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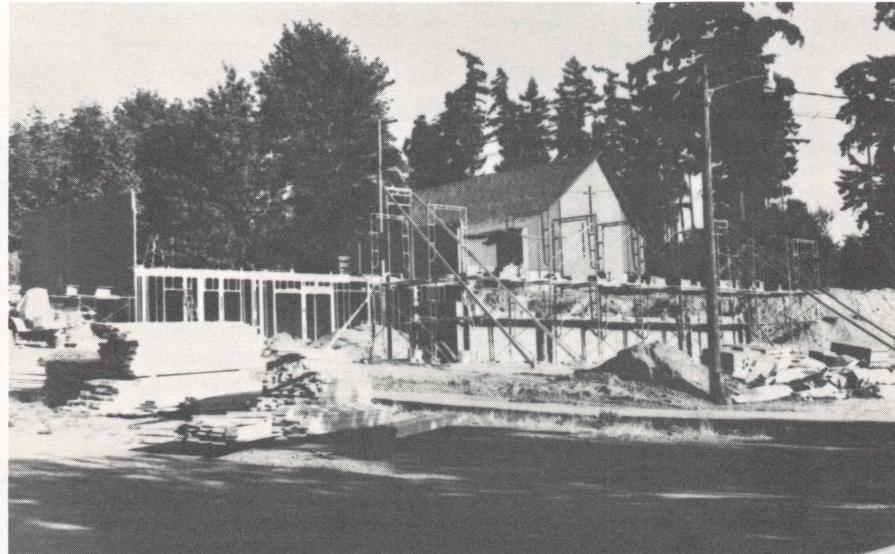
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From the President



Serving In Love

Here and there in the Kingdom there are those who stand out for their commitment and service. In their true "labor of love" they give of themselves without reservation, asking nothing in return but opportunity to give again. Serving in relative obscurity and shying from public notice, they serve for the sheer "love of it," and more for the love of Him and because it is His will.

Juanita Belcher was such a one. She loved her work and said she was doing "what God wanted her to do." She said she "enjoyed it," and felt "rewarded and appreciated."

Those who observed her work remarked again and again about her "efficiency." She knew where things were, what needed to be done, and if it was left undone, she did it — even in the late night hours! Often resolutions of appreciation for her service were adopted by the Board of Directors of Northwest College. They saw a fine contribution to the work of the College and expressed themselves concerning it.

Such devotion and service always points to motivation. "Why," someone asks, "must you work so hard and so long?" The answer cannot be found in material reward or status of position. Such fleeting things burn to ashes in the real test. But love for Him and for His work is another thing. Love finds no sacrifice or no task too great! Love finds a way to get the work done.

Juanita Belcher's sudden passing, the victim of a senseless auto accident, leaves many questions unanswered, but more than this it leaves a vital place in His work unfilled. But never have faithful servants of Christ suddenly been taken from this life of tragedy but that many have just as suddenly seen the opportunity and the privilege of service and responding have said, "Let me pick up where she left off."

Usually it's someone who has served in the public eye who has afforded this challenge. But here and there one serving in the shadows has done so, too.

Juanita Belcher was such a one!

New Learning Center "Taking Shape"

Brick and mortar are the components which are giving form to the new \$140,000 education center being constructed at Northwest College. The brick work is presently going up on foundations of re-inforced concrete and steel. The new two-level complex has already gone through its first phase of construction with foundations and sub-plumbing of the structures having been laid. (See cover photo).

The attractively designed complex will take advantage of the hillside terrain on the campus and will afford street-level access to two classroom units from the street and to another classroom and a divided lecture hall unit linked by a connecting foyer at the lower level of the center. Walk-ways to and from the foyer unit will accommodate natural traffic patterns to and from other buildings on the campus.

To meet the classroom needs of expanding enrollments at the college, three classrooms will be housing 60 students each while the lecture hall unit will seat 250 students as a single unit or two 125-student units when divided by a movable soundproof partition. The center is laid out in such a manner as to allow for the construction of still more units in the "cluster" as later needs may require.

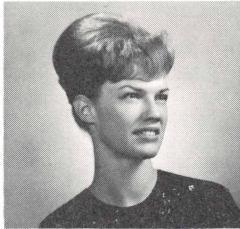
Target date for completion of the new structure is September 15.

College Approved For Matching Grant For Library

Northwest College's library will get a boost from a U.S. Education grant in the amount of \$6,788.00 if matching funds can be raised to equal the grant, President D. V. Hurst announced recently. The College received word of approval of its application, it was indicated, but must find donors for matching funds, apart from general operating monies allocated for the library.

Development of the library up to a level of holdings recommended by examiners from the Northwest Association of Higher and Secondary Schools is estimated at around 50,000 volumes, it was revealed. College Director of Development H. W. Crowder indicated that library figures show that the average cost per book presently acquired by the library is \$5.40 and suggested that interested donors might wish to bear this fact in mind in considering the purchasing power of gifts or donations for the library.

MEET THE NEW FACULTY . . .



Earlier in the spring the appointment of four new members to the faculty at the College for the fall of 1968-69 was announced by President D. V. Hurst. Today more details concerning their backgrounds and work at the college, together with a further appointment were made available. Shown above are the new faculty from left to right: Mr. Jestin Blewitt, Education and Psychology; Miss Phyllis Colbaugh, Music education and applied music; Mr. James Hillbrick, Physical education; Mr. William Randolph, Biological sciences; and Mr. Dwayne Turner, Christian Education.

Mr. Blewitt, who will be assistant professor in Psychology and Education, comes to us with a background of public school administration, having served as Superintendent of Schools in Nebraska and Wyoming, and more recently as principal at Grand County High School in Moab, Utah. Originating in West Virginia, Prof. Blewitt received his initial college work at Central Bible College where he graduated in 1949. From there he went to John Brown University, where he received his B.S. degree in 1951 and subsequently to Drury College in Springfield, Missouri, where he received his M.Ed. degree in 1955. He is presently completing work at the University of Wyoming toward his Ed. D. degree.

Mr. Blewitt served as pastor at Elm Springs, Arkansas and as assistant-pastor at Wallace, Nebraska. He taught in the fields of history and political science at John Brown University and English and history at Wallace, Nebraska. During his time as a public school administrator he planned, supervised, built, equipped new buildings at Wallace and Lewellen, Nebraska and at Pinedale, Wyoming.

Among honors accorded him, he was listed in *Who's Who in American Education* and served as a member of the Legislative Council of Utah. In the field of writing, he has had articles published on School administration at Drury College Library, Graduate Division on Enrichment Program

in Intermediate Grades, and Better School Administration at the University of Wyoming Library and served as journalist for the Hastings Tribune, Hastings, Nebraska.

Mrs. Blewitt, who is the former Lily Benson of Denver, Colorado, will teach piano part-time at the College. She has taught music at Central Bible College, John Brown University, and in public education as well as television education in Moab, Utah. Mrs. Blewitt has distinguished herself for development of a technique in television piano instruction and teaching of time.

The new instructor in the department of music at the college will be Miss Phyllis Ann Colbaugh of Springfield, Missouri. Miss Colbaugh received her Bachelor of Music degree at Evangel College in 1965 where she majored in Music Theory and voice and minored in flute and piano. From there she went on to the University of Illinois to earn her Master of Science degree in Music Education. Miss Colbaugh has taught in public education since 1965. She was selected as one of the singers performing classical music at the Mid-America Chorale and also was a member of the Evangel College Concert Choir and Band which toured Europe. She has served as soloist and as director of the Youth For Christ choir at Champaign, Urbana, Illinois.

New instructor in men's physical education and coach in varsity basketball will be Mr. James Hillbrick of Medical Lake, Washington. Mr. Hillbrick completed his work for his B.A. degree at Seattle Pacific College where his study concentrations were in Physical Education and Spanish. He has been a member of the well-known Seattle Pacific varsity basketball team, the "Falcons", and comes to his work at Northwest College with background training and experience as a participating athlete, it is noted.

An alumnus of the college, Mr. Bill Randolph of Coulee City is coming to the college as special instructor in biological sciences. Pursuant to completing studies in the division

New School Year Plans In Progress

Plans are being laid for what may be another record enrollment at Northwest College, when the college commences its 35th year of operations on September 25. The admissions office is presently processing applications from freshman and transfer applications at a rate approximately equal to last year's record number of applicants. With the normal percentages of returnees, the college's fall enrollment is expected to be equal or slightly larger than last fall's record number.

Orientation and registration plans for the new fall term will be conducted on a slightly altered schedule—this time allowing three days instead of the usual two days during which to instruct and introduce new students to the ways of campus life and to register all students for their fall quarter classes.

Applications for admission will still be processed up to the beginning of the fall term, and space will be given out as it is available. Present indications are that the college will be able to accommodate those seeking admission for the fall term, the admissions office reports.

of general education at the college in 1961, he went on the Cascade College in Portland, where he received his B.A. in secondary education with a major in Biology and General Science. He has taught science and math for three years in Coulee City Junior High and is currently pursuing graduate studies at Eastern Washington State College for his Master's degree. In the field of church work he has served as choral director and youth advisor in all churches he has attended since his Northwest College days, he reports. He has served as president of the local Teachers Association in Coulee City and as treasurer of the County Teacher's Association. Mrs. Randolph is the former Jacqualyn Faye Vaughn, also a Northwest alumnus. The Randolphs have one son, Jeffrey Vaughn, age 4, and a daughter, Teresa Ann, age 1.

Mr. Dwayne Turner of Tulsa, Oklahoma, will join the NC faculty as instructor in Christian Education. A graduate of North Central Bible College in Minneapolis in 1963, he went on to Conservative Baptist

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College Staff Secretary Taken in Auto Accident

Miss Juanita Belcher of Boring, Oregon, who has served as secretary to two college presidents at Northwest College since 1960 succumbed July 21 to injuries received in an auto accident near her parent's home at Boring, Oregon, on July 13. Miss Belcher together with her mother, two sisters and an aunt were involved in a collision with an auto which reportedly ran a stop light at 60 miles per hour hitting Miss Belcher's car broad side two miles from the family home near Portland. The driver of the other vehicle, who it was said to be driving under the influence of intoxicants, was killed at the time of the accident.

Miss Belcher, who was born in Quality, Kentucky, came to Northwest College from her Oregon residence in 1960 and graduated with her Associate in Arts Degree in Pre-liberal Arts in 1962, and her B.A. degree with honor in Christian Education in 1964. She entered the service of the college from the time of her original matriculation in 1960, serving as secretary to President Butterfield, while attending college. Upon graduation in 1964, she became full-time secretary to the President and continued in her post when D. V. Hurst succeeded to the presidency of the College.

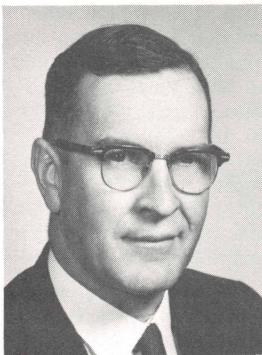
She had commenced her second term as secretary of the Northwest College Alumni Association, having been re-elected to this post last spring. In her local church activities she attended and actively participated in life and work of the Kenmore Assembly of God Church, where the Reverend Philip Wayman is the pastor. Miss Belcher would have come to her 32nd birthday on the day following her passing, it was noted.

The family has requested that friends wishing to remember Miss Belcher do so by contribution to a memorial fund set up at Northwest College. An appropriate memorial will be established at the college when the size of the fund is indicated. Contributions to the fund may be sent directly to the President's office at the college.

Speaking of her life and work, President Hurst observed that her whole life was completely dedicated to the work of the Church and to the interests of the Kingdom of God. The funeral service was held in Gresham, Oregon, at the Carroll Chapel.

ALASKA TO HELP SPONSOR N. W. COLLEGE

At its second biennial district council held in Fairbanks June 16-23 the Alaska District of the Assemblies of God voted to participate in the regional sponsorship of Northwest College. The Assemblies of God district comprising the country's "50th state" thus became the fourth district in the Pacific Northwest region to officially affiliate in the regional ownership and control of the College—the others being the Northwest (Washington and Northern Idaho), the Montana and the Southern Idaho districts of the Assemblies of God.



REV. B.P. WILSON

The Council's historic action was in response to an official invitation from the College's Board of Directors one year ago, and which was personally presented by President D. V. Hurst at the Council in behalf of the Board. Since the youthful district conducts its councils biennially this was its first opportunity to consider the invitation, it was explained. The Council also adopted measures for regular financial support of the College through district and local church channels, it was reported.

The Alaskans delegated their District Superintendent, the Reverend B. P. Wilson as their first representative on the College's Board of Directors. It was noted that he has already served on the Board at the invitation of the Board itself.

Commenting on the Council's action, the Reverend Mr. Wilson said, "It appears very definitely to me that the relationship between the Alaska District and the Northwest College has been a mutual benefit in the past. I feel the Lord has led in the action of the Alaska District in being a participating district with others in the ownership and directorate of the Northwest College and pray that this new relationship will prove to be a mutual benefit as the Lord gives us time before His coming. The hand of the Lord has been upon the college from its beginning, and I believe that God's hand will continue upon both the District and the College as we abide in the place of God's approval."

In Tribute

Juanita Belcher whose home-going is sustained as a loss by our entire college and alumni family, stands among those saints whom the Lord has chosen to adorn the courts of heaven, having picked her as a flower is picked from the garden called earth in the bloom of her youth. Notwithstanding the sudden and peculiar circumstances by which she was taken it remains one of those challenges and rewards of our Christian faith to know that her passing was not really an accident, but part of the purpose and plan of our Heavenly Father. For this reason we "sorrow not as others which have not hope" (I Thessalonians 4:13,14).



MISS JUANITA BELCHER

Juanita was especially looking forward to this earthly vacation which occasioned her heavenly vacation. She planned to spend the week at the Oregon seaside, but God had in mind another shore by a sea which the Bible says is a "sea of glass like unto crystal" (Rev. 4:6).

Her life, dedication, testimony, and service to the Lord and to His work come with in description of two words used by our Lord, spoken of those whom He will reward: "good" and "faithful." In the final analysis it is not Juanita or to any other saint to whom we really pay tribute, but rather to her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who has manifested something of His grace, power, love, and beauty in and through a life we have come to know as Juanita Belcher.

Campus Calendar

- Sept. 25-27 Orientation for freshmen
- Sept. 25-27 Registration dates for all students
- Sept. 30 Class instruction for autumn quarter commences
- October 4 Faculty reception of new students
- October 4 Last date to register for autumn quarter
- October 7 Convocation

Alumni News

by Amos D. Millard

Recent campus visitors were Rev. and Mrs. Lyle Huff (Nina Duerksen) together with their two children, Eugene and Verlette of Boston, where the Huffs pastor a church. Other visitors include Dale and Rita (Parker) Lidstrom who are preparing to return to Okinawa to teach in the Okinawa Christian School. Rita will teach English and Dale, English and Spanish. Dale was stationed there in the army until his recent discharge. Also visiting the college were Everett and Mrs. McKinney, assistant pastors at Spanaway and missionary appointees to the Philippine Islands. They are among four NC couples recently receiving appointment.

Others are Duane and Marilyn Dorsing to the P.I.; Paul and Mrs. Pommerville to Indonesia; and Dave and Sharon Harrison to Brazil. Receiving appointment from the Independent Assemblies of God to Africa are Bud and Pat Heinzig. Bud graduated with his B.A. in Theology this year. Among other duties, he will serve as a pilot and Pat as a teacher in their Liberia-based headquarters. Jay Newby finds pastoring "very rewarding" in a letter from the Gospel Chapel in Butte where he is serving as pastor. They are building a new church. Barbara Engelking has been working at the Fort Vancouver Regional library while keeping herself busy in children's work at Bethel Assembly in Vancouver. Beckie (Selig) Sparre is in graduate school of education at the University of Portland while assisting her husband, Ray, in their youth ministries at Sandy Assembly of God. Lloyd Bice is pastoring at Maple Falls and carrying studies at Western Washington State College in Bellingham (where he reports an excellent transfer on his NC work).

Don Henderson is new pastor at Pomona, Kansas Assembly of God. Herb Christianson is new pastor at Greybull, Wyoming. David and Shirley Edstrom are new assistant pastors at Kelso First Assembly of God Church, serving under Pastor Thomas Ming. Jeralyn Ruth was born to the Jerry Collingwoods on May 23. The Collingwoods pastor at Rochester, Washington. Bill and Jan Finke announce the arrival of a baby boy, David Brian on June 22 in Montemorlos, Mexico. He joins one brother, Brent. The Finke's plan to be in the Northwest in October.

Cherry Laws writes from Kansas City, Missouri where she is working in a children's home for the second summer. She plans to go to Evangel College in the fall. Former NC faculty member, Alex Hunter is serving during the summer as full time Minister of Education at Christ Church in Westminster, California.

NEW FACULTY (Continued)

Theological Seminary in Denver, where he graduated with his Master of Religious Education degree in 1966. His Master's Thesis was on the topic, "A Survey of Assemblies of God Young People to Determine Their Knowledge of Church Doctrines." An experienced youth and Christian Education minister, Mr. Turner has served in posts of work among children and youth from his pre-college days in Mystic, Iowa. He was assistant-pastor at Riverside Assembly of God in Minneapolis, pastor at Spirit Lake, Iowa, and associate-pastor at Central Assembly of God in Tulsa. Since August, 1966, he has served as National Secretary of Ministers of Christian Education Fellowship, Springfield, Missouri. The Turners have one child.

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