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The 1930's, as with any age, gave us men and women to lead us on.* Some in positive ways for good,* and others across the world* who led man into some of the darker days of human history.*

Closer to home there were happenings that would have more of a personal impact on those of us here tonight, the birth of Northwest College in 1933.* Housed in Calvary Temple, then known as Hollywood Temple, it too was blessed* with presidential leadership in the person of Henry H. Ness.* President Ness, along with other* capable God-sent leadership,* led the college to some great beginnings in its infant years.*

The 1940's came and brought with them more leadership changes* on a national level.* As those leadership changes took place there were changes taking place here at home as well. District leadership took on various faces as time passed by.* Several familiar faces appear in this photo, including then District Superintendent Frank Gray and President Ness. Two of the other men in this picture would figure prominently into the future of Northwest College. D. H. McLaughlin, who would become Northwest District Superintendent in 1951, and C. E. Butterfield*, a man sent of God to Northwest College to lead them as president beginning in 1949.

The 1950's* were ushered in with their changes of style* and face*. Along with those changes came some of the most significant happenings in the development of Northwest College that would ever transpire....."east my friend!"*

The school was developing, growing, changing, improving.....when in 1955 word was received by President Butterfield and the college that they would soon become displaced persons. The new freeway would be passing directly through the existing building being leased from Calvary Temple where the college was being housed. Plans and prayer began immediately and God separated the waters*, so to speak, and directed the leadership across Lake Washington to the east side. God had parcelled* out a chunk of real estate in Houghton and laid the burden of that land on the heart of President Butterfield and many college supporters.* After much intricate dealing and divine manipulation, the land came into the hands of the school on a conditional grant in September of 1958.

Then the days of frantic planning and enthusiastic anticipation ensued. A planning commission was activated by Superintendent McLaughlin in 1957.* It was chaired by R. J. Carlson, then pastor of Calvary Temple, and manned by those pictured here....H.W. Crowder, H.J. Secrist, Ralph Phillips, Assistant District Superintendent, Donald Fee, C. E. Butterfield, Lyle Spradley, and Wesley Morton. Others not pictured who served on the commission included Superintendent McLaughlin, Ben Wirkkala, Eugene Born and C. A. Slaughter.*

A master plan was developed and sketched* to show what was to come and the excitement grew.

To lead in the development came men* like our own Herb Crowder* who has given years of his life in the interest of Northwest College. Others lead the way like* Donald Fee....teaching, changing, growing with the school.

Then a man to lead in the construction itself, a building superintendent,* Mr. H. J. Secrist. After having served faithfully on the planning commission* he readily accepted the new challenge saying, "I'm sure this is of God, for He has spoken to me on this matter too." Well, Herbert Secrist took the voice of the Lord seriously,* for he even sold his Olympia home that he might move to Kirkland and be closer to the project.

But the school, not just the buildings, were progressing as well. (Begin filmstrip here). Here is an early public relations filmstrip used to promote the college and what it had to offer. The size of the school was increasing, as was

obviously the demand for newer and larger facilities. A library was created and refined, the Junior College program was added in 1955, definite steps were being taken to bring the school to a point of qualification for accreditation. Many things were happening to indicate that God was only beginning to pour out his richest blessings on this work. And all the while there were lives being prepared for ministry and service in the world.

One of the last graduating classes from the old facility was the Cross-bearers, the Class of 1958.* Diplomas were being given,* ministries were being groomed,* and the primary intent of the college to prepare lives for service continued. The students played a vital part in the entire process.*

Keying into the theme of "Let Us Rise Up and Build", the students entered into the excitement. One such incident is worth mentioning.....

A Jamaican student named Carl Douglas was greatly inspired by the challenge that faced the college. He felt that it was very important that a display of faith be manifest and that faith should have some sort of material expression. Having expressed that desire on a day in a classroom he got out of his seat right there, marched to the front, opening his Bible, and placed two pennies in his open Bible as a symbolic action of his faith. Other students followed in a "Jericho March" fashion and the result was the beginning of the Northwest College development fund. These pennies started the stream that would emerge later as a mighty river as the people joined together through the years to support the school and its leadership. Carl Douglas became a successful businessman in a suburb of Portland, Oregon, and his early action symbolized the subsequent actions of many.

Then the day arrived that sparks the fire under every building project in a special way; ground was broken on October 5, 1958. From one of the many concrete slabs that covered the campus at that point* a ground breaking ceremony was held. Under a make-shift canopy* words of faith and speculation were spoken.* The ground was broken*....and the people were there.* You were there!

*Days of hard labor followed as the work was undertaken. *Donated labor came by the scores of hours as the grounds were cleared* for the original four buildings. *Construction got underway in full gear* as deadlines were met* and facilities completed.

*Again the people were called upon in advance of completion in order that the interiors of the buildings might be outfitted. *Everyone had the opportunity to "arise and build" and the response was overwhelming. And you were there!

*The smiles on the faces of this 1959 College Board of Directors were easily explained as they contemplated the ongoing successes of the new campus development and anticipated occupation of the new site.

The dream became a reality as in the summer of 1959 dedication ceremonies were held for the initial facilities.* R. J. Carlson, then District Superintendent,* was on hand to share in that dedication*, as were others. Even Springfield and National Headquarters* sent a representative to take part in the eventful day.* It was a day that many were able to share in, and share in the sense that they too* had definitely taken part and given some of themselves* in the project...and the people were there!!*

Classes began that fall, September 28, 1959.

*The campus has changed so, even from those days of rapid change and new-

ness,* to what we have today.* Yet, it is only the beginning, for the work of the Lord is never done until that day He shall say it is done. And.....you are here!*

1979 Leo Welch Slide Show

7. Hollywood Temple
8. Henry Ness
- 8 } Early college leaders?
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- 10 Faculty (early)
- 15 District (NW) leaders
- 16 Butterfield (1949-)
- 20 Move of campus to Kirkland 1958
- 22 Original parcel of Kirkland campus
- ~~23 Supt. DH McLaughlin?~~
- 24 HW Crowder, H. J. Secrist, Ralph Phillips, Asst. Dist Supt.,
Donald Fee, CE Butterfield, Life Spradley + Wesley Morton
- 25 Butterfield
- 26 Master Plan
- 27-8 Herb Crowder
- 29 Donald Fee
- 30³ Building Supt. Herbert Secrist
- 40 Ground breaking new campus
- 41 "
- Best (44) 1959 "
- (49) Current Bldgs. under construction
- 50 1
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- 57 Dedication ceremonies
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- 60 -RJ Carlson? / Springfield Rep.
- 66 1979 Campus
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1. Bessie D.

2. Amos M.

3. Frank Rice - Past files for yearbooks.

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