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GOVERNOR LANGLEIE APPOINTS REV. NESS TO STATE POSITION

Rev. Henry H. Ness was appointed chairman of the State Board of Prison Terms and Paroles by Governor Arthur B. Langlie on January 13. In this capacity Rev. Ness will be



on the Governor's cabinet. Although Rev. Ness has resigned as president of the school, he will serve as administrative head until a successor is chosen.

Rev. Ness' new position presents a great challenge to establish a parole system which will be based upon righteous principles and which will serve as a pattern for other states.

NBI has indeed been fortunate in having Rev. Ness as its founder and leader. It was because of his vision and faith that the school came into existence in 1934, and because of his unusual administrative ability that it has progressed to its present state. The blessing of the Lord has been upon the school from the very beginning, and God has crowned the sacrifice and labor of its leader with success.

We pray that God's blessing shall continually rest upon Rev. Ness and that He shall grant him wisdom and guidance in his new undertaking.

OUR TRAVELS IN THE TREASURE STATE

It was our happy privilege to travel in special meetings with Brother and Sister Fred Henry during the latter part of November and the first two weeks of December, in the great state of Montana.

On route we stopped for two services in Spokane, Wash. Here we enjoyed renewing old NBI acquaintances; first with Sherman and Ruth Williams, who pastor the Beacon Chapel, a lovely, newly constructed building which certainly is a credit to any assembly. Already their Sunday School is using all available space, and Brother Williams is contemplating some enlargements.

At our service in the Chapel, we were happily surprised to meet four other alumni, the Lanphears, and the Dan Masers. We drove out one afternoon with Sherman to see the new building that Dan is starting in the Valley District just outside Spokane.

In the service at the First Assembly, where Brother R. J. Carlson is the pastor, we recognized someone by their characteristic smile, none other than the former Johnnie Mae Bush.

We were made to rejoice as we saw the very imposing structure going up in Spokane which is to be the new First Assembly of God Church. It may be that we, in the Northwest District, will be meeting in this very fine building for

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Newsy, News Items . . .

Fred and Kathy McGrew are pastoring at Seaside, Oregon, prior to their going to Singapore.

Wesley and Dorothy Bjur are at present pastoring at Hayden Lake, Idaho.

Benny Birkeland and Harris Lidstrand conducted a series of revival services in Sioux City, Iowa. Benny is now pastoring our Assembly church in Port Townsend, Wash.

Joseph Barrett is engaged in pastoral work at Loon Lake, Wash.

Jeanne Finch has returned from India. By the way, we enjoyed her article in a recent C.A. Guide.

LaVerne Helmick and Bernice Dalen were in D.V.B.S. activity during the summer of '48, and are at present in Gospel work in Cutler City, Oregon.

Erwin and Naomi Hagglund are pastoring at Rock Island, Wash.

Alvin Martin is faithfully working for the Lord in East Corinth, Vermont.

Estelle Crittenden has replaced Dorothy Jorstad as NBI registrar.

Oliver and Artie Johnston are pastoring in LaCross, Wash.

Cornelius and Joan Rientjes have taken the pastorate at Bellevue, Wash.

Arvin and Luana Glandon are at Waxahachie, Texas. Arvin is teaching in the Bible School there.

Charles and Dorothy (White) Deboer are attending Seattle Pacific College preparing to teach in Alaska.

Norman and Eleanor Gardner have resigned the pastorate at Pioneer to enter the evangelistic field.

Elroy and Myrtle Eudaily are pastoring at Randale, Wash.

After graduating from the Seminary class in '48, Ethel Berglund attended Seattle Pacific College for a short term. Now she has returned to Oregon and will be working for the Lord there.

John and Ruth Hoskins have taken over the church at Mitchell, Oregon. They were in Idaho prior to this.

The new pastor at Waterman, Wash., is Dan Sinner.

The sailing date for Mary Jane and

From the Editor's Desk

The Alumni Association wishes to extend their thanks and appreciation to Mary Phillips and Evelyn Peterson for the grand work they did in editing the *Alumni News* for the past several years.

The resignation of these two workers left us without an editor, therefore, the officers of the association, with the assistance of Marjorie Sell have undertaken the responsibility for the time being.

We are sorry to have delayed the publication of the *News* for such a long time. Please forgive us. We are very anxious that you will take it upon yourself to inform us of any items of interest regarding our Alumni. The next edition of the *News* will be published in April, so any news items must reach us by the end of March.

Another reminder: Please do not forget to notify us of any change in your address. We know that you want to receive the news, and your failure to do this would prevent your receiving a copy. Furthermore, dues are always due if they have not been paid!

IMPORTANT

The Northwest Bible Institute is greatly in need of books for the library. This need could be aided considerably if each member of our association would donate at least one book. If you want to really show your appreciation to your Alma Mater this would be an excellent way to do it. Please do not overlook this request, but plan today to make your contribution.

Leonard Lanphear has been set for January 28. They will join the Busbys in the Dutch East Indies. Let us pray for them as they go.

Jonathan Glover is busy for the Lord in Colorado. He has charge of two gospel works in the vicinity of Lupton.

Lorraine Munger enjoys her work as office secretary for the Northwest District Council.

LaVerne (Super) Dennis and her husband are assisting in the activities of the church at Lebanon, Oregon.

Donald and Joyce Dickoff are the new pastors at McCleary, Wash.

Edward Brady and David Mussell are planning to pioneer a new work at North Bend, Wash.

Word has reached us of the successful work being done by Ward Woods in Creswell, Oregon. They are in the midst of a building program which will greatly add to the advancement of the Kingdom of God there.

Levi Millard and Vernon Badten have made several trips to Japan aboard an army troop carrier. While in Japan they visited Marie Jorgenson's mission station, and we understand that Levi had the privilege of ministering the Word of God.

Those who are personally acquainted with Garnet Nesmith will be happy to learn that she left during the summer of '48 to do missionary work in the Dutch East Indies.

Fall Alumni Rally Blessed of God

The fall Alumni rally held Sept. 23rd at NBI was indeed blessed of the Lord. It was again encouraging to hear the good and various reports of our workers. The message brought by Torchbearer Paul Trulin was truly anointed of the Lord. His message was on the theme of "Four Weepings;" the weeping world, the weeping Saviour, the weeping sinner and the weeping saint. At the conclusion of the message a very large number sought God in the prayer room.

EXCERPTS FROM SOME OF THE LETTERS RECEIVED

Word comes from Viola Huwe that she is active in the work of the Lord, and enjoying His blessings at Benson, Minnesota.

Mrs. Evelyn Harrison is continuing her work at the head office of the Pentecostal Assemblies of God of Canada in Toronto.

Paula (Maxwell) Friesen considers it a real privilege to teach the gospel in the public schools as well as in the regular Bible clubs in Prince Rupert, B. C. She reports their Sunday School to be the largest in the city and growing steadily.

A note of praise and thanksgiving to the Lord, for His healing power, comes from Eloise Johnson at Sunnyside, Wash. She had been suffering greatly from undulant fever, but was instantly healed. She is rejoicing that she can once more be active in the service of the Lord in her home church.

A letter postmarked Cottage Grove, Oregon, comes from Marian Kosanke. She has been busy for the Lord in various activities since graduating. At present, she has charge of a fine children's church, and has seen many of the boys and girls come to know the Lord as their personal Saviour.

Building Program Makes Progress

At the time of this writing, excavation is well under way on the lot where the new Hollywood Temple will soon be erected. This is to be a beautiful edifice and will truly be a monument to the glory of God.

The completion of the new building will provide more adequate facilities for NBI as the school will then have full occupancy of the present building. New and better classrooms will be provided which will accommodate the growing needs of our Bible School.

Alumni, let us pray for the future of NBI that the Lord will bless every effort in the training of young men and women for Christian service.



Bidding the Clements farewell at Pier 86

THE CLEMENTS RETURN TO JAPAN

We know that our Alumni will all be interested to hear that Brother and Sister Clement set sail from Seattle, on January 12th, for Japan.

Leaving Renton, Wash., about two years ago, the Clements accepted the pastorate at Fremont Tabernacle. Here their ministry was greatly blessed of the Lord, but the call to Japan was strong upon their hearts and they knew they could only stay until the time that the Lord would lead them out to the field again.

Not all of our Alumni had the privilege of having Brother Clement as one of their instructors in NBI, but all who did greatly appreciated his godly instruction.

The Clements would be so happy to know that the great NBI Alumni family was remembering them before the throne of grace. Let's be faithful!

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Missionary News . . .

By the time that your copy of the *Alumni News* reaches you, Bob and Mildred Tangen will be home once again from China. Their trip is being made by freighter from Manila where they spent Christmas with former war prisoner friends. They also visited a short time

with Rudy Esperanza, another of our Alumni representatives on the mission field.

Bob and Mildred were very reluctant to leave their field of labor, but found it impossible to stay because of the closing in of the Communist armies. They were glad, however, in the fact that the work was left in the competent hands of a native pastor, Rev. Yang. Let us pray that a double portion of God's strength and wisdom will be granted to this faithful native brother.

We do not know why God has permitted this soon return of our missionaries, but we do know that God's way is always best and cannot be questioned.

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An interesting letter comes from Magnus and Hazel Udd who write from Nyasaland, that great and needy part of Africa to which the Lord has called them.

Just prior to their arriving at this field of labor, the Missions Department purchased a lovely four-acre tract, and it is on this property that they expect to develop a headquarters, and establish a Bible School. There are some eighty native workers who should have training in the Word. This they will endeavor to do by conducting short-term refresher courses, and then again thrusting them

back to their village churches to give out the message.

The Udds continue to carry on village services, visiting various workers and getting into new compounds with this glorious message. The calls are coming from all sides and they are glad to respond as God gives them strength.

They request a sincere interest in our prayers that they will prove true and faithful to the Lord and His calling.

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Waldo and Kathryn Nicodemus report that their church in Cochabamba, Bolivia, during the past two months, has been suffering from very delightful growing pains in every phase of the work. Their native co-pastor exclaimed with genuine joy one evening, "Why, before we needed people to put in the seats, and now we needs seats to put under the people!"

The regular Sunday School attendance is over 100. Conditions are so crowded that they request earnest prayer that God will make it possible for them to buy property and build their own buildings. Another urgent need is a home for the Bolivian Bible Institute.

Souls are being saved and added to the church each week, and even after Sunday School sessions. The Lord has blessed to the extent that plans have been made for organizing the church.

In their words we say, "the end is not yet, dear ones, so do keep holding us up in prayer and help us battle through with God to even greater things in the months to come."

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During the past year my co-worker and I had charge of the Home for Motherless Babies, had as many as seventeen at one time; and of a Girls' Vocational School, as well as monthly meetings for women and girls in various sections of Iboland. We thank God for His help and blessing in these various endeavors and covet your prayers.

We left Nigeria Thursday, December

16, aboard the "Ambassador." It was wonderful before taking off each time to bow with the crew to commit ourselves into the Lord's hands and He gave us a lovely trip all the way. Coming via Brazil we arrived in Miami Tuesday the 21st and I, with Marie Johnsrud, arrived in Seattle Christmas morning.

Sincerely,

Lillian Bach.



Lillian and her co-worker with part of their family.



INVASION OF HAWAII

Throughout the many Islands of Hawaii, the arch-enemy of souls has set up forts, blockades, and artillery nests in every conceivable place, with an enlisted army of many thousand strong.

Four young people, who had enlisted in the Army of the King of Kings several years ago, came to Boot Camp at the restricted area of N.B.I. for training. After completing three years of study and work, these two pairs of young soldiers, Jean (Munson) and Arlie Bass, Anita (Brooks) and Glen Parker, obtained their transportation for Hawaii.

In August, 1948, these soldiers of the cross penetrated the fortified territory of Hawaii, captured one of the islands, and raised the flag to full height, announcing to all "JESUS SAVES."

There is no power on earth that can stand before the onward march of God's people when they are in earnest.

OUR FACULTY'S SUMMER HISTORY

Browsing through the archives of NBI, we discovered some historical documents left by our faculty concerning their vacation during the summer of 1948. Due to the fact that we have not published an Alumni News for several months, we feel that our fellow alumns would appreciate knowing the outcome of our perusal of these records, so we are now submitting a report.

Holding the record for having traveled the farthest, our president, Brother Ness, brings back a vivid report of the varied conditions in Europe. Several countries were visited, including England, Switzerland, Italy, Palestine, Spain and Portugal. His ministry was greatly blessed of the Lord by the salvation of souls. Two glorious baptismal services were held, one in the Tiber River near Rome, and the other in the Mediterranean Sea.

His trip to the New State of Israel was highlighted by his being the first Christian minister to hold a visa to that country. Prominent officials were interviewed in all of these countries regarding religious liberty.

Brother Beatty left on record his quiet summer spent mostly on the premises of NBI except for an occasional trip. Perhaps most eventful was the time he spent in Nanimo, B. C., with the Fox Evangelistic Party.

The call of the North summoned Brother Bronson and his wife to Alaska for five weeks. Feeling the need for variety after a strenuous school year, they took the circle route. This included a non-stop airplane ride to Fairbanks, a train trip to Seward, and the remainder of the trip was made by boat. Ministering the Word was not a sideline with Brother Bronson during this Alaska visit.

Their stay at Fort Yukon, which is only eight miles north of the Arctic Circle, will long be remembered because of the Midnight Sun.

Besides traveling in Alaska and supplying at Kittitas for five weeks, Brother Bronson kept his mind alert by reading 13 books!

The travel spirit seemed to overtake our faculty to quite a degree last summer. Mrs. Giles' documents consisted of a mapped out journey taking them on a visit of the West. Yellowstone National Park was the first point of interest where they viewed the wonders of God's nature. They traveled through Nevada, on to Long Beach, California, and returned by way of the coastal route.

Brother Bishop spent the major part of the summer working on his doctorate thesis. His week-ends were spent supplying for various pastorates in Seattle and vicinity.

Estelle Crittenden worked faithfully at her secretarial duties except for a few days of relaxation spent on the Olympic Peninsula. The ocean intrigued her so much that a second trip was necessary before school started.

The records further revealed a dutiful summer for Brother Ellis. After attending the district convention, he went to Lynden, Wash. There he supplied as pastor for a month.

The congregation of Hollywood Temple enjoyed the ministry of Brother Ellis during Brother Ness' nine weeks in Europe. Aside from this, the Ellis' devoted their time to Mark Theodore, their new son, born April 28, 1948.

Our music director, Prof. Cox, laid down his baton during the summer and took his traveling also, first going south to visit his relatives in California. After returning home, the entire family made a trip east to spend a few weeks with Mrs. Cox's parents and to attend to matters of business.

Hidden beneath all the other documents in the archives, we came across a wedding announcement bearing the names of Dorothy Sonnichsen and Rev. Edwin Jorstad. After a quiet wedding ceremony in the Northeast Gospel Cha-

pel, they left on a honeymoon taking them to Banff, Glacier, and Yellowstone National Parks.

Laying beneath this announcement was a card, postmarked Cannon Beach, Oregon, where Marilyn Johnson enjoyed a vacation while attending the Christian Business Women's Conference.

This report is what the historical documents revealed concerning our faculty's past. We trust that you have enjoyed this resumé.

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VICTORY ON THE SHORES OF DEPOE BAY

In the latter part of '45, Arlene Ackerman and Louise Johnson left for Depoe Bay, Oregon. They took over a community building in this town which had no church, and where seemingly, everyone worked on Sunday.

Since that time they have worked faithfully, and the Lord has greatly blessed their efforts. Souls have been saved and filled with the Holy Spirit, and the Sunday School is growing. At present two of their young people are attending NBI.

From latest reports received, Arlene and Louise were itinerating in the District to raise funds for a new church building.

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Honorable Mention

Our Northwest District Sunday School representative, Bro. Vernon Skaggs, informs us of the progress in the Sunday School at Vancouver, Washington. Bro. Paul Trulin, one of our NBI graduates, is the pastor of this fine church and he is doing a splendid work. Their Sunday School is one of the District's leading ten in average attendance for the past year.

Bro. Trulin is also the Sunday School secretary for Section 5, and we understand that this section is one of the strongest Sunday School sections in the District.

VITAL STATISTICS

Weddings

Dorothy Sonnichsen—Edwin Jorstad
 Dona Brandow—Delmer Hagglund
 Joyce Turner—Donald Dickoff
 Goldie Falconer—Albert Leighty
 Marie Zumwalt—James Wilson
 Bernadine Johnson—Robert Noble
 Velma Tyler—Howard Heimback
 Charlotte Brooks—Walter Nelson
 Geraldine Wretling—Bernard Baldwin
 Bill Hanawalt—Barbara Smith
 Myron Lindgren—Vera Gwen Phillips
 Esther Bonner—L. Chatterton
 Jean Johnson—Edward Hughes
 Ruth McCracken—Larry Pierson
 Genevieve White— (?) Olson
 Ray Weaver—Beverly Barber
 James Covey—Florence Buck

The partners of the following are anonymous:

Paul Nickel
 Robert Badten
 Jene Wagner
 Gene Neeley
 Donelda Buell
 Iva Aaker
 Phyllis Bailey

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Births

James and Bernadine Terry — Boy
 James and Elizabeth Dickenson — Girl
 Ruby (Steffensrud) Moe — Boy
 Clara (Johnson) Rydell — Boy
 Kenneth and Marjorie Holaday — Boy
 David and Doris Golab — Boy
 Donald and Austa Smith — Boy
 Gene and Joyce Peretti — Boy
 Edithorah (Owen) Glew — Boy
 Merrill and Virginia Womach — Girl
 Ellen and Obert Skogstad — Girl
 Mr. and Mrs. Richard Johnston — Girl
 Fred and Kathy McGrew — Boy
 Luana and Arvin Glandon — Girl
 Claude and Leona Johnson — Boy
 Dean and Mary Young — Boy
 Leon and Gertrude Ayers — Girl
 Fern and Earl Johnson — Girl
 Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Hanson — Girl

OUR TRAVELS IN THE TREASURE STATE

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our next convention.

Leaving Spokane we journeyed into Montana. The city of Conrad was our first stop for meetings. However, we could not resist calling on Gene Born when we passed through Missoula. Gene still carries that "dimpled smile" that is so winsome. He was very enthusiastic over their proposed new building in Missoula.

On arrival at Conrad, we were well received and entertained by two more alumni members, Paul and Gladys Willis-croft. The work there has grown steadily during their four years of ministry. We do need to pray for Paul who has been having a severe trial with stomach ulcers. During our eight day meeting, we were happy to see them remove a partition to accommodate the people. We were thankful for the souls blessed and won to Christ.

Late one Sunday afternoon we journeyed twenty-five miles to Shelby to assist Paul Fenton with his radio broadcast. Praise the Lord for another of our Alumni family on the firing line for Jesus!

As it goes with the life of an evangelist, one just gets to know the people when it is time to move on; so we re-assembled our belongings and moved on about one hundred and thirty miles to Havre. Here again we were greeted by two more familiar faces, Walter and Phyllis Buck. Walt said he was happy to see us, but later I began to wonder, for he delighted in using me for a "punching bag" daily!

We feel that God gave us a real revival during our two weeks in Havre. What a thrill to see souls come forward on giving the first invitation. Nearly every night of the campaign souls were baptized in the glorious Holy Spirit. Since leaving, we have reports of souls being saved and filled each week.

In the Montana District, Walt Buck serves as the C.A. president, and Paul

Fenton as the secretary-treasurer. They are a good team for we have seen them perform.

At the fellowship meeting and C.A. rally combined, we had opportunity to meet several more of our great family: one of our classmates, Myrtle Hovland from Great Falls, Clarence Plummer and his wife who labor for the Lord some fifty miles away, and also John Barger who pastors two works and has just recently dedicated a new church building.

It seems that the Alumni are almost taking over Montana. We trust that Montana shall also be taken for the Lord. We wish it would have been possible to have visited other Alumni such as, the Ayres in Libby, the LaMances in Helena, Walt Daggett, and many others.

Happy with the spoils of spiritual conquest, we returned home to our Kingston Assembly. Even the six hundred miles of travel over ice and snow did not dampen our spirits, for upon return to our own assembly we have seen several saved and filled with the Holy Spirit.

May the good Lord encourage each of our Alumni to press on in this last great thrust of the sickle before He comes.

Sincerely in Him,
John M. Tappero.

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Special Notice!

At our last annual business meeting it was decided that we would abolish our Death Benefit Fund. A great number of our Alumni carry insurance, and have membership in other organizations carrying death benefits. Therefore, all money contributed to this fund is to be returned to the donors. Checks have already been issued to some of our death benefit members, but other checks will accompany this copy of the *News*. We would appreciate it if you would cash these checks immediately upon receipt of them.

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Give as 'twas given to you in your need,
Love as the Master loved you;
Be to the helpless a helper indeed,
Unto your mission be true.