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RICE RESIGNS AS REGENT POTTER APPOINTED.

The resignation of Honorable A. E. Rice, Willmar, from the University Board of Regents marks the end of the longest service of any member of the Board excepting Governor Pillsbury. As chairman of the Agricultural Committee of the Board Mr. Rice always took an intense interest in the entire agricultural department. His service to the Northwest School and Station entitles him to the sincere appreciation of all northwestern Minnesota people for he labored early and late for its success.

The governor appointed Hon. L. E. Potter, Springfield, to the Board. Mr. Potter is a prominent farmer, a former farmers' institute worker, a former president of the State Live Stock Breeders' Association and now president of the State Farm Bureau Federation. He brings a wide experience with actual farm conditions and a broad viewpoint that will be invaluable in advancing the University to the fullest realization of its aims and purposes.

NOTICE TO ALUMNI

At the annual meeting held in March, 1920 a suggestion was made in regard to the starting of a permanent Alumni Fund.

This would be raised by charging each alumnus a fee which would constitute a life membership fee. It was planned to put the money out at interest and to use the income from it for expenses connected with the Alumni Association's work and annual meeting. Other plans that need financing are the publishing of our Alumni directory each year and the suggested plan of offering prizes to the alumni members for exhibits at the Farm Crops and Live Stock Show.

As the time available for the meeting is usually limited and wishing to hear from as many of the members as possible before deciding definitely in regard to the matter, all members are requested to send to the secretary any ideas or suggestions concerning these plans in order that they may receive full consideration at the annual meeting.

Communications may be addressed to Lula M. Casselman, Secy., 920 E. 19th St., Minneapolis, Minn.

NORTHWEST SCHOOL WEEK AND RED RIVER VALLEY FARM CROPS AND LIVE STOCK SHOWS

February 7-11, 1921

At about the time that this number of the Northwest Monthly reaches its readers the Red River Valley Winter Shows premium list will be distributed to 3500 farm homes. Additional copies may be secured by addressing L. R. Boyd, Crookston. The buildings are ready, the program of addresses is being prepared, the entries for the Live Stock Show are being sent in, the consignors to the sales are fitting their stock,—in fact, all the plans are rounding out into completed tasks so that on February 7 next the Valley's biggest agricultural event will open without a hitch and move smoothly on during the entire week.

The program of addresses for the Northwest Farmers' Week meetings is fast assuming definite form. Farm crops problems will be the feature for one day. Live stock on the farm and the outlook for the future will be discussed by prominent stock men. A national farm bureau leader will address both the day and evening sessions. Farm marketing problems, rural credits and other topics of intense interest to all will be given a prominent place in the program.

The farm crops exhibit promises to be bigger and better than ever. Secretary C. H. Zealand has received assurances that there will be a large number of entries from each of the 11 counties in the district. The Minnesota Crop Improvement Association is cooperating with the Valley Show by furnishing \$500.00 in premium money and inviting farmers to enter their exhibits at the State Show, St. Paul, two weeks later. This will undoubtedly be done by the owners of the winning exhibits. The Boys' and Girls' club division will make a strong showing again as has been done in the past.

In the live stock department the officers are enthusiastic over the prospect for the best live stock show ever held in the Red River Valley. New floors have been laid in Annexes A and B, the ventilation system complet-

ed, and a 17x50 addition built which will provide superior facilities for a wonderful live Stock Show. The number of head entered by any one exhibitor will not be large but in each case the choicest animals will be shown giving to the Valley people and to the public at large an idea of the really fine stock owned in northwestern Minnesota.

Already hotel reservations have been made by live stock men from other sections of the state who are coming to see for themselves this much talked-of Valley Show. They will come and see three substantial buildings built and owned by nearly 1800 Red River Valley folks, from country and town, who are now on the way to make Red River Valley live stock take equal place with its unsurpassed No. 1 hard wheat and its unbeatable Early Ohio. All the breeds of cattle and hogs will be shown. In sheep the Shropshire showing will be strictly high class with International winners in the ring.

The Live Stock Sales prospects are becoming better every day. The Holstein, Shorthorn and Duroc Sales will be premier events with the Guernseys, Herefords, Angus, Poland-China and Chester Whites not easily outdistanced. All prophecies for the fall of 1921 are rosy. The time to buy breeding stock, say the experienced live stock breeders, is now. Secretary John Husby, after spending several days last week in inspecting the offerings, returned full of enthusiasm for the show and sales. The respective state breed associations are actively cooperating with the Red River Valley Live Stock Association and lending every possible means of encouragement and support.

The industrial exhibit promises to excel any previous show according to L. R. Boyd and S. W. Wheeler who are in charge. The entire floor space in Annex B is available for this exhibit.

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FACULTY PUBLISH BOOKLET BENEFIT MEMORIAL FUND IS WELL RECEIVED

Those who were privileged to be present at the exercises on February 5, 1918 when the school service flag was dedicated and again on November 11, 1920 when the school formally observed Armistice Day were impressed with the sincerity as well as the beauty of the addresses made by our superintendent on those occasions. A part of each was written in blank verse form and these selections, particularly, met with sympathetic response from all present. The wish was expressed that they be published in some form in order that a larger number might share their message.

This came to a decision late in November when it was learned that the Memorial Fund subscriptions were wholly inadequate to meet the cost of the beautiful Soldiers' and Sailors' Memorial dedicated with such impressive ceremonies on October 5. The decision reached was a request to Mr. Selvig that he sanction the publication of these poems with the idea of selling a sufficient number of copies to raise the balance needed for the Memorial.

The committee of the faculty who took charge of the matter were J. P. Bengtson, T. M. McCall, A. M. Foker and Miss Cora Paulsberg. Mr. H. H. Grandy, '15, was immediately called upon to suggest a suitable form for the booklet. Those who have a copy all realize that his artistic judgment has again been freely given for the benefit of his "alma mater." The result was a four page booklet printed on a fine fraded parchment paper with a heavy cover of platinum tint on which is mounted a beautiful half tone of the Memorial.

A large number of these booklets were placed with the Crookston Association of Public Affairs for distribution among Crookston citizens generally. The response there was very gratifying indeed. Many took additional copies to send to their friends.

At the same time about 300 were sent to alumni and former students after nearly 150 had been taken by students and faculty members on the campus. The total amount received from the sale of the booklet will be reported in the next issue of the Monthly.

The fine expressions of appreciation that have come to the committee indicate that this plan struck a popular chord. The committee is receiving letters of praise with every mail. From Climax comes this message, "I have just received the booklet which I think is fine and a good idea." From Bronson comes, "It is a very fine book." A former student from Clearbrook writes, "I inclose \$1.00 for the memorial booklet. I thank you very much for sending it. It will be a fine remembrance." A former faculty member writes from Devils Lake, "I certainly am glad to have it. I think the memorial poem is certainly praiseworthy, strong and simple, and so appealing in its style." Another alumnus states, "The booklet itself is worth the dollar saying nothing about the good cause it supports." From Warroad comes an eloquent appeal to keep alive the memory of the eight who gave the supreme sacrifice. He requested an additional copy of the booklet.

Any reader of the Northwest Monthly who is desirous of securing one should write Miss Cora Paulsberg, at the school who will fill the orders until the supply is exhausted.

NORTHWEST SCHOOL MEMORIAL FUND IS GROWING

Since the last issue of the Northwest Monthly the memorial fund has grown very slowly. All believe that the total amount required will soon be reached but that it will require help from those who up to the present time have not done anything. Undoubtedly the present financial depression particularly on the farms has had the effect of delaying the payment of over-due subscriptions and of discouraging those who under normal conditions would have been glad to subscribe. The contractors who furnished the material have been mindful of these conditions also and have extended the time of payment until January 15 when it is hoped all unpaid subscriptions will be paid.

The number of subscribers reaches well over 600. Without a doubt a number of subscriptions represent a real sacrifice especially during the present period of low prices for farm products. It is encouraging to know that so many are willing to make this sacrifice to show that they do not hold lightly the services of the men that the Memorial honors. When it is fully completed with a suitable platform base and seats, a walk leading to it and shrubbery, trees and flowers to set it off to the best advantage—it will be a thing of "beauty and a joy forever." The names on the bronze plate will be read by thousands in the years to come.

It is given only to the students and alumni now and the friends who purchased an "Armistice Day, 1920" booklet, to share in the privilege of providing, paying for this Memorial. In the years to come the names on this other "honor roll" of those who helped will also be cherished, not so much for the amount that was given as for the spirit that prompted the entire undertaking.

Next month it is planned to publish the names of all subscribers and to send a copy to each one whose name appears upon this new "honor roll."

ANNUAL GET-TOGETHER- DINNER—MR. AND MRS. J. P. BENGTSON FETED

One of the year's most interesting annual events took place at the Northwest School on the evening of December 20 when the pre-holiday get-together dinner was held in the new dining hall. The fine spacious dining room was decorated in holiday colors with a large Christmas tree in the center and other evidences of the glad Yuletide displayed in the room. More than usual interest was taken in this event on account of the announcement that the dinner was also a leave-taking affair for Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Bengtson who had previously announced his acceptance of a position in the secretary-of-state's office at the State Capitol.

Superintendent C. G. Selvig was toastmaster. Responses were made by Arthur Rud, '23; William Johnson, '22; Eldred Lindahl, '21; Miss Lottie Ward, and Mr. T. M. McCall.

Speeches that were not previously announced to Mr. and Mrs. Bengtson formed a very interesting part of the evening's program. Rufus Logan delivered an illuminating eulogy of the preceptor and presented to the guests of honor a beautiful electric parlor lamp. At a later social event the faculty presented them with a beautiful picture of "A Gray Day in March."

Superintendent Selvig enlarged upon the valuable service to the institution that Mr. Bengtson had given, his unswerving loyalty to it and to his co-workers, and his unflinching good humor and pleasant manner. "So excellent a teacher should not be permitted to be attracted into other fields," he declared. "The boys and girls of our generation need real teachers who can inspire to better scholarship, to better living and highest ideals as Mr. Bengtson has done." Mr. Bengtson responded with an address that touched all who were present, telling of his love for the school and the cherished friendships he has formed.

Announcement

Next month's Northwest Monthly will have the final program of Farmers' Week Meetings, February 7-11. A summary of 1920 work of the Northwest Experiment Station will also be a feature of the next issue.

1920 Summary Boys' and Girls' Club Work

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Final reports on boys' and girls' club work for the past year have been received from all except one of the Northwestern Minnesota counties. The results as shown by the Club Leader's annual report to the Extension Division are very gratifying. The annual report, however, shows only the financial side of the work which undoubtedly is very important, but the other side of it, which is just as important, is often overlooked in estimating its value in a community. Thru their club work boys and girls develop new ideals as to farming and farm life. What the work has done towards developing in boys and girls an intelligent point of view and favorable attitude towards the business of farming and home making thru property ownership and management can hardly be estimated in dollars and cents. Club work often creates in boys and girls an interest and desire for further systematic instruction as given in Schools and Colleges of Agriculture and other schools offering definite training in the business of the farm and home. To that extent the work has helped to socialize farm and rural life by developing leadership, community cooperation, and a good spirit of citizenship cannot easily be put into a report, but its effects will surely be felt in years to come.

Many Cooperate.

The work has been carried on in cooperation with farm bureaus, county agents, club agents, home demonstrations, and school people. In many communities the public in general has given splendid support. Business men and organizations in a number of counties have donated liberal sums for prizes on club exhibits at county fairs and club achievement days. In one county \$1500 was donated for such purposes.

Local leadership, which is so necessary to successful club work, has been furnished in some localities by business men. Two clubs (sheep and dairy calf) in eastern Marshall County finished with a splendid record under the leadership of two of the local bankers.

Junior Show.

The Junior Live Stock Show which was held in the Red River Valley Live Stock Association's pavilion, Crookston, Nov. 12-13 was highly successful. Seventy seven boys and girls exhibited their baby beeves, dairy calves, pigs and sheep. The best animals from each county were shipped from this show to the State Junior Show at South St. Paul the following week. The first prize Holstein calf owned by Monica Zurn of Callaway, Becker County, was also the first prize winner in the State Show. Most of the other exhibits from this section of

the state showed up well in their respective classes.

Two State Champions.

Northwestern Minnesota had two State Champions the past year,— Carl Ash State Champion Stock Judge and Eleanor Clow State Champion Cake Maker. Both these young people are members of the "Stick-To-It" club of Humboldt, Kittson County. This is a distinction that has never come to any other club in Minnesota.

The Future.

The several counties are now laying plans for their 1921 Club Work. Organization work has been started. The prospects for even a more successful year than the past are very bright. With the cooperation of all, Boys' and Girls' Club Work can be made a big factor in the future development of Northwestern Minnesota.

POTATO PROJECT

Number clubs organized	52
Total enrollment	405
Number bushels grown	9,672
Total value of crop	\$10,639

CORN PROJECT

Number clubs organized	4
Total enrollment	47
Number bushels grown	1,950
Total value of crop	\$975

GARDEN PROJECT

Number clubs organized	11
Total enrollment	244
Total value of crop	\$2,639

PIG PROJECT

Number clubs organized	13
Total enrollment	110
Total number pigs raised	204
Total pounds pork produced	26,046
Total value pork produced	\$3,125

SOW AND LITTER PROJECT

Number clubs organized	4
Total enrollment	23
Number pure bred pigs raised	92
Appraised value	\$5,520

DAIRY CALF PROJECT

Number clubs organized	12
Total enrollment	105
No. pure bred calves raised	76
No. grade calves raised	15
Total appraised value	\$13,376

BABY BEEF PROJECT

Number clubs organized	9
Total enrollment	52
Total pounds beef produced	14,664
Value of beef produced	\$2,346

SHEEP PROJECT

Number clubs organized	12
Total enrollment	73
No. lambs raised	86
Value of wool and lambs	\$1,554

POULTRY PROJECT

Number clubs organized	26
Total enrollment	127
Total number chicks hatched	3,429
Value of poultry	\$2,805

CANNING PROJECT

Number clubs organized	14
Total enrollment	169
Quarts of fruit canned	1,750
Quarts of vegetables canned	2,100
Total value	\$1,750

BREAD PROJECT

Number clubs organized	48
Total enrollment	475
Total No. loaves baked	5,880
Dozen quick breads baked	3,360
Value of products	\$974

GARMENT MAKING PROJECT

Number clubs organized	7
Total enrollment	86
No. garments made	110
Value of garments	\$924

GRAND TOTALS

Total clubs organized	254
Total enrollment	1,916
Value of all products	\$46,629

Total costs	16,919
Total value above costs	29,710
Number of Achievement Day meetings	19
Total attendance	4,785
Number of club exhibits at:	
State Fair	4
County and District Fairs	780
Community Fairs	1,275
Number of club members attending short course at Agricultural school during year	185
Amount of money appropriated by business organizations for prizes	\$3,750

SCHOOL HAPPENINGS DURING FIRST TERM.

The first term closed on December 22 with a very satisfactory record of enrollment and average daily attendance. Very few days were lost on account of sickness or for unavoidable reasons. A few students found it necessary to return to their homes before the term closed but the number was small.

In the quality of work done during the first term, taking all the students as a whole, the record for diligence and scholarship was very good. It is an old saying that no one gets out of school more than he puts in. To get the most out of schooling, it is necessary to work hard, to study more instead of less than is required and to do the work in the best manner possible.

Health Service Organized.

Doctors Sundwall and Gordon of the University Health Service made the annual physical examinations at the Northwest School this year. A very large number of enlarged tonsils and adenoids were found. As a part of the Health Service of the school, it is planned to give additional treatment to the students who need attention. This will be a great benefit. The school is enjoying the use of the new well-equipped hospital which is a very much appreciated addition to the school's facilities.

Lecture Course Enjoyed.

The school is fortunate this year in being able to have a lecture course. Mr. Payne came on October 23 and spoke on Hawaii, using a beautiful set of pictures to illustrate his lecture. On November 13, Mr. Daggy gave a splendid lecture on "Foolish Folks." Ned Woodman, the cartoonist, entertained a large number on November 27. On December 11, Burgderfer, the humorist, kept his audience in an uproar for over two hours. Prof. Stromberg, of the University gave an illustrated lecture on Sweden, December 20.

STUDENT SOCIETY ACTIVITIES.

On Monday evening when it is Society night the school becomes one great debating society. On these evenings the boys' debating and study clubs, the Pioneer, the Agrarian, and the Lincoln, all give interesting programs before large audiences. The seniors and junior girls are maintaining the Home Economics club. The freshmen girls have organized a new society to take care of the greater number of students. It is called the Sanford Club in honor of Maria L. Sanford.

FACULTY MEN ADDRESS MEETINGS.

T. M. McCall addressed a community meeting at McIntosh on December 30th.

R. R. Smith inspected the sweet clover seed cleaning machinery at Gilby, North Dakota, recently. He is now caring for the needs of local sweet clover growers at the Station elevator.

C. E. Brown has judged poultry at numerous shows recently in various parts of the state.

John Husby spent the holiday week inspecting live stock that was listed for the February Red River Valley sales.

E. R. Clark judged farm crops exhibits at the Glyndon Community fair in October.

J. P. Bengtson spoke at meetings at Rothsay, and McIntosh during the past month.

Superintendent Selvig addressed a Community meeting at Bemidji on December 4. He will speak at the annual convention of the Minnesota Federation of County Fairs, January 12, on "Raising the Standard of Minnesota Exhibits" and of the State Dairymen's Association, Fergus Falls, January 18th.

TRIANGULAR DEBATE.

March 4 has been set as the tentative date for the Triangular Inter-School Debate with teams from Morris, Fargo and Crookston participating. The question selected is the open shop vs. the closed shop. The following students are hard at work studying the question, Rufus Logan, Ray Knudson, Percy Hanson, Maurice Bursheim, Gladys Erickson, Gust Tammy and Walter Anderson.

1921 AGGIE BOARD BUSY.

The 1921 Red River Aggie board is hard at work whipping the 1921 senior book into shape. A determined effort will be made to have the book ready by March 20, the latest. To that end the board members are striving with every assurance of success if the students and all concerned will lend their hearty cooperation and loyal support.

ALUMNI WEDDINGS.

Miss Adella Ristvedt and Thomas Mohn, both of Lake Park, were married on September 25. Mr. Mohn is a former Crookston Aggie student. They are now residing on a farm near Buxton, North Dakota. The Northwest Monthly extends congratulations and best wishes.

The wedding of Miss Mae Gunness, N. W. S. A. '10, to William E. Rutherford, a former student, took place recently at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Gunness, Key West. They will be at home to their friends after the first of January at the groom's farm in Key West Township. A happy wedded life is the wish of their many friends.

STUDENTS WRITE LETTERS

An interesting letter writing contest was held at the Northwest School under the direction of Miss Margaret Burns during the first term. All the members of the English classes wrote letters which were afterward graded in order of excellence. For the freshmen Joseph E. Norum and Gladys Christopherson were first; for the juniors, Oscar Peterson and Esther Sandem, and for the seniors, George Jorgenson and Sophie Krbechek. Others winning honorable mention are Robert Nelson, Ervin Hagen, Clarissa Friday and Mary T. Lee of the freshmen class; Clayton Stageberg, Charles Smith, Una Briden and Minnie Torpet of the junior class, and Earl Jensen, John Landby, Mabel Vesledal and Bena Flikkie of the seniors.

BASKET BALL PROSPECTS.

The possibilities for a successful basketball season at the Northwest School this year looks as good or better than ever before. Only one game has been played to date with the Fertile High School. The game ended with a score of 16 to 20 in favor of the Aggies.

The line-up is as follows:

Veral Gibbons—R. G. and Captain, William Johnson, L. G. Walter Anderson, C.; Evans, R. F.; Lloyd Ness, L. F.; Ole Negaard,—Substitute center; Anton Johnson, Substitute guard; Elmer Skine, Substitute forward.

The schedule for the season as arranged is very complete and an interesting season can be expected.

JUNIORS WIN SONG CONTEST

The third annual inter-class song contest held on December 20, in the school auditorium proved to be an artistic success. The student singers were very happy in their rendition of the three songs that were selected, "Sweet and Low," "Carry me back to Ol' Virginia," and "Minnesota, Hail to Thee."

The judges' decision went to the Juniors who were a little less than one percent ahead of the Seniors. Oscar Peterson, Clearbrook, was the junior class leader, and Naime Nansen, Erskine, the accompanist. The almost perfect rhythm and wonderful tone qualities developed by the singers elicited distinct approval from the listeners. The songs were sung by young people who put their hearts and souls into their work.

Jay Moses, Pelican Rapids, was the senior leader with Luella Hansen, Shelly, accompanist, and Iver Johnson, Crookston, led the Freshmen with Miss Katherine Kneeshaw as accompanist. N. A. Thorson, Mrs. E. B. Canaan and Elmer Uggem of Crookston were the judges.

SENIORS GIVE THESIS

Seniors began their senior class thesis work earlier this year than usual due to the large number in the senior class.

STOCK JUDGING CONTEST.

Plans are under way for a number of stock judging contests to be held during the Red River Valley Live Stock Show. Teams from Morris and Fargo will meet our boys and, in addition, it is expected that other schools, farm clubs and farm bureaus, and township groups will be represented by stock judging teams in a series of contests.

SCHOOL VISITORS.

R. C. Coffin, Assistant State Secretary of the Y. M. C. A., visited school during November which was the occasion of a big "rouser" meeting held at Senior Hall.

Dr. M. H. Reynolds of the veterinary department, University Farm, spoke at assembly exercises during a recent visit to the Northwest Station.

N. W. SCHOOL FARMERS' WEEK

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hibit which has been badly hampered in the past on account of inadequate and poorly located quarters.

Other features of the week are stock judging interests, the annual meetings of breed associations, the annual meeting and banquet of the Red River Live Stock Association to be held February 9, all of which will be fully announced in the forthcoming program of addresses and meetings.

A reception committee has been appointed by P. A. Egeland, of the Crookston Association of Public Affairs, consisting of J. F. Ingersol, Chairman, A. O. Espe; P. A. Egeland; Mrs. Walter Banks; C. C. Strander; Edw. Lancot; Jos. Ball; W. T. Carlisle; Mrs. C. F. Musselman; Mrs. C. G. Selvig; M. O'Brien; F. A. Grady and S. M. Sivertson.

A resolutions committee, also, will be on hand to confer regarding agricultural problems and needs. The members appointed by C. G. Selvig, general chairman of the week's events, are—M. L. Warner, Chairman, Warren; G. R. Melin, Moorhead; A. J. Robinson, Mahnomen; L. Jensen, Clearbrook; Olaf Ramstad, Thief River Falls; R. J. Bell, Roseau; C. C. Lake, Red Lake Falls; C. C. Williams, Detroit; O. J. Ostensee, Twin Valley; Wm. Ash, St. Vincent, and W. F. Banks, Crookston.

An early announcement is expected regarding the prominent men and women who will take part in the program. President L. D. Coffman will be present on Friday evening, February 11 and others to be announced are being secured for the first four days. The women's meetings promise to be of exceptional interest. Miss Julia Newton of St. Paul is actively cooperating with Miss Lottie Ward of the Northwest School regarding the program.