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THE FARM CROPS AND LIVE-STOCK WEEK.

The week of February 5-9 was "Red Letter Week" in Northwestern Minnesota. The Sixth Annual Farm Crops Show and Live Stock Exhibit at Crookston held the attention of the whole state and the public press of the whole northwest took notice of its activities. An editorial clipped from the Grand Forks Herald, copied elsewhere in this paper, is typical of the very favorable comment everywhere. All attendance records of former years were broken. Over 2600 were in attendance from places outside of Crookston representing every community of the ten counties included in the territory of the Minnesota Red River Valley Development Association. Three special trains on the closing day were packed. Delegations from Ada and Twin Valley brought their bands, and enthusiasm ran high.

This great annual agricultural meeting is Farmers' Week of the Northwest School of Agriculture. The Minnesota Red River Valley Development Association organized some years ago by farmers in attendance at this Short Course, now annually manages the exhibit of corn, grain, potatoes and live-stock which had its modest beginning at the school in 1910. Under its auspices, too, are conducted the various contests for the schools and farmers clubs. Limited space does not permit an adequate account of the very excellent programs of the meetings. The following schedule by days, however, indicates the subjects emphasized this year:

Monday, "Contest Day"; Tuesday, "Farm Crops and Horticulture Day"; Wednesday, "Dairy and Poultry Day"; Thursday, "Live Stock Breeders Day"; Friday, "Farm Business Day."

Child welfare, health, and the high cost of living were the main topics engaging the attention of the women's meetings during the week.

The entertainment features of the program were superior. Crookston proved to be a great music center by the abundance and variety of musical talent presented. The Juvenile Band, an organization of seventy-five young boys under the direction of G. O. Riggs, made a great hit with the crowds. The Citizens Band, our school band, the Viking Chorus, and the numerous musical organizations of the Crookston schools also rendered very creditable performances. The Northwest School of Agriculture scored high in popular favor with its contribution, the cantata, entitled "The Nautical

Knot" in which more than one-third of the whole student body took part. The community singing was a feature each evening, and through the able direction of Miss M. Lucile Holliday, stirred up much enthusiasm.

The Farm Crops Exhibit.

The corn, potato, and grain exhibit was up to its usual high standard of former years. The corn and potato entries surpassed those of last year both in number and quality. While, as expected, there were not as many entries of small grains as last year, the quality of those shown was remarkably good considering the crop conditions of last season.

John Croy, East Grand Forks, Polk county, was the winner of the sweepstakes on the best 30 ears of corn from the northern section. Mr. Croy also won the grand sweepstakes on the best single ear of corn.

C. C. Williams, of Detroit, won the sweepstakes on the best 30 ears of corn in the southern section. The reserve for the best thirty ears of corn in either section went to Lewis DeWitt, Detroit.

To a woman, Mrs. C. H. Moen, East Grand Forks, went the sweepstakes on the best ten ears of corn shown from the northern section. Joseph Houske, Halstad, won the sweepstakes for the ten best ears from the southern section. The reserve premium for the best ten ears from either section went to C. C. Williams.

The barley sweepstakes went to W. F. Tullar, of Warren; the potato sweepstakes to O. J. Brustad, Fosston.

Joseph Mortenson, St. Hilaire, won the grand champion sweepstakes for the best wheat samples shown, while the grand champion sweepstakes in oats went to A. D. VanSickle, Warren.

The flax sweepstakes also went to Mr. Tullar, who has been a winner in this department for several years.

The premium list in offering as prizes, cash, merchandise and implements to the value of more than \$2,000, acknowledged the generous financial support of more than one hundred individuals, banks and other business firms.

The Live Stock Exhibit, an added feature this year, was a great success in spite of the very unfavorable weather for shipping. It was a most fitting supplement for the excellent live stock programs of the week, and is sure to have a most beneficial effect on the interest in live stock on Red River Valley farms. Over fifty high class animals were gathered together from various parts of the valley. The following list of exhibitors gives an idea

of the variety shown and may serve as a valuable directory for anyone looking for a place to buy good breeding stock.

Exhibitors of First Mid-Winter Live Stock Exhibit, 1917.

SHORTHORNS: Carlson Bros., Erskine, Minn.

Riverside Stock Farm, N. S. Kvenoden, Fertile, Minn.

F. M. Finkenbinder, Crookston, Minn.

GUERSNEYS:

F. B. Conklin, Thief River Falls, Minn.

Silverton Guersnsey Farm, H. C. Woolson, Thief River Falls.

HOLSTEINS:

Foot Lake Stock Farm, C. L. McNelly, McIntosh, Minn.

Edenvale Dairy Farm, M. L. Enright, E. Gr. Forks, Minn.

Fossbakken Bros., Fosston, Minn.

P. Frost Spaulding Farm, C. L. Spaulding, Warren, Minn.

Geo. H. Shuck, Crookston, Minn.

DUROC JERSEY HOGS:

Riverside Farm, F. A. Green, Stephen, Minn.

Arthur Marsden, Hendrum, Minn.

POLAND CHINA HOGS:

M. A. Helgeson, Crookston, Minn.

BERKSHIRE HOGS:

C. L. McNelly, McIntosh, Minn.

C. P. Woodstro, Crookston, Minn.

O. I. C. HOGS:

L. Capstran, Crookston, Minn.

SHROPSHIRE SHEEP:

N. J. Kvenoden, Fertile, Minn.

Arthur Marsden, Hendrum, Minn.

CHESTER WHITE HOGS: F. M. Finkenbinder, Crookston.

Ralph Finkenbinder, Crookston.

Limited space permits the mention of only a few of the prize winners as follows:

Grand Champion Shorthorn Male, "Superb Villager" owned by Carlson Bros., Erskine.

Grand Champion Shorthorn Female, "Superb Geneva" owned by Carlson Bros., Erskine.

Grand Champion Dairy Male, "Robert's Boy" (Guernsey) owned by F. B. Conklin, Thief River Falls.

Grand Champion Dairy Female, "Cif" (Guernsey) owned by F. B. Conklin, Thief River Falls.

Grand Champion Boar, "Comets King the Col." (Duroc Jersey) owned by F. A. Green, Stephen.

Grand Champion Gilt, "Chief Count I AM" (Duroc Jersey) owned by F. A. Green, Stephen.

Grand Champion Ram, (Shropshire)

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Northwestern Minnesota.

In this number we invite the attention of our readers to three great school events,—Commencement week and Junior Short Course in prospect, and the week of Farm Crops Show and Live Stock Exhibit meetings in pleasant retrospect.

ELEVENTH ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT.

Exercises of the Week.

JUNIOR AND SENIOR BANQUET
Monday evening, March 19, Stephens Hall

MORRIS-CROOKSTON DEBATE
Friday evening, March 23, Auditorium
BACCALAUREATE ADDRESS
Sunday afternoon, March 25, Auditorium

RECITAL
Monday evening, March 26, Auditorium
SUPERINTENDENT'S RECEPTION TO SENIOR CLASS

Tuesday evening, March 27
INTER-SOCIETY DEBATE
SENIOR CLASS PROGRAM
Wednesday evening, March 28, Auditorium

SENIOR CLASS EXERCISES
Thursday morning, March 29, Auditorium

SCHOOL DINNER
Thursday, March 29, Stephens Hall
COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES
Thursday afternoon, 2:00 o'clock Auditorium

Invocation
Music - - Agricultural School Band
G. O. Riggs, Director

DEMONSTRATIONS

Home Nursing - - Maja Petersen
Laundering Hints - - Josie Insdahl
Bee Management - - Chas. Auburg
Potato Disease Treatment

Birger Hagglund
Class Oration - - Magnus Spjut,
President Senior Class

Vocal Solo - Miss M. Lucille Holliday,
N. W. School of Agriculture
Commencement Address

R. E. Denfeld, Duluth
Music
Presentation of Diplomas
Superintendent Selvig

"Minnesota" Audience

ALUMNI BANQUET

Thursday evening, March 29, Crookston Hotel

THE FARM CROPS AND LIVE STOCK WEEK.

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owned by N. J. Kvenodin, Fertile.
Grand Champion Ewe, (Shropshire)
owned by A. Marsden, Hendrum.

It was something in the nature of a venture that the attempt was made to hold a live stock exhibit in connection with the Farm Crops meetings. The success of the venture was evident to all who saw the splendid exhibit furnished by farmers of Northwestern Minnesota. The committee in charge was fortunate in securing a large, well-lighted, heated and ventilated building to use as an exhibit hall during the week, and Mr. J. C. Sathre, president of the Crookston Business College, is deserving of much credit for arranging to turn over a large part of his fine engineering building for that purpose.

Much credit is also due the individuals, banks and other business firms who so generously contributed to the necessary financial support.

No one doubts that the Red River Valley is destined to become one of the great stock producing districts of the United States. In order that it may become this, it is necessary to have many breeders of high class live stock located in this section of the state. That we have breeders of prominence already is a source of gratification to all interested in the development of Minnesota, and especially of this section. It is hoped that this exhibit may become an annual one, and that each succeeding year will see advances of quality, as well as great increases in the quantity of stock that is being fed on Northwestern Minnesota farms.

A great enthusiasm for its continuance is evident by the many letters received since the show from exhibitors and from other people who saw the exhibit. Already plans are under consideration for the erection of an immense stock pavilion adjacent to the Armory that will suitably and conveniently house this important feature.

High School Judging Contests.

Six teams entered the corn and potato judging contests, winning places as follows:

1st, Hallock; 2nd, Argyle; 3rd, Glyndon; 4th, East Grand Forks; 5th, Detroit; 6th, Stephen.

A very noticeable improvement over last year's results was evident throughout the contest. The final score of the sixth team of this year was ten per cent above the score of the winner of last year. Stephen secured the highest score in corn alone, and Detroit had that distinction in potatoes; but in the average of the two, corn counting two-thirds and potatoes one-third, Hallock won by .29% over its nearest competitor. Gordon Bridgeford, of East Grand Forks, had the highest individual score in potatoes, while that distinction in corn went to Sigert Blomquist of Hallock.

Ten teams entered the Stock Judging Contest winning places as follows: 1st, Hallock; 2nd, Warren; 3rd, Roseau; 4th, Stephen; 5th, Thief River Falls; 6th, McIntosh; 7th, Argyle; 8th, Red Lake Falls; 9th, Fosston; 10th, East Grand Forks.

The following tables give interest-

ing information as to individual and scores:

First in Different Rings.

As a Team.

Horses Warren
Beef Cattle Warren
Dairy Cattle Roseau
Sheep Hallock
Swine Stephen

As an Individual.

Horses... N. D. Morkassel of Warren
Beef Cattle... George Copp of Warren
Dairy Cattle

Wesley Sutherland, Hallock
Sheep... Wesley Sutherland, Hallock
Swine... Wesley Sutherland, Hallock

Wesley Sutherland of Hallock received the highest individual average score made at the Farm Crops Show Stock Judging Contests, winning over his nearest competitor among the farmers' club teams by 2%. Both of the silver cups, therefore go back to Hallock where they were won the first year offered.

Farmers' Club Stock Judging Contest.

Eleven teams entered the contest winning places as follows: 1st, Thompson Club (Hallock); 2nd, Stephen; 3rd, Boxville; 4th, Vega (Alvarado); 5th, Argyle Progressive; 6th, Mallory; 7th, Erskine, 8th, Progressive (Hendrum); 9th, Bloomer Progressive, (Argyle); 10th, Fairfax-Andover (Crookston); 11th, Enok, (Kennedy). The following table gives added information of interest.

First in Different Rings.

As a Team.

Horses Thompson Club
Beef Cattle Vega Club
Dairy Cattle Erskine Club
Sheep Thompson Club
Swine Mallory Club

As an Individual.

Horses—A. C. Knutson, Boxville Club.
Beef Cattle—J. S. Rohrer, of Fairfax-Andover Club.

Dairy Cattle—H. S. Beckwith, Bloomer Progressive Club.

Sheep—Albert Malm, of Bloomer Progressive Club

Swine—Frank Hawkyard of Thompson Club, Russel Horton of Thompson Club.

The highest individual average for the five rings was won by Frank Hawkyard of the Thompson Club.

The Declamatory Contest.

Interest in the annual declamatory contest has grown until it is now necessary to have district elimination contests in order that the final program may not be too long. These contests were interesting this year in the many instances of smaller schools winning out over larger ones.

The following program was given as a feature of the first evening of the week.

Ruth Narum, Waubun.....

"The Golden Cobweb"

Sinclair McArthur, Warren.....

"The Prisoner's Plea"

Glenn Douglass, East Grand Forks,

"A Lover of Music"

Iren Brown, Glyndon.....

"The Courting Candle"

Christina Steenerson, Erskine.....

"The Swan Song"

Blanche Morgan, Warroad.....

"Bobbie Shaffo's Gone to Sea"

The prizes were awarded as follows

1st, Glenn Douglass; 2nd, Blanche Morgan; 3rd, Sinclair McArthur; 4th, Ruth Narum. The first prize for the contest is a beautiful silver cup which will become the permanent possession of the school which wins it three times.

The Spelling Contest.

The spelling contest is also a means by which the Farm Crops Show has a wide influence for educational development throughout the valley. The rural, graded and consolidated schools of seven counties entered the race and by local district and county elimination contests selected representatives for the final contests at Crookston. This contest consisted of both oral and written tests, besides a regular "Spell down." The prizes were awarded as follows:

Written Contest.

1st, Evelyn Johnson, Mahuomen; 2nd, Arthur Avery, Polk; 3rd, Luella Cleveland, Marshall; 4th, Mary E. Kelley, Roseau; 5th, Sadie McLees, Kittson.

Oral Contest.

1st, Betty Olson, Polk; 2nd, Olga Lee, Marshall; 3rd, Bernice Orr, Red Lake; 4th, Selma Nelson, Pennington; 5th, Ruby Presto, Red Lake.

The Banner, the much sought-after prize for the highest average in both written and oral work, was won by Polk County.

The Essay Contest.

To promote interest in the conservation of bird life a very successful essay contest was conducted throughout the territory of the M. R. R. V. Development Association. In addition to grand sweepstakes prizes, three prizes were given to winners in each county, —sweepstakes prize, a school flag; first for boy, a year's subscription to the American Boy Magazine; first for girl, a year's subscription to Girls' Companion. The contestants having the winning essays on "Our Feathered Friends of the Red River Valley" were:

Northwest School of Agriculture prize—Walter Sheridan.

Grand Sweepstakes—Gladys McCann, Detroit.

Boys' Sweepstakes—Carl Nelson, Shelly.

Girls' Sweepstakes—Vera Childs, East Grand Forks.

School flag, boys' and girls' magazines in various counties in order named:

Becker County.

Nellie I. Greene, Aubudon, Dist. No. 21.

Earl Smith, Detroit.
Uda Smith, Detroit.

Clay County.

Amy Shave, Glyndon Consolidated School.

George Gunderson, Moorhead.
Frances Eleanor Betts, Felton.

Kittson County.

Rikka Rud, Bronson, Dist. No. 60.
Richard Folland, Halma.

Blanche Theodorf, St. Vincent.

Mahnomen County.

Ageline Januszewski, Bejou, Dist. No. 51.

Arthur Januszewski, Bejou.
Anna Solberg, Mahnomen.

Marshall County.

Agnes Germundson, Karlstad, Dist. No. 15.

Kenneth Stennes, Strandquist.

Tillie Axelson, Viking.

Norman County.

Julia Sharpe, Shelly, Dist. No. 14.
Edwin Lervold, Halstad.

Ingebor Pederson, Halstad.

Pennington County.

Lenley Dobson, St. Hilaire, Dist. No. 133.

Carrol Thoreson, Highland.
Edith Malmquist, St. Hilaire.

Polk County.

Myrtle Nelson, Crookston, Dist. 35.
Gerhart Useldinger, Euclid.

Bessie Bruxvoort, Crookston.

Red Lake County.

Red Lake Falls, Dist. No. 15.
Arthur Moran, Red Lake Falls.

Minnie Dhuse, Red Lake Falls.

Roseau County.

Lily M. Sunset, Wanneska, Dist. No. 2.

Marvin Sehlstrom, Roseau.
Delphia Foster, Roseau.

GROUP MEETINGS.

The Farm Crops Show Week has come to be the annual meeting time of various Red River Valley Agricultural organizations.

The Northwestern Minnesota Poultry Association held its annual five day session and poultry show as usual. Over 400 birds were exhibited, taxing the capacity of the exhibit hall. The poultrymen are very much interested in the proposed stock pavilion for next year, as it will allow them better accommodations for their show which is increasing in size each year. It is now the third in size in the state and follows the leaders very closely. Mr. C. E. Brown, the station poultryman, who has served as the president of the association for several years, was re-elected.

Mr. P. L. Kennard, the station agronomist, was re-elected as secretary of the Pure Seed Association.

The Red River Valley Horticultural Society of which Mr. T. M. McCall, the station horticulturist, is secretary, had a very interesting meeting. The growing of small fruits in the valley was the main topic under consideration, and much enthusiasm was aroused.

The Red River Valley Live Stock Breeders Association held its meeting on Thursday and its annual banquet in conjunction with the Poultry Association in the evening. Wm. Dietrich, head of the Animal Husbandry Department, was elected secretary for the ensuing year.

The Minnesota Red River Valley Development Association at its business meeting accepted an invitation to hold its summer meeting in June at Red Lake Falls.

Another significant meeting was that of Marshall County Federation of Farmers' Clubs held at the Crookston Hotel Wednesday evening at which ten of the eleven clubs belonging to the organization were each represented by two delegates. Co-operation was the theme of the discussions which followed the banquet.

Still another get-together occasion was the big banquet in honor of President Vincent at Elks Hall on Friday evening. More than two hundred representatives from various communities of the Red River Valley attended. In the program of toasts that followed

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A TRIP FOR BOYS AND GIRLS.

Do you remember with what delight you took trips to distant places when you were a boy or a girl? Do you remember how the anticipation cheered and enthused you for a long time before going, and how the recollection kept you going for a long time after returning?

Here is your chance to give your boys and girls a more interesting and delightful trip than you often had an opportunity of making at that age, a trip that will be not only a recreation, but an education.

THE SEVENTH ANNUAL JUNIOR SHORT COURSE.

The Seventh Annual Short Course for boys and girls will be held at the Northwest School of Agriculture, Crookston, Minnesota, for one week beginning April 3rd. It will be open to boys and girls from 12 to 18 years of age.

AIM OF COURSE.

The course aims to deepen boys' and girls' interest in life on the farm. It aims to interest and instruct them in corn and potato growing, pig and chicken raising, care of cattle and horses, cooking and sewing, and in club work and in industrial contests. It aims to give a new vision of better things, and an inspiration to go home and attempt some of them.

THE COURSE.

The morning will be devoted to study and practice, and the afternoons to excursions, games, and various judging contests. The evenings will be devoted to illustrated lectures on country life subjects, to social entertainment, and moving pictures of educational value.

The morning from 8 to 11 will be divided into two periods. During these two periods the boys will study dairy cattle, beef cattle, horses, and corn, and the girls will take sewing and cooking. From 11 to 12:15 both boys and girls will take poultry, pigs and sheep, potatoes and gardening. In sewing and cooking, the girls will be classified according to age and experience. Those who attended last year will be given more advanced work. Girls will be expected to bring seventy-five cents for materials used.

A PREPARATION FOR CONTEST WORK.

Last year 8000 boys and girls of Minnesota entered the state industrial contests. Many more would like to join this year if they knew how to go about it. One aim of this course is especially to help in this boys' and girls' club work by explaining details of organization and methods of carrying on the work. The following outlines of work to be given in the course suggest the value to any boy or girl of such a preparation in entering the Pig, Calf, Corn, Potato or Bread making contest.

THE PIG

How to select him
How to feed him
How to care for him
Records

THE CALF

How to select him
How to feed him
How to care for him
Records

CORN

Selection of Seed
Preparation of seed bed
Cultivation
Selection of sample
Records

POTATO

Selection of Seed
Preparation of seed bed
Cultivation
Spraying
Selection of sample
Records

BREAD

How to make it
How to bake it
How to test it
Food value

CONTESTS.

To add interest to the work, there will be several contests during the week in grain and stock judging, cooking and sewing. At the close of the week suitable honors will be awarded winners.

FACULTY AND EQUIPMENT.

Instruction in various subjects will be given by the regular instructors of the school Faculty who are specialists of wide practical experience along their respective lines, men and women, also, who have a keen appreciation of life on the farm. The Junior Short Course comes after the close of the regular school so that the entire extensive equipment of the school and station will be available to make instruction and practice interesting and practical.



Judging Stock
HOME LIFE.

The school is located about two miles from town. The students during the week will room in the commodious dormitories on the campus. Stephens Hall, the boys' dormitory, will be in charge of the preceptor, and Robertson Hall, the girls' dormitory, in charge of the preceptress of the regular faculty. These people with their assistants, will also chaperon the boys and girls during their games, evening entertainments, and on excursions. The regular school nurse will also remain on duty during the week. No effort will be spared in caring for the young people during their week's stay.

EXPENSES.

Two dollars will be the total expense. That will pay for enrollment, board and room for the week and transportation to and from the school. That will be the only expense outside of the railroad fare to and from Crookston.

BEDDING.

Bedding is not furnished by the school so each student should come supplied. A suggestive list of things to bring is: Two sheets, one pair blankets, one quilt, one bed spread, one pillow, pillow slips, towels, napkins, etc.

WHAT TO DO TO GET TO THE SCHOOL.

The students should write to the school telling on what train they will arrive, and the school bus will be there to meet them.

THE FIRST DAY.

Monday forenoon from 8 to 10:30 will be devoted to registration. General assembly will follow from 10:30 to 11:00. Regular work will begin at 11:00.



Sewing

Group Meetings.

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the dinner, most eloquent tribute was paid to Dr. Vincent for his great work as president of the University in extending its campus and turning the attention of the state to the importance of the social side of life as no other man had ever done before.

A SPLENDID WORK.

(Editorial in Grand Forks Herald, Sunday, Feb. 11, 1917.)

The territory covered by the work of the Minnesota Red River Valley Development Association includes the ten northwestern counties of Minnesota, a territory which, with its corresponding areas in North Dakota and just beyond the international border, comprises a larger area of arable land and a higher degree of fertility than are to be found in any other similar area on the globe. It is to the best utilization of the splendid natural resources of this great territory and the highest development of its wonderful possibilities in every direction that the efforts of the association is devoted.

It is a magnificent work, a work for real men and women, and real men and women are performing it.

The combined show and convention which has just been held at Crookston was in itself an event representing intelligent work and constructive effort of a high order, instructive, inspiring and beneficial in every way. But it was more than this. It was the visible expression and the momentary culmination of that which has been in progress during a long time and throughout a wide territory. And it is a work which has not been confined to the members of the committees and platform speakers, ably though these have performed their duties, but in which there has been enthusiastic participation by the people on the farms and in the cities and villages throughout the length and breadth of the great district represented. That is what counts. That is what gives such a gathering its significance and gives to such work its enduring value.

The exhibits fitly represented the application of industry and intelligence to the natural conditions which are found in the valley. In their number and their excellence they told the story of work already performed and pointed the way toward the further improvement of material conditions. That which a handful of people have been able to do in this territory may be done still better by the multitudes who are to follow them, for only the surface of the possibilities has even been scratched.

But, while industrial possibilities have been emphasized, and properly, their consideration has not excluded the consideration of more momentous things, for emphasis was also placed on those things which pertain to the inner life of the people, which go toward the building of character and the development of real men and women. Had these things been lacking the week would have been marked by an interesting show and a pleasant gathering. As it is, it has been the index and the expression of the stirring of mighty and beneficial forces in the soul of a great community.

The climax of the week came, and the high note in all the splendid work was struck in the series of inspiring addresses by President Vincent, the retiring head of the University of Minnesota. President Vincent combines with the ability of the orator to thrill and inspire, the ability of the man of earnest and logical thought and profound convictions and the ability to make others think. His address on Friday evening brought to a fitting close a series of meetings marked by an unusually high level of thought.

The people of Crookston are to be congratulated on the manner in which the whole gathering was handled, and the people of the entire district may find in the great meeting a demonstration of the value of work already performed and the promise of the still greater expansion and more potent influence of that work.

ALUMNI.

A communication to the members of the Alumni Association from its secretary.

MEMBERS OF THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION:

As an association are we fulfilling our purpose? To do so requires personal effort, enthusiasm and some sacrifice. Just now we need some money. To keep the graduates in touch with the school, and to keep the graduates in touch with each other will require a small amount, and there is not a cent in the treasury.

Superintendent Selvig has offered us the use of the school auditorium and motion picture machine, and a motion picture show will be given on Saturday evening, March 17th. A small admission will be charged, and the proceeds of the venture will be placed in the treasury of the alumni association. Will all who can possibly do so, make it a point to visit the school on that day, and support your organization.

The attention of the alumni is called to a proposed change in the date for the alumni banquet.

Thursday, March 29, is commencement day, and in former years the annual banquet has been given that evening. It has been suggested that because of the number of events scheduled for Thursday that the banquet and dance be given a day later. This suggestion is made because parents of the members of the graduating class and their friends will be at the school Thursday, and if those graduating attend the banquet, they cannot entertain their guests during the evening. The reunion would also be a bigger success if the alumni had a day together than it would be with just Thursday evening.

It is for the members of the association to set the date. Will every member please think this matter over carefully and write to me stating which date they prefer. Let us make our association live and active. Let us all make a strong effort to get to the meeting this year and make it the inspiring occasion that it may and should be.

M. L. Skibness, Secretary,
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North Dakota