

Northwest College



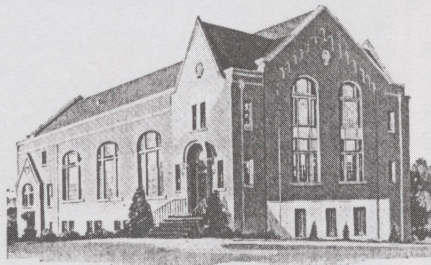
A SHINING LIGHT FOR
50 YEARS . . . 1934-84

Golden Jubilee Banquet May 25, 1984

Celebrate

THE PAST 50 YEARS

**ANNOUNCING
THE OPENING**
OF THE
**Northwest
Bible Institute**
October 1st, 1934



East 69th Street and 8th Avenue N. E.
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

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Let light shine out in the great Northwest" — that's the opening phrase of Northwest College's alma mater. For fifty years this light has been penetrating, increasing in intensity far beyond the earliest dreams of the College's founders.

The record is impressive. Over ten thousand students have passed through these halls. More than three thousand graduates — pastors, teachers, missionaries, leaders, associate ministers, lay persons — a veritable army encircling the globe. The light has penetrated to the far corners of the earth.

Foundational Years: 1934-1949

The early sparks that ignited this vision were almost lost. From unsuccessful attempts at beginning a school in the Centralia area, no sustained flame was realized. Then the light began to kindle in the vision of a pastor in Fargo, North Dakota, **Henry H. Ness**. A Presbyterian pastor was praying in those days for a Bible School in the Green Lake area of Seattle. He later acknowledged that Northwest Bible Institute was the answer to that prayer.

Founded under the auspices of the Northwest District Council of the Assemblies of God, Northwest College opened to students on October 1, 1934. **Dr. Henry Ness** — then pastor of Hollywood Temple — became the first president (initially referred to as the principal), and the school was housed in the church facilities. Although helping to fan the early flame, the District assumed no financial obligation for keeping the flame burning.

Eighteen students formed the first class, and the first student to register was **Edithora Glew** (nee Owen). Through the years this first student not only became a part of the ministry herself, but now points to a son-in-law, **Richard**, and a grandson, **Kevin**, also graduates of Northwest College in full-time ministry. The light has reflected from heart to heart. The story has been repeated numerous times.

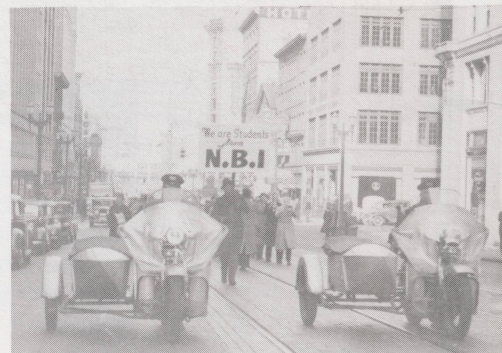
The early years of the school found a largely voluntary faculty and staff; great emphasis was placed on practices and prayer. Instructors included **E.V. Bronson**, **J.A. Bogue**, **Delbert Cox**, **P.S. Jones**, and **Helen Giles**. Serving as matron was **Mrs. A.B. Christenson**. First full-time Dean was **C.C. Beatty**, whose rendition of "40 Years Ago" will long be remembered by scores of early students. Fondly, students referred to **Brother Beatty** as "Grace" and



▲ **Henry H. Ness** preaching in Hollywood Temple.



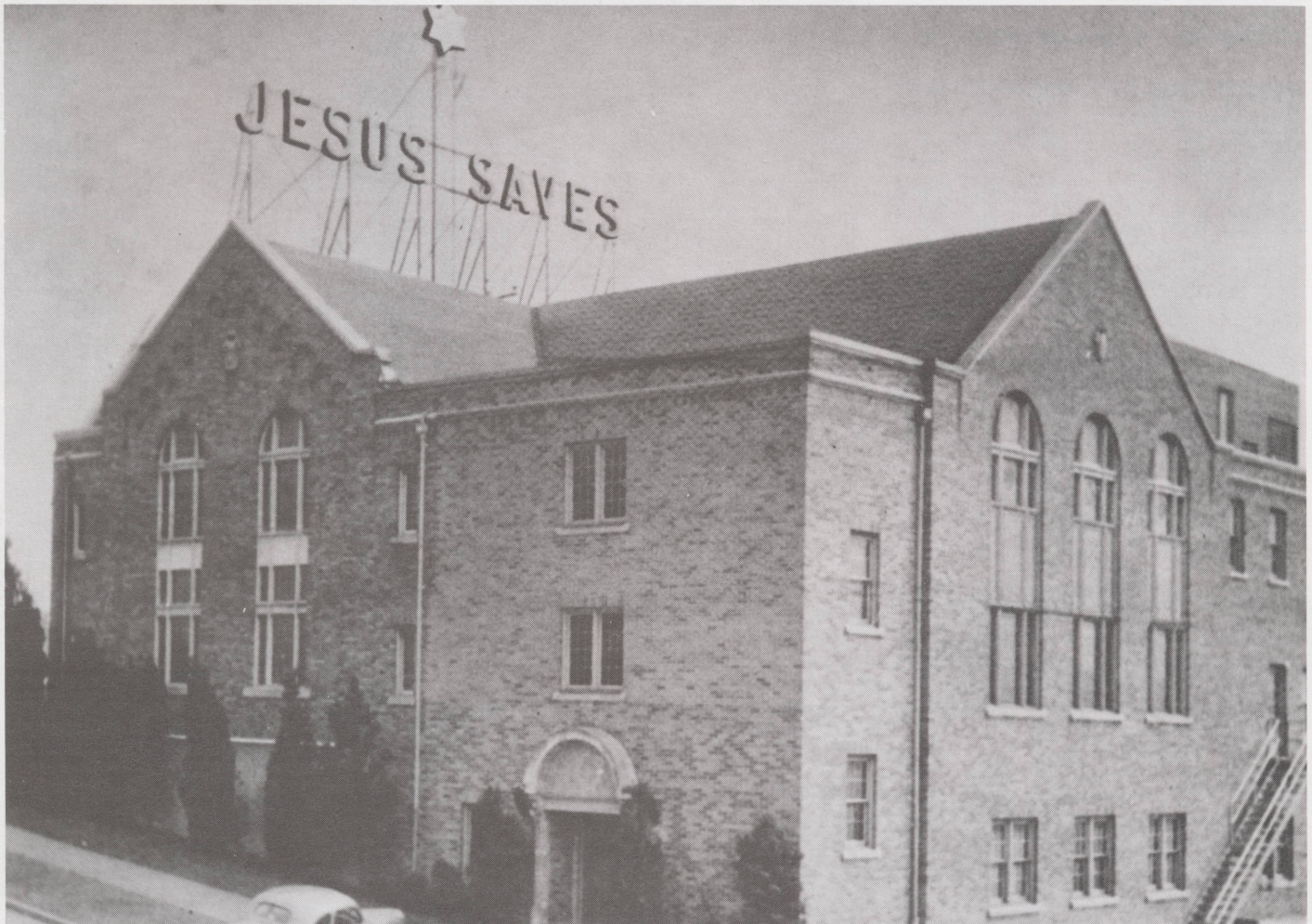
◀ **Henry H. Ness** on graduation day.





to **President Ness**, of a bit stronger disposition, as "Law." Both men, from their giftedness, left a profound impact on the students.

The first graduating class from Northwest Bible Institute was the class of 1937. It was forty-five strong, with twice as many ladies as men. **Harry Pennington**, the class president, was one of the first among nearly 350 missionaries who received their training at Northwest College — an enviable record. There was a great "togetherness" in this early



▲ Instrumental Band.

▲ Hollywood Temple, the original Northwest Bible Institute.

◀ 1936 parade, downtown Seattle.



▲ Graduating class of 1948.

◀ Henry H. Ness and C.C. Beatty.

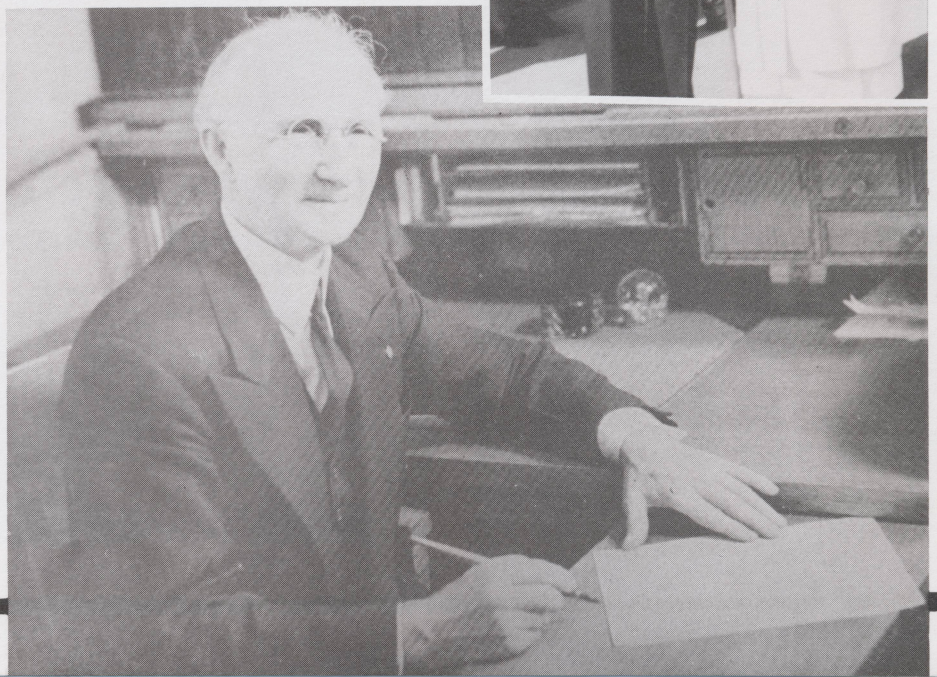
▶ Rev. and Mrs. C.C. Beatty.

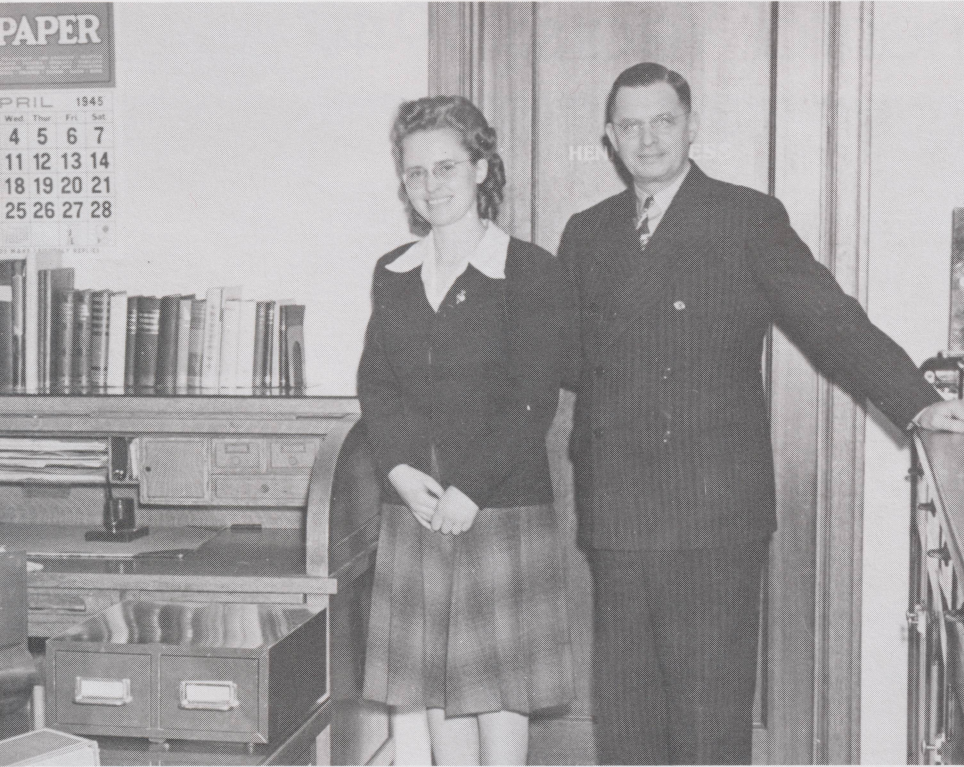
▼ Rev. C.C. Beatty.



student body, as evidenced by the send-off of the **Tangens**, missionaries to the Far East. The whole student body was present dockside to see them off.

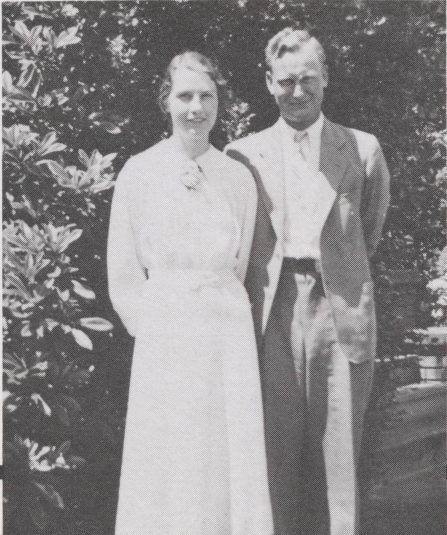
The forties brought the war years and growing enrollment — 258 student total at the beginning of the decade. "Johnny came marching home again," and scores of veterans swelled the ranks of students to a high of 382 in 1946. That total would not be surpassed again until 1965.





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The year 1949 was a significant year for Northwest College. Its founder and President, **Dr. Henry Ness**, resigned to accept appointment as Chairman of the State Board of Prison Paroles. The year also marked the beginning of four-year programs in the College curriculum.



- ▲ Northwest Bible Institute's main office in 1945.
- ▲ **Helen Bession, Harry Pennington, and Margaret Knutson.**
- ▲ Students exercising while participating in a physical education class.
- ◀ **Harry and Verna Pennington.**
- ◀ **Dr. Ness** preaches at Northwest Bible Institute, which is now Calvary Temple.

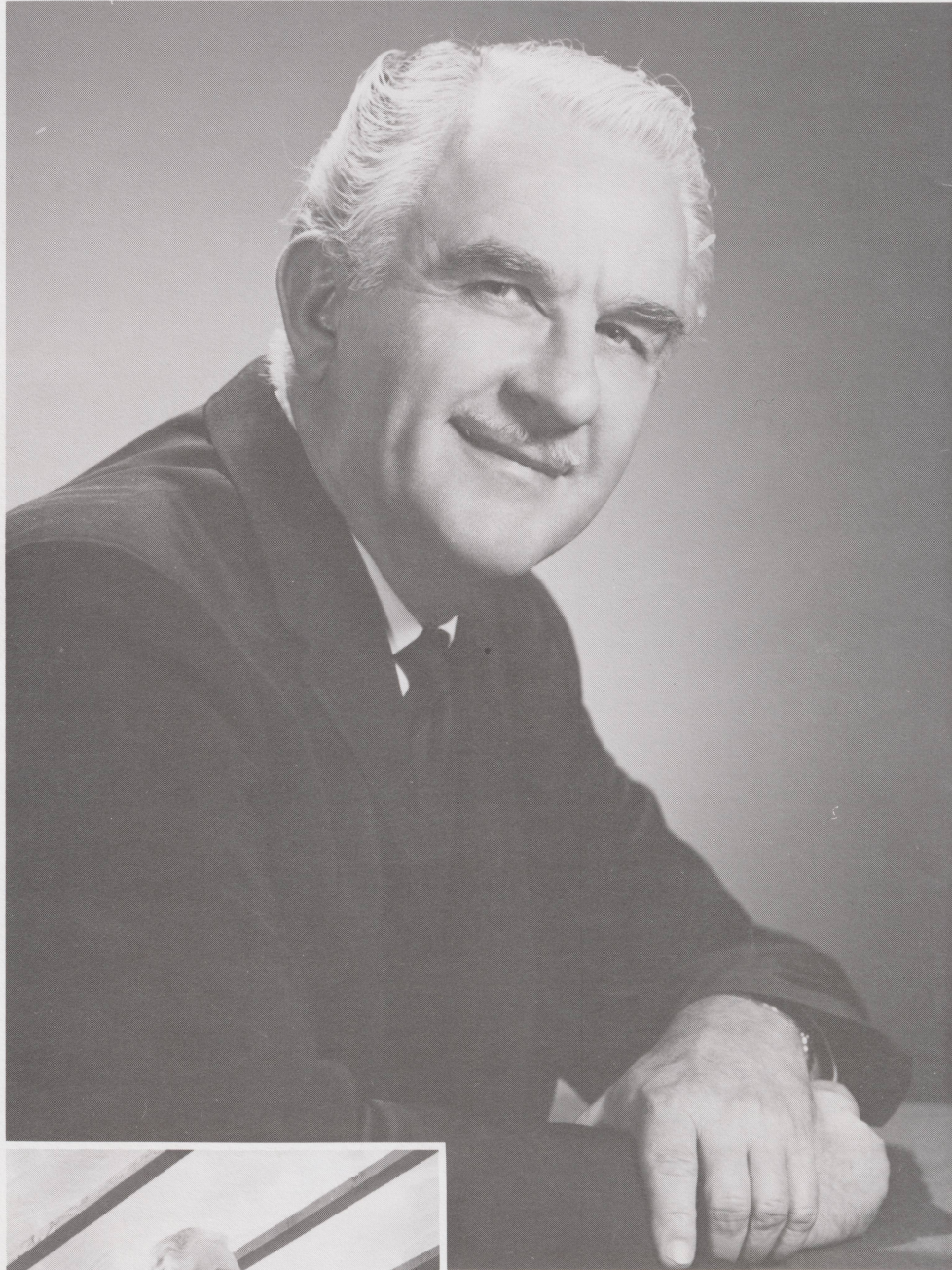
The Developmental Years: 1949-1966.

God had a man prepared to fill the presidency during times especially challenging to the College. **Henry Ness** had given birth to a vision; now a new era of development was needed. **Charles E. Butterfield**, after years of successful pastoring in Everett, Washington, came to the helm of Northwest College (then Northwest Bible Institute), and the light spread. The Board of Control of the College was regionalized to include other districts within the Assemblies of God: Montana, 1951; Southern Idaho, 1957; Alaska, 1967; Wyoming, 1975. In 1953 the College received accreditation with the American Association of Bible Colleges. In 1955 a liberal arts division was organized.

Perhaps the highlight of the Butterfield years is found in the now-famous "Miracle Story." The conditions needed to get this property; the raising of monies; the absolute miracles that happened; the tireless work of men such as **R.J. Carlson, H.W. Crowder, H.J. Secrist, President Butterfield**, and the planning commission are chronicled elsewhere. Suffice it to say, Northwest Bible College had a new base from which its light would shine, and the intensity grew. Ground-breaking took place in 1958 and seldom has the sound of construction ceased since.

The original plan called for a campus to service four hundred students; enrollment has sometimes doubled that in recent years. Since completion of the new campus, enrollment has climbed steadily. In 1966, after many years of dedicated leadership, **C.E. Butterfield** stepped aside as President of Northwest College.

A new freeway planned for the city of Seattle threatened and eventually eliminated the old Hollywood Temple, then occupied by the College. The congregation



▲ President **Charles E. Butterfield**.



◀ President **Butterfield** speaking at Northwest College ground-breaking ceremony.



- ▶ Clearing the way for a brighter future.
- ▼ Board of Directors.
- ▼ Members of the Planning Commission—seated: **Herb Crowder, R.J. Carlson**, standing: **H.J. Secrist, Ralph Phillips, Donald Fee, President Butterfield, Lyle Spradley**, and **Tim Morton**.



of Calvary Temple, formerly Hollywood Temple, had built new facilities across the street from the old building.

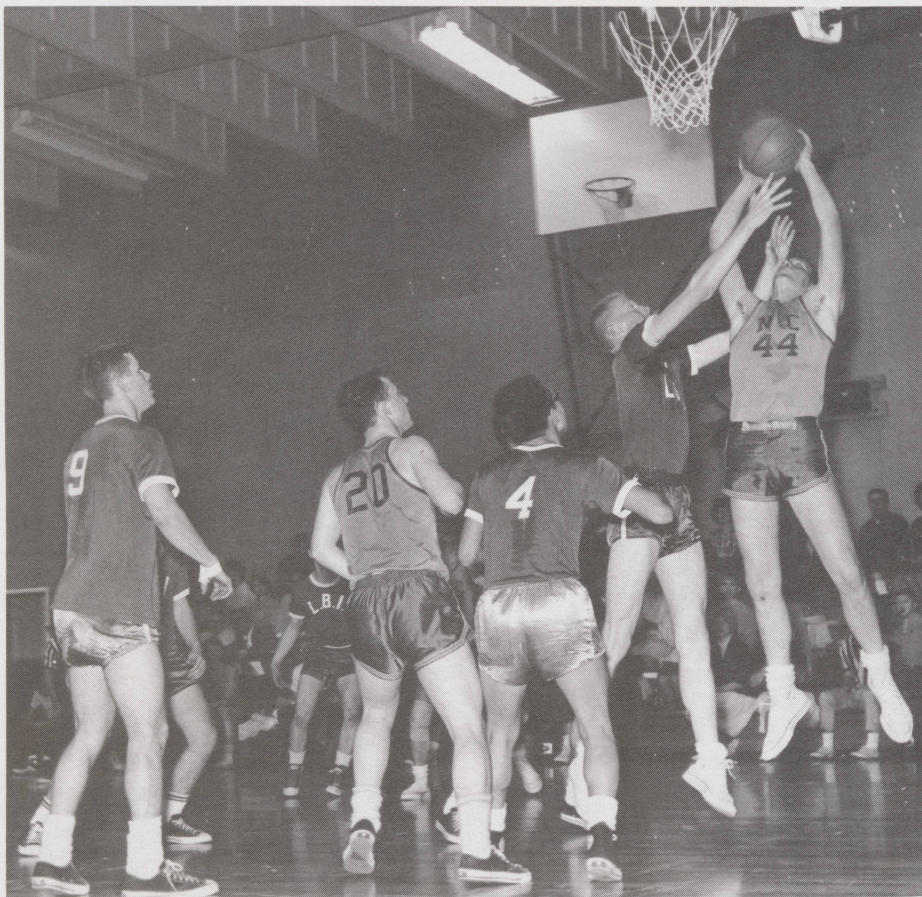
Thus, property search was begun. In God's providence and timing, choice acreage became available as government surplus in Houghton, Washington (since annexed to Kirkland). **President Butterfield**, sensing God's leading, knelt on one of the old foundations (this had been a war housing project) and claimed it for the College.



God must have a sense of humor; The **then** mayor of Kirkland opposed the College's getting the property; today, Northwest College's president is the **present** mayor of Kirkland.







- ▲ Chapel service in the Fee building.
- ▲ Men's Basketball, always competitive at Northwest.
- ▶ Northwest's choir team ready for tour.





The Growth Years: 1966-Present.



he Midwest was again to provide leadership for Northwest College. **D.V.**

Hurst, who had served at national leadership levels with the Assemblies of God and who had attended North Central Bible College in Minneapolis, Minnesota — a model in the early days for Northwest Bible Institute — became the third President in Northwest College's history. Under his articulate and competent administration, the College has continued to expand and its "light" to burn brighter than ever.

A master plan has been adopted and numerous buildings added to the campus. Guy Hall was completed, Gray and Crowder Halls built to accommodate the growing student body, the dining hall enlarged.

More classrooms were needed, so the Learning Center was built. The

Library was moved from the basement of the Chapel to a building constructed purposely to house the growing collection of books. Plant facilities, curriculum have all expanded, a new level of academics reached without sacrificing the original intent of the

College. In 1973 Northwest College became regionally accredited with the Northwest



► President **D.V. Hurst** in his younger days.

► The Three Presidents: **C.E. Butterfield**, **D.V. Hurst**, and **Henry H. Ness**.





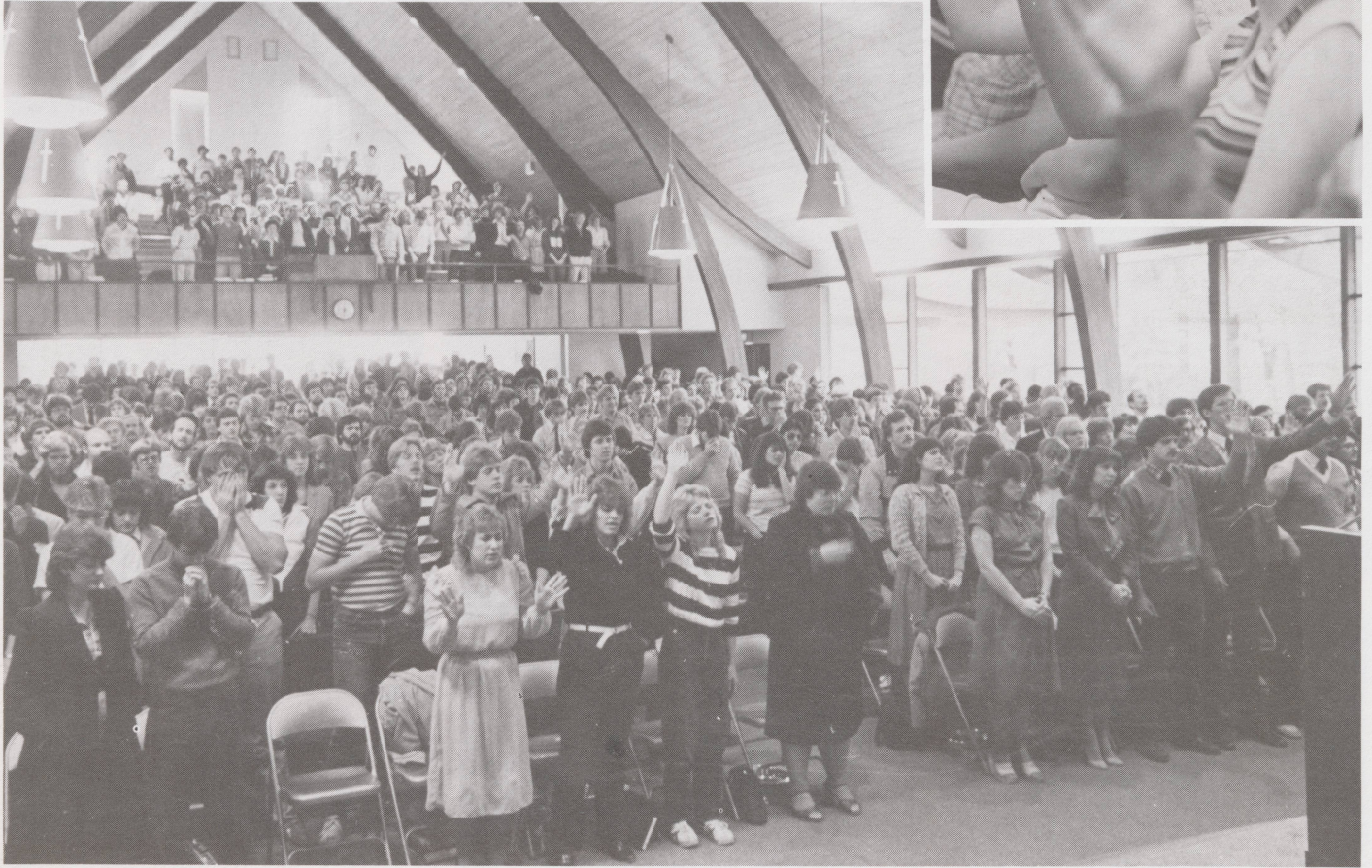
Association of Schools and Colleges. Northwest College had come "of age."

During these years many other significant steps have been taken to insure a bright future. The establishment of the Lay Council and the substantial financial support they have given will further strengthen NC's growth. The Alumni Council has taken a more active role in the recruitment of new students. The students themselves are involved in internships in local churches during their college days and the work goes on and on.

◀ Conferring of a doctorate on **Thomas F. Zimmerman**, General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God.

▼ The Transition: **C.E. Butterfield** handing the key to **D.V. Hurst**.





▲ Prayer and praise at Northwest College.
▼ Our Soccer team on the go.





- ◀ King's Chorals, one of the two choir groups that travel and minister.
- ▼ Women's Basketball is one of the sports offered for women at Northwest College.
- ▼ **President Hurst** and **Herb Crowder** stand beside the newly constructed Crowder Residence Hall.
- ▼ The "Reaching Arms" Fountain, a gift from the Lay Council, is enjoyed year-round by everyone at NC.



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The future for Northwest College has never looked brighter. During its fifty years of continuous ministry in the training of young people for God's service, a great army of pastors, associate ministers, missionaries, teachers, leaders, and lay persons have trained at Northwest College and are serving the church. This year hundreds more will join the growing stream of workers. The alma mater still rings through the halls, a living reality — "Let light shine out . . ."

What a vision brought Northwest College into being! What a fulfillment it has seen! And the light goes on shining!



Like a mighty army
 Moves the church of God.
Brothers, we are treading
 Where the saints have trod . . ."

What greater task can there be than to be involved in the training of His Army?
He became the "arch-leader" of salvation, pointing the way and saying, "Follow
me." He has assured victory and reward.

Let the march continue!
Let the ranks of soldiers grow!
Let the enemy quake at the sound of the Conqueror's tread !

