

SPECIAL FOCUS

Pictured on the cover is our South Holland Protestant Reformed Christian School, which this year celebrates its 25th anniversary. That important milestone was marked in South Holland by special commemorative events on May 2 of this year. A short account of the activities of the day has been provided for us by Mary Beth Lubbers. She's been close to the school for a good long time, since her husband Lamm has been for 20 years principal there. She herself is a veteran teacher, however, having taught at both Adams and Hope before moving to South Holland. After a twelve-year "vacation" from the classroom she returned to teaching in 1975 and has been employed by our school in South Holland ever since. We thank her for this contribution to our magazine, and extend our congratulations to South Holland, along with an expression of our wish that the Lord's blessing might continue to be with them in the years ahead.

South Holland Prot. Ref. School

The morning of Friday, May 2, dawned clear and crisp. Any farmer of former year would have been eager to take to the fields and nurture his onion crop. But, today, no fields at 16511 South Park Avenue lay ready for sowing; no tractor or horse and plow would turn over the rich loam. On the once prosperous onion fields of South Holland stood the red-bricked Protestant Reformed Christian School with its flat and grassy playground stretching luxuriantly around it. May 2,

1986 marked 25 years since any onion crop was harvested on these premises. May 2 — the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Reformed school begun here in the early 1960's.

Although we were disappointed that Rev. Heys was unable to lead us in the morning commemorative chapel, Rev. Ron Van Overloop ably compensated for our initial regrets. In his powerful, personal style, Rev. Van Overloop inspired the large group of parents, grand-parents, friends,

and supporters of the school to "press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 3:14).

The school day contained four half-hour segments for classroom visitation, and each of the seven teachers demonstrated his (her) teaching techniques to a classroom of students and many parents during those time allotments. Coffee, punch, and home-made goodies were served throughout the school day in the assembly room. This room also became the social center for renewing former acquaintanceships and continuing present ones. Bright potted flowers and floral arrangements along with many pictorial displays and a "gallery of graduating classes" did much to heighten our visitors' interest.

The silver-anniversary celebration culminated in the evening banquet at Illiana Christian High School where 325 celebrants, many of them alumni, enjoyed a delicious dinner, a provocative speech, and the moving performances of the alumni choir and band.

Rev. David Engelsma, our keynote speaker, dynamically de-

veloped the theme text, "Prove all things; hold fast that which is good" (I Thes. 5:21), under the attention-getter, "The Good Christian School and Testing."

Mrs. Gail Worries, band director of the school, led an alumni band in three rousing numbers, and Mr. Lamm Lubbers, calling up the 25 graduating classes by years beginning with 1962, led a largely unrehearsed but soul-stirring alumni choir in two mighty anthems of the church.

Then it was back to school for more Open House and touring of the facilities.

Our hearts are full. How good God has been to us!

Mary Beth Lubbers



A special commemorative booklet was published for this 25th anniversary.

If you wish to order one send \$5.00 to:

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