSCAFER '33, M.D., died on December 18, 1977, in San Diego, Calif. He was 66.

A graduate of the University of Michigan Medical School, Dr. Rottschafner served as a surgeon in San Diego.

He is survived by his brother, William '38; and three sisters, Wilma VandenWieren '35, Marguerite Rozeboom '31, and Kathryn Cook '35.

MARGORIE ATWATER '34 ROYAL died on December 26, 1977, in Schenectady, N.Y. She was 66.

Mrs. Royal was a librarian at TIPO of General Electric Co. for 30 years, retiring in 1976. She was a member of the GE Women's Club, GE Quarter Century Club and the First Presbyterian Church.

She is survived by her husband Charles, two uncles, and several cousins.

MARTIN O. SCAPA '35 died on Jan. 13, 1978, in Atlanta, Ga. after an extended illness. He was 68.

Mr. Schaap was formerly employed as a coffee salesman in Cornella, Ga.

He is survived by his wife, Muriel DeWitt '27; his son, Mark, and daughter, Myrna.
JOHN M. SLAGH '07 died on Feb. 1, 1978, in New Port Richey, Fla. He was 94.
Born in North Holland, Mich., Mr. Slagh taught for many years in Manistee, Mich., and Oak Park, Ill, high schools.
Surviving are a brother, a sister-in-law, and several nieces and nephews.

RUSSELL VAN DE POEL '26 died on Feb. 8, 1978, in Holland, Mich. He was 73.
Born in Holland, Mr. Van De Poel bought the Superior Cigar and Sport Shop from his father in 1947 and operated it until 1967 when he sold the business to his son, James '60. He was the last surviving charter member of the Holland Lions Club and also served as a past president and board member of the club.
He formerly served as business manager of the Holland Flying Dutchmen, a semi-pro baseball team. He also served on the Holland Zoning Board of Appeals.
He is survived by his son, James; two daughters, Mary '59 and Sara Van Heeken '62, six grandchildren, and two brothers, Lester and Earle '35.

HELEN VEDDER VERMEULEN, wife of Dr. James VerMeulen '26, died on December 29, 1977, in Grand Rapids, Mich.
Dr. VerMeulen is a member of the Hope College Board of Trustees and also served as the able national chairman of the Build Hope Fund. He is the retired chairman of the American Sealing Co., Grand Rapids.
Mrs. VerMeulen is survived by her husband, a son, David, and two daughters, Anne VerMeulen '53 Ward and Helen VerMeulen Petrie.

**advanced degrees**

Pamela Butyn '68 Alstrom, M.A. Counseling and Personnel, Western Michigan University, 1977
Susan Anderson '72, M.A. Reading, Western Michigan University, 1977
Elizabeth Talma '82 Bakker, M.A. Education, Nazareth College of Rochester, Jan., 1978
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Joyce Dolen '72, M.A. Teaching in the Junior High School, Western Michigan University, 1977
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Ken Meeuwse '74, M.S. Biology, Idaho State University, Dec. 18, 1977
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116 Math major, '77 graduate, desires position as actuarial assistant but will consider related employment. Has presented papers to Michigan Mathematical Association. Score of 37 (verbal) and 20 (math) on actuarial aptitude test. Grade of 10 on first actuarial exam. Willing to relocate.

117 '72 graduate. One-time theatre major has found right career: computer programmer and systems analyst with solid background and business experience in BASIC. As a new in the midst of COBOL preparation. Logical and imaginative. Will go anywhere, prefer urban center.


119 Energetic Go-Getter. '76 graduate majors: psychology, social work, and elementary education. Presently in public administration graduate curriculum. Seeking challenging position: business (personnel, public relations, sales representative), human services (management, counseling, program development research), or education (teacher, consultant). Will relocate and travel (domestic and foreign). Presently therapist and coordinator of volunteers for Mental Health.

120 '65 graduate seeking employment as a pastoral counselor in a counseling agency or chaplaincy position. Background is as follows: M.Div. degree from New Brunswick Theological Seminary, '69; 6½ years experience in the pastoral ministry; M.S.E. degree from the University of Bridgeport in counseling, '77; two-year training program in pastoral counseling, Foundation for Religion and Mental Health; 14 months as alcoholic counselor.


122 B.A. sociology, '66. Ten years teaching: elementary (first & second) in New York City. Instrumental in instituting a remedial math program. Employed by YWCA as a program director. Also set up programs with large church Young Adults group. Need change of environment and or career.


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Alumni Day '78
SATURDAY, MAY 13
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

9 a.m. Special Class Reunion
      Recreation Activities; Class of '58 Tennis Tournament —
      Columbia Avenue Courts
10 a.m. — Coffee & Registration —
         DeWitt Center, East Terrace
11 a.m. Women's League for Hope
        College Film Presentation;
         Mary Zweizig '52 Visscher,
         President — Wichers
         Auditorium, Music Bldg.
1 p.m. — CLASS REUNIONS AND
       BUFFET LUNCHEONS
3 p.m. — Fellowship Time with other
       Classes — Refreshments &
       entertainment provided —
       DeWitt Terrace
4 p.m. FIFTY YEAR CIRCLE
       RECEPTION & MEETING
       Wichers Auditorium, Music
       Bldg.; Induction of the Class
       of 1928 into the Fifty Year
       Circle; Women's League for
       Hope College Film
       Presentation
6 p.m. THE 1978 ANNUAL ALUMNI
       DINNER Phelps Hall
       The announcement and
       recognition of the
       Distinguished Alumni
       Awards for 1978; Presiding:
       Elsie Parsons '46 Lamb,
       President of Alumni
       Association
8:30 p.m. Adjournment

The Hope-Geneva Bookstore located
in the DeWitt Center will be open for the
convenience of Alumni and Friends
from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

REUNIONS
1928 The 50th Golden
       Anniversary Class; Dr. Frank
       H. Moser, Class Chairman;
       Esther J. DeWeerdt, Reunion
       Chairman
1933 Nella DeHaan Mulder,
       Reunion Chairman
1938 William Arendshorst, Jr.,
       Reunion Chairman
1943 Barb Folensbee Timmer,
       Reunion Chairman
1948 Marjorie Lucking French,
       Reunion Chairman
1953 The 25th Silver Anniversary
       Class; The Hon. Guy Vander
       Jagt, Class Chairman; Nella
       Pyle Burton, Reunion
       Chairman
1958 Kenneth Faber, Class
       Chairman; Julie Smith
       Carey, Reunion Chairman
1963 Donald A. Mitchell, Reunion
       Chairman
      (The classes of 1968 and 1973
      will hold their reunions on
      Homecoming Weekend next
      October.)