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Important Announcement

To fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Rev. Roy F. Smee as business manager, the Board of Directors elected Mr. S. W. True to this position. Brother True has accepted temporarily and until a more permanent arrangement can be negotiated. Brother True is one of the best known and one of our outstanding laymen in the Northwest. He is a resident of Spokane where for over twenty years he has been Sunday School superintendent of our church. Brother True is also a member of the General Board and Department of Home Missions. No man in the Northwest is more interested in the welfare of Northwest Nazarene College than Brother True. We appreciate his willingness to assist us at this time. Brother True is a seasoned and successful business man, the senior member of the firm, True-House Construction Company.

Commencement

The 1931 commencement is a thing of the past, but its inspiration will long be remembered by the hundreds who attended. The first program was rendered on Thursday evening by the School of Music and Department of Speech. It was of first class order and was featured by the presentation of the two graduates of the school of music, Faith Wallace and Myrtle Huling. The Glee Clubs also delighted the large audience with several numbers.

Friday evening the Academy Senior class presented a very interesting and entertaining program depicting the outstanding happenings during their school days at Northwest Nazarene Academy, fearlessly prophesying their futures, and courageously willing their virtues to the Juniors.

Saturday night in the opinion of the writer was one of the high spots of commencement. The Olympian Literary Society presented their contest program on the theme "The History of Northwest Nazarene College." From the early beginnings through the Victory Campaign, the flu days, the dark hours of the Out-of-Debt Campaign, and down to the present forward program, the Society very vividly pictured. A very unique program folder with the cut of Mr. Eugene Emerson, founder of the institution, and a short paragraph chapter described the various stages in the process of growth were printed. During the rendition of the program all sorts of emotions were stirred, from extreme sadness and fear to exultant joy. When the chorus sang "Victory in Jesus" just after the playing of the dirge

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which represented the zero hour of the Out-of-Debt Campaign, we could not hold back the tears of thanksgiving and the shouts of joy for what God has done for the institution. Much credit and thanks for the program are due to the Olympians, and especially to Norman Oke, president; and Margaret Parsons, chairman of the program committee.

Baccalaureate Sunday was a beautiful day, although rather warm. The church was crowded beyond seating capacity with additional scores standing. President DeLong preached the Baccalaureate sermon on the theme, "Subversive Influences and Golden Opportunities." The Sunday afternoon service was in charge of the College Missionary Society. The main addresses were given by Rev. S. N. Fitkin, president of the W. F. M. S.; and Dr. J. G. Morrison. The evening service opened with a great song feast in charge of Professor Gretzinger. During the summer we shall often remember that night and find ourselves humming "Jesus Never Fails," "How Can I Be Lonely," "I Have," etc. Dr. Morrison was the preacher of the hour and brought a most forceful and moving message on "Untouched Resources."

Monday was Alumni Day, opening at 8:30 a. m. with a baseball game between the Alumni and the College. At 11:00 a. m. the annual alumni banquet was held at the Dewey Palace Hotel at which time the members of the class of '31 were inducted into membership. At 1:30 p. m. the annual track meet was held among the three literary societies. Rev. Donnell J. Smith was in charge and was kept busy with the numerous events and the large crowd of spectators. The meet finally resulted in a triumph for the Alpha Delta Phi Society. The high point man of the afternoon was George Ames, closely followed by Wayne Lucas.

Monday evening the College Senior Class presented their program. Several times during the evening the presence of the Holy Spirit was markedly felt and at times it seemed more like a camp meeting than a commencement program. Rev. Donnell J. Smith was to have delivered the Senior address, but on account of a slight accident earlier in the day was unable to do so, but Dr. Morrison "pinch hit"—as he said—and brought a remarkable address on "What Are You Worth?"

Tuesday was commencement day, beginning at 10:00 a. m., with the last chapel service. The chapel was packed and jammed, with additional scores sitting in the hall and on the veranda. After a few preliminary

matters, the service was turned over for testimonies. Words are absolutely inadequate to describe that meeting. The only way to tell you what happened is to ask you to recall your camp meeting and revival experiences and say it was all that, and more.

The closing service of commencement and of the school year was held at the church. Long before time for the processional the auditorium was filled. As the march was played the processional began to move, led by two college juniors, and followed by Dr. Williams and President DeLong, members of the boards, faculty in academic garb, College seniors, Normal graduates, Academy seniors, Grammar School graduates, and the various classes in order of seniority. The march was very colorful and beautiful. It is an inspiration to see such a large group of young people with such fine ideals. Dr. Williams delivered the commencement address which was a masterpiece. Dr. Williams always makes a great address, but commencement night he climbed heights of thought, and stirred depths of emotions seldom experienced by a congregation. Following the address, President DeLong presented diplomas, announced honors, and conferred degrees; Dr. Winchester presented hoods, and thus ended what many said was the best and most largely attended commencement of Northwest Nazarene College.

Northwest Assemblies

Northwest Nazarene College was represented at the North Pacific and Northwest District assemblies by President DeLong and Rev. A. C. Tunnell, secretary of the Board of Directors. Rev. E. C. Pounds, chairman of the Board of Directors, also spent a few days at the North Pacific assembly, and Dr. Winchester a few days at the Northwest assembly.

The North Pacific District assembly was royally entertained by the Brentwood Church and their pastor, Rev. Floyd D. P. Johnson. The assembly was largely attended. Much progress has been made on the district under the able leadership of Dr. J. E. Bates. The membership on the district showed an increase of nearly three hundred. A fine spirit prevailed. President DeLong did most of the evening preaching closing Sunday night with twenty-five or more souls seeking God. A wonderful interest was manifested toward Northwest Nazarene College. We appreciate the backing of the North Pacific District.

The Northwest District assembly was held at Yakima. The new pastor, Rev. L. W. Collar, is a former student of Northwest Nazarene College. The college rally was held Thursday evening, at which time much enthusiasm was exhibited for the institution. The Northwest District is forging ahead under the wonderful leadership of Rev. R. J. Plumb, who is also chairman of the Board of Regents of Northwest Nazarene College. Brother Plumb was formerly our college pastor so we are always at home with him and are warmly received by the Northwest District. During the present year, in spite of the depression, the district made a fine financial record. We feel that Northwest Nazarene College has a wonderful backing by such men as Plumb, McConnell, Jobe, Collar, True, Speakes, Hostetler, Gronewald, and in fact all the good people of the Northwest.



Buildings Ready For Fall Opening

By virtue of the action of the Board of Regents, Board of Directors, and the North Pacific, Northwest, and Idaho-Oregon District Assemblies arrangements have been completed whereby the newly remodeled and enlarged Administration Building and the Physical Education-Campmeeting Building will be completed for the Fall Opening, September 21, 1931.

The accompanying cut shows the ground-breaking service for the new Physical Education-Campmeeting Building. President DeLong made a few remarks followed by prayer by Brother Smee, singing by the College Male Quartet, and sod breaking by Mr. S. W. True. This building will be financed by the Associated Student

Body and the Idaho-Oregon District Campmeeting, and will not be a burden to the Educational Zone.

The work on both buildings has been awarded to the True-House Construction Company of Spokane. Work is now progressing in earnest. The Physical Education Building will be ready for Campmeeting, August 1-10, and the Administration Building for Fall Opening.

Subscriptions on the Forward Program have come in remarkably well. During the school year much work was given worthy students and over 100,000 brick were made, as well as other work. Many students are now working on the buildings. It will be appreciated if all who made subscriptions, even though they are not yet due, would assist now by remitting as soon as possible.

The Donnell J. Smith Debate Trophy

At the last chapel service Brother Smith presented the debate trophy to the student who, in the opinion of the board of judges, had contributed most to the forensic work during the year. The young man upon whom the honor was conferred and to whom the trophy was presented was Mr. Lawrence Fletcher. Mr. Fletcher was a member of the debate squad and was president of the Forensic Society. Last year the cup went to Mr. George Taylorson. This year the cup is larger and in the future will remain at the institution. Each year the name of the student who contributes the most to the forensic work will be inscribed upon it.

Northwest Nazarene College has had a very successful debate season. Much credit is due to Brother Smith for the fine interest being shown in this type of work in the college.

The Alpha Delta Phi Society Wins

For seven semesters the three athletic-literary societies have battled for the faculty loving cup. The first two semesters the Olympians were successful; the next two, the Sigma Lambda Alpha Society triumphed; and the next two, the Alpha Delta Phi Society was victorious. The last semester of this past school year opened, therefore, with all three societies tied and with the fact in mind that the victorious society this semester would claim the cup permanently. Needless to say the literary-athletic work was keenly contested. When the points for the semester were totaled it was found that the Alpha Phi Society had won by a few points, and that the Sigma Lambda Alpha and Olympian Societies were tied for second place. The faculty loving cup was presented to the Alpha Delta Phi Society by President DeLong at the last chapel service.

