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## NEW SCHOOL YEAR OPENS OCTOBER 1

The opening date for the coming school term has been set for October 1. This date seems to meet with popular approval and is late enough so that all students can be present at the beginning of the school year. A large freshman class will enter the Northwest School this fall, while the Senior class will be one of the largest for a number of years. Undoubtedly this number will be added to as several students from other schools have signified their intention of entering the class this fall.

The Northwest School is becoming better known each year as the work of students and alumni in the various communities each year demonstrates more fully the advantages offered by the institution. Before the opening of school a number of needed improvements in buildings and equipment will be made, all of which will enable

the school to render still greater service to those who come.

Graduates from the common schools or others 16 years of age and over are invited to write for more complete information or to visit the school during the summer.

### AGGIE SCHOOL WIDELY KNOWN

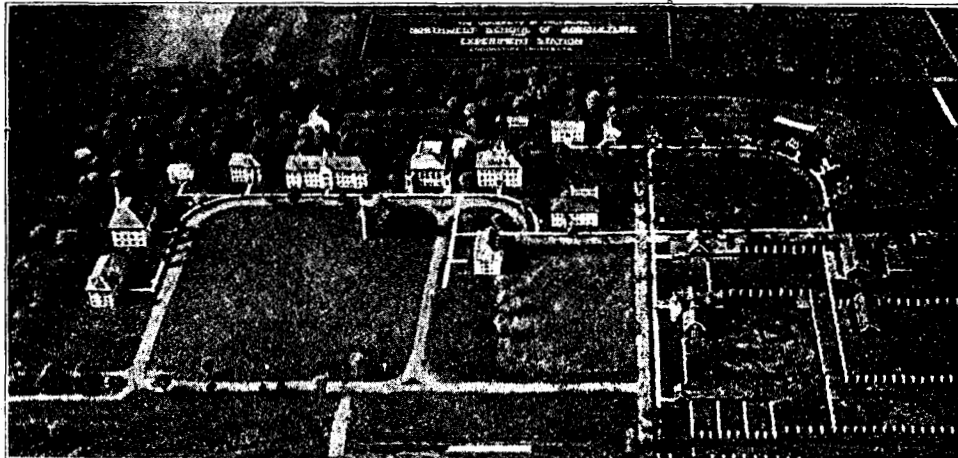
Senor Francisco J. Yanes, assistant director of the Pan American Union, wrote to the Northwest School recently asking for detailed information concerning the schools of agriculture in the United States. This information was requested in behalf of the authorities of the Province of Quana-caste, Costa Rica, in Central America. Senor Yanes in his letter to Superintendent Selvig, stated that the Northwest School of Agriculture had attained a prominence nationally which prompted him to secure information directly from the institution regarding its work, organization, and administration.

## Juniors Enjoy Short Course Week TWELVE COUNTIES REPRESENTED

April 2-6 will not soon be forgotten by the 108 boys and girls who attended the Junior Short Course at the Northwest School. All enrolled came with an earnest desire to secure information regarding club work. The class room work for the boys included the study of potatoes, corn, poultry, gardening, sheep, swine, baby heaves and dairy calves. The boys also spliced rope and laced belts. The girls baked bread, sewed and canned, although a

Miss Anna Coyle, of the "Farmer's Wife," St. Paul, was present during the week and assisted greatly in the success of the course. Miss Coyle discussed questions of etiquette and manners. She also gave directions for newspaper reporting. On Friday afternoon Miss Coyle was hostess to a party for the girls.

During the week a permanent Northwestern Minnesota Boys' and Girls' Club was organized, including all members



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number took some of the other studies also.

It was not all work during the week. There were basketball games, an excursion, games in the gymnasium, community singing, lectures and excellent movies.

The breadmaking contest for Northwestern Minnesota was also held during this week to determine the winner entitled to a trip to the state fair. The Juniors found these contests very interesting. The Humboldt team, consisting of Maribel Sylvester, Vesta McCrystal and Margaret Ash, won first in the Crookston contest, with Glyn-don second. This team was made up of Eva Gingery, Alice Langseth and Loraine Carlson. After the contests had been held at Bemidji and Detroit it was found that the team from Humboldt will represent this district at the State Fair. Mrs. Margaret Baker of the Extension Division judged all contests.

conference was held on Friday. A number of county superintendents, county agents and local leaders were present. T. A. Erickson, state club leader, directed the discussions, which included plans and procedure for club work during the coming year.

On Friday contests were held in all subjects studied during the week, and ribbons were awarded, as follows:

Breadmaking Contest: Eleanor Smith, Erskine, first; Lydia Bergren, Fertile, second, and Elizabeth Ruther, Beltrami, third. Sewing: Edna Hoff, Perley, first; Belinda Vik, Bronson, second, and Marie Mas, Climax, third. Rope Work: Iver Paulsrud, Nielsville, first; Clarence Nelson, Gary, second, and Norwald Nelson, Perley, third. Corn Judging: Oscar Nordine, Lancaster, first; Alice Landro, Hendrum, second, and Walter Beck, Lancaster, third. Swine Judging: Ralph Pingree, Georgetown, first; Adolph Olson,

of the course. This club will have as its object the furthering of boys' and girls' club work and future junior short courses. Dale Smith, Park Rapids, was elected president; Earl Melick, Strathcona, vice president; and Vesta McCrystal, of Humboldt, secretary.

The district club leaders'

Warren, second, and Alice Landro, Hendrum, third. Dairy Calf Judging: Alice Landro, Hendrum, first; Fred Pierson, Cummings, North Dakota, second, and Oscar Nordine, Lancaster, third. Baby Beef Judging: Ishmael Rynning, Kennedy, first; Raymond Chandler, East Grand Forks, second, and Earl Melick, Strathcona, third. Sheep Judging: Stephen Easter, St. Vincent, first; Clarence Howard, High-landing, second, and Harry Confer, Angus, third. Poultry Judging: Stephen Easter, St. Vincent, first; Alice Landro, Hendrum, second, and Raymond Chandler, East Grand Forks, third. Potato Judging: Clare Sellick, Roseau, first; Stephen Easter, St. Vincent, second, and Carl Widseth, Gonvick, third.

#### SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

The past school year was marked by a serious application to study by all students. At each six weeks' period a large number were placed on the honor scholastic list. This is a distinction which is worth striving for and is an indication of an earnest desire to secure the greatest benefit from the school courses. The following students have been placed on the honor list for the final term:

##### Seniors

Earl Anderson, Crookston.  
Walter Burk, Brooks  
David Drotts, Viking  
Clarissa Friday, Hawley  
Julian Halvorson, Fergus Falls  
Eva Harstad, Fertile  
Arthur Ingwalson, Beltrami  
Iver Johnson, Crookston  
Albert Kopecky, Angus  
Clarence Meyer, Red Lake Falls  
Alma Nelson, Gatzke  
Arthur Synnes, Clearbrook  
Johanna Nabben, Thief River Falls  
Adele Raymond, Red Lake Falls

##### Juniors

Howard Balk, Guthrie  
Robert Davids, Bagley  
Allan Gandrud, Detroit  
Ebenhard Gandrud, Detroit  
Helen Gibbons, Crookston  
Gladys Gunufson, Fertile  
James Hanson, Twin Valley  
Ruth Hermanson, Fertile  
Oliver Howard, High-landing  
Bert Johnson, Kratka  
Chester Johnson, Fergus Falls  
Lester KenKnight, Clearbrook  
Harold Lee, Gonvick  
Frances Lindahl, Hallock  
Walter Luchau, Gary  
Inger Lundin, Erskine  
Lydia Miller, Roseau  
Wallace Miller, Roseau  
Emma Nelson, Gatzke  
Mildred Oswald, Fertile  
Jacob Sharpe, Shelly  
Arnie Solem, Thief River Falls  
Marie Strickler, Euclid  
Walter Turgeon, Brooks

##### Freshmen

Elmer Anderson, Clearbrook  
Oscar Amundson, Newfolden  
Marguerite Anderson, St. Vincent  
Stella Carlson, Hallock  
Gertie Dale, Fertile  
Hilda Dale, Fertile  
Maurice Harleman, Gary

Raymond Halvorson, Viking  
Edwin Iverson, Fosston  
Elizabeth Jones, Lancaster  
Ellen Lervold, Halstad  
Einar Loven, Gatzke  
Elmer Miller, Erie  
Amy Onneland, East Grand Forks  
James Skaurud, Twin Valley  
Esther Strickler, Euclid  
Cora Thompson, McIntosh  
Elma Weiby, Erskine  
George Widseth, Gonvick

#### MANY ENROLL IN HOME PROJECT WORK

One hundred students of the Northwest School have undertaken summer work at home under the direction of the school. These projects were planned by each student in conference with an instructor during the second semester of the school year, and will be carried on at home and reported at the end of the season for school credits. Eleven boys are making a practical field study of corn growing by the project method. Most of these are using pure bred seed corn obtained from the experiment station. Nine students are keeping complete records on the operation of their farm tractors, and others have undertaken potato growing, seed grain treatment, farm accounting, dairy herd management, sheep and swine management, soil fertility tests, alfalfa growing and sugar beet production.

Instructors from the school will visit the boys on their home farms from time to time during the summer to compare results and aid in the project study. Samples selected from the various crops projects will be shown at the school next fall at the third annual home project exhibit. A silver trophy will be awarded for the best boys' project completed during the summer, and a girls' project silver trophy for the best home economics work. These trophies were won in 1922 by Wallace Miller, Roseau, and Marie Strickler, Euclid.

Fifty-two girls have enrolled for home economics projects. Baking, canning, preserving, dress making, clothing repair, and home furnishing are popular girls' projects. Records of time spent, materials used and value of the products, together with samples of work completed, will be submitted to the school faculty and shown in the home project exhibit next fall.

Many interesting and valuable experiences have been relating by alumni and students who have carried on home projects in former years. Wallace Miller, Roseau, and Andrew Wardeberg, McIntosh, who carried on pure seed projects last season, entered their wheat fields in the state acre yield contest and won first and fourth, respectively. Wallace received a check for \$50 as a cash prize, and sold his carload of certified Marquis wheat for \$1.55 a bushel. Andrew received fifteen dollars in cash and sold several hundred bushels of certified seed from his home project field. Albert Kopecky, Angus, who graduated from the school last March, secured a quantity of pure bred Gehu flint corn, Minota oats and Chestnut soybeans and spe-

cialized in pure seed production. A few weeks ago he received an order for seed corn from Dr. Bauer Ervin, Budapest, Hungary, who had learned of Kopecky's work through the Minnesota Crop Improvement Association.

Three demonstration teams, composed of girls from the school, were selected to give domestic science demonstrations at the Red River Valley Winter Shows last winter. Two teams of boys who had finished farm projects gave demonstrations on corn varieties and corn testing, and on wheat varieties and rust control.

But by no means does all of the value of home project work come from prizes and honors won and by participation in contests and exhibits. The training in accuracy in keeping farm records, skill in the application of scientific principles to farm practice, and the knowledge of up-to-date methods in agriculture and home making become valuable assets of the student who carries on home projects during the intervals between succeeding school years.

#### "AMONG THE ALUMNI"

During the coming summer the school's cooperation with students and alumni will be greatly extended. A circular has recently been sent to each one offering opportunities for Home Project service in agronomy, horticulture, livestock, poultry, farm engineering, home economics and community organization. The list includes 30 projects. Information will be forwarded and visitations made by members of the station staff. The plan has been in practice among the current students since 1910, but this is the first time that the plan will be attempted on such a large scale. Its effectiveness among students has been fully demonstrated and its usefulness should be greater in the extension being planned.

The plan has several objects in mind. It will make possible the continuation of school work to those who have graduated or have had to leave school. It will make for financial success. It will give personal satisfaction to the one working on the project. It will be a means of demonstrating in the local community what can be done under efficient planning and management. Finally it will extend the usefulness of the institution to a larger number. A great many of the alumni and students are already engaged in many of the projects listed and it will only be a matter of coordinating their efforts with those of others, and securing further assistance from the school and station.

So many of those who have attended are doing things on a noteworthy scale that in the near future a list will be compiled of all those thus engaged. The list will include those raising pure bred seed, certified potatoes, pure bred stock, pure bred sires and those who have responsible positions in farmers' clubs or other community organizations. It is planned that this information will be included in a booklet, "Among the Alumni," which will be printed this summer.

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# Northwest School Commencement Exercises

## THIRTY-FIVE STUDENTS COMPLETE COURSES

### DEAN COFFEY ADDRESSES CLASS

With the events of Commencement Week, March 25-29, the Northwest School closed one of its most successful years. Thirty-five students completed the various school courses. Most of the graduates are planning to continue their education next year. Those who completed the advanced course are eligible to enter the College of Agriculture, while a large percentage of those who completed the three-year course have decided to return to the Northwest School next year for the advanced work.

#### Commencement Sermon

Commencement Week formally began with the address Sunday evening, March 25, by Rev. Allen O. Birchenough of Larimore, North Dakota. Using as his subject, "The Man and the Machine," the speaker based his thoughts on Isaiah, 10:15, in which the relation of the individual to the material world was compared. "America," said the speaker, "has set before the world ideals of service, brotherhood and the highest development of the individual, but at the same time there is danger that selfishness will prevail and human values be debased. Unless every thinking person takes a serious attitude towards the problems of the day, there is danger that our very existence will be destroyed by the same wonderful machine of science and commerce which has been created."

The graduates were urged to avoid the dominance of materialism and to obey their highest impulses with the belief that the highest and best in life can only be attained through a trust and belief in God.

#### Music Recital

Monday evening was given over to the first annual Intersociety Declamation Contest. Tuesday afternoon was the occasion for the music recital. The recital consisted of vocal and piano selections. A number of beginning students appeared on the program to demonstrate what can be accomplished even in a short time. The mixed chorus sang the "Morning Invitation" by Veazie, and the "Anvil Chorus" by Verdi. These numbers were so well rendered that they were repeated by request at the commencement program on Thursday evening.

Superintendent and Mrs. Selvig entertained the Seniors and advisors in the evening at the annual reception.

#### Class Play

The class play, "Reforming Father," was given before a large audience Wednesday evening. This was a story of the power of advertising. Incidentally, a rich man's son became interested in work and became a worthy successor in his father's business. That women have keen business intuition was also shown by Jane, the stenog-

rapher, who in addition to marrying the son, was an important factor in reforming both son and father.

#### Commencement Day

Regular classes were held until 11 o'clock, at which time a number of demonstrations were given in the Farm Engineering Building and Home Economics Hall. The boys exhibited skill in blacksmithing, wiring, rope work, and motors, while the girls illustrated bandaging, breadmaking and salad making.

At 12:30 the Annual Get-together dinner was held. Toasts were given by Stella Carlson and James Homme for the students, and by Miss Nolan and Mr. Constans for the faculty. A number of awards were made. Mr. Kiser presented the stock judging cup to the Junior team, composed of Wallace Miller, Roseau; Ebenhard Gandrud, Detroit, and Bert Johnson, Kraska. Leo LaVoi of Fosston, was presented with a blacksmith's hammer, having won the contest held during the forenoon. Athletic awards in basketball were made to William Johnson, Melvin Brustad, Roger Briden, James Hanson, Julian Halvorson, LaVern Peterson, Harold Peterson, Iver Johnson, Milo Wold, Ronald Fraser and Allan Gandrud.

At three o'clock the Senior class exercises were held, at which time both the light and serious side of life were presented. The program included greetings by T. M. McCall, the passing of the traditional key from the Senior class to the Juniors, class will, prophecy and history. The address to the class was given by H. P. Constans, class advisor. In his discourse he spoke on the aims of an education which were those that would result in learning to live a bigger and a better life.

#### Graduating Exercises

Commencement proper was held in the evening. Iver Johnson, president of the Senior Class, gave the class oration, "Strive for Character, not for Fame." Dean W. C. Coffey gave the address, "Who is Great" The speaker showed that the most noticeable factor of great men has been ability to work hard, willingness to attack tasks at hand, the development of a wholesome personality, and a desire to serve rather than to exploit others.

Sup't C. G. Selvig, in presenting diplomas to the graduates, said they were an expression of confidence and would only be given to those whose characters were worthy of such honor.

Dean Coffey then presented the scholarships of \$50 each provided by the Caleb Dorr bequest to the following students: to the Freshman having made the greatest progress in debating and public speaking, Edwin Iverson, Fosston, first; Leo LaVoi,

Fosston, honorable mention. To the Junior for same distinction, Helen Gibbons, Crookston, and Robert Davids, Bagley, tied for first place, with honorable mention made to Wallace Miller, Roseau. The award to the Seniors went to Albert Kopecky, Angus, and honorable mention to Gladys Christopherson, Oklee.

The awards for greatest progress in school work in the freshman class went to Elmer Anderson, Clearbrook, with honorable mention to Anna Hoper, Stephen. To the Juniors, Lydia Miller, Roseau, first; honorable mention to Mildred Oswald, Fertile. For the Seniors, Johanna Nabben, Thief River Falls, first, and Laura Murray, Northcote, honorable mention. The award of having made the greatest progress during the entire year among all students, was received by Walter Burk, a senior from Brooks.

The graduates were as follows:

#### Regular Course

Earl Anderson, Crookston  
 Jesse Anderson, Erie  
 Selmer Anderson, Erie  
 Walter Burk, Brooks  
 Gladys Christopherson, Oklee  
 David Drotts, Viking  
 Klaire Edgar, Bagley  
 Alma Engelbrakson, Drayton, N. D.  
 Clarissa Friday, Hawley  
 Claire Halvorson, Fosston  
 Julian Halvorson, Fergus Falls  
 Eva Harstad, Fertile  
 William Hoper, Stephen  
 Arthur Ingwolson, Beltrami  
 Iver Johnson, Crookston  
 Archie Lee, Pencer  
 Joseph Lundin, Bagley  
 Donald McCrum, Thief River Falls  
 Clarence Meyer, Red Lake Falls  
 Laura Murray, Northcote  
 Johanna Nabben, Thief River Falls  
 John Nakken, Rosewood  
 Alma Nelson, Gatzke  
 Della Nyberg, Gully  
 Harold Peterson, Bagley  
 Adele Raymond, Red Lake Falls  
 Arthur Synnes, Bagley  
 Albert Kopecky, Angus

#### Advanced Course

Roger Briden, Crookston  
 John Gronner, Underwood  
 James Homme, Highland  
 William Johnson, Duluth  
 Harold Peterson, Bagley  
 LaVern Peterson, Brooks  
 Milo Wold, Beltrami

#### BASKETBALL TEAM SUCCESSFUL

Students at the Northwest School saw many excellent basketball games during the past year. The school had one of the best teams it has had for some time. A number of the players from previous years returned and aided greatly in giving the team a good start. Next year's team should also be strong, as several players will re-

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## A VALLEY PROGRAM

Many thousands of Red River Valley farmers have given consideration to increasing the efficiency of their farming operations through reading the Summary of 1922 Results at the Northwest Station. One of the most significant parts of the circular states the plan followed by Red River Valley farmers who are making a success.

The Northwest Monthly reproduces that part for its readers.

1. Have dairy cows or beef cattle. In one Red River Valley county, the average farm has only 13 head of cattle per farm. The number should be at least 50.

2. Have a few hogs. In one Red River Valley county the average farm has only 4 hogs per farm.

3. Have a few sheep. The Red River Valley is especially adapted for sheep-raising. Wool and mutton bring good prices.

4. Have a good sized flock of chickens. Red River Valley farms make a better showing in poultry production than in the above classes.

5. Raise sweet clover for pasture. It is a wonderful pasture and satisfactory hay crop.

6. Raise alfalfa for hay. The Red River Valley is favored in the large yields of alfalfa obtained.

7. Plan to grow sugar beets.

8. Plan to grow more corn. Red River Valley farmers are buying annually large quantities of corn that is shipped in. Why not raise flint or early dent corn?

9. Plan to grow a limited acreage of potatoes. Grow them on well prepared ground, using treated seed and spraying the vines.

10. Plan to devote a portion of the farm to pure seed production.

11. Plan to grow some flax. United States imports 75 per cent of its flax.

12. This does not mean that Red River Valley farmers should not continue to raise wheat. The Valley's most successful farmers are raising wheat on clean land made possible by rotating crops. Live stock are fed on the roughage.

The Northwest Station is daily receiving letters which indicate that the majority of the farmers of this section are on the road to success.

## BASKETBALL TEAM SUCCESSFUL

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turn. Moreover, the squad was large and this year's subs will give a good account of themselves during another season.

The class games furnished almost as many thrills as the first team's games. The Seniors won the series and the school championship.

Mr. Delmar LaVoi will coach the basketball teams the coming year in place of Mr. Constans, who will enter a law school. Mr. LaVoi is a former Fosston high school star who has also played on the Minnesota Agricultural College team. All early prospects point again to a record year in athletics.

The results of the basketball season were as follows:

|  | Ag-<br>gles | Vis-<br>itors |
|--|-------------|---------------|
| Fisher at Crookston.....                 | 45          | 9             |
| Argyle at Argyle .....                   | 15          | 10            |
| Moorhead Normal at Moor-<br>head .....   | 36          | 18            |
| Fisher High at Fisher .....              | 33          | 21            |
| Warren High at Warren....                | 20          | 27            |
| East Grand Forks at Crook-<br>ston ..... | 23          | 28            |
| Ada at Crookston .....                   | 45          | 19            |
| North Star at Crookston....              | 17          | 24            |
| Moorhead Normal at Crook-<br>ston .....  | 29          | 35            |
| North Star at Warren .....               | 28          | 25            |
| Warren High at Crookston..               | 42          | 18            |
| Crookston High at Crooks-<br>ton .....   | 9           | 20            |

## WONDERFUL YEAR IN MUSIC

Students musically inclined will be interested in the opportunities presented at the Northwest School for such training. Regular classes are conducted in music. Musical organizations exist to which students may belong. In addition, those who wish to take private lessons may do so and receive credit towards graduation. Each year a number of musical entertainments are given both at the school and in Crookston which students may attend.

During the past year 70 students were enrolled for private instruction in voice and piano, while a number took lessons on the violin. The musical organizations included the orchestra, boys' glee club, freshmen boys' glee club, Senior octette, Junior Octette, Girls' sextette, and a combined chorus. This made it possible for every one interested to become a member of some musical organization.

In addition to furnishing special music numbers for school programs, the various groups were often called upon for programs outside of school. These programs were given at churches, hospitals, the Crookston Commercial Club and at farmers' clubs. The Boys' Glee Club joined with the Northwest Singers' Association in the combined chorus during the Winter Shows. One feature of the year was the annual inter-class song contest, in which practically every student took part. Each class had its own student pianist and director. This is a regular event at the close of the first term.

Miss Louise Pederson was in charge of the music. She has been ably assisted by Miss Julia Aune, piano, and Miss Katherine Kneeshaw, voice. E. R. Ugen has directed the orchestra in addition to giving private lessons in violin.

Plans are now being made to enlarge the music department for the

coming year and arrange special courses for those interested in this work.

## ANNUAL FIELD MEET

Juniors 91, Seniors 56 and Freshmen 50, tells the story of the indoor field meet held March 24. There were events for both boys and girls and it consisted of races with a number of stunts and novelty features. The field meet followed a demonstration by the gym classes. The exhibit by the girls consisted of calisthenics and setting up exercises. The boys' exhibit included tumbling, work on the parallel bars, horizontal bar and horse. Some excellent results of the year's work were presented. Physical training is given all students in addition to regular inter-school athletics. H. P. Constans has been physical director for the boys, while Miss Mildred Schenck has had charge of the girls' work.

The results of the field meet were as follows, with the winner listed first: 30-yard dash—Harry Henderson, Junior; Russell Peterson, Junior; Albert Kopecky, Senior. High jump for boys—Allan Gandrud, Junior; Arthur Synnes, Senior; Harold Amundson, Freshman; height, 4 ft., 7 inches. High jump for girls—Gladys Christopherson, Senior; Marie Strickler, Junior; Teckla Lundin, Freshman; height, 3 feet, 9 inches. Chinning contest—Wallace Miller, Junior; Arthur Synnes, Senior; Marlin Johnson, Freshman; total, 26. Rope jump—Alma Engelbrakson, Senior; Lydia Miller, Junior; Marguerite Anderson, Freshman; total, 319.

Broad jump—James Hanson, Junior; John Pearson, Senior; Joe Skatvold, Freshman; distance, 8 feet, 1¼ inches. High kick—James Hanson, Junior; Joe Degagne, Freshman; Albert Kopecky, Senior; height, 7 feet, 2 inches. High kick—Marie Strickler, Junior; Klaire Edgar, Senior; Agnes Bratvold, Freshman; height 6 feet, 4 inches. One-minute basket shooting—Gladys Christopherson, Senior; Helen Gibbons, Junior; Elizabeth Jones, Freshman; total 21.

Indian wrestle—Archie Lee, Senior; George Widseth, Freshman; Albert Kopecky, Senior. Rooster fight—Earl Anderson, Senior; Oliver Howard, Junior; George Widseth, Freshman. One minute basket shooting—Allan Gandrud, Junior; Iver Johnson, Senior; Einar Loven, Freshman; total, 29.

Girls' relay—Juniors, Freshmen, Seniors. Wheelbarrow race—Seniors, Juniors, Freshmen. Bar vault—James Hanson, Junior; Wallace Miller, Junior; Joe Degagne, Freshman; height, 5 feet, 6 inches. Crow Hop—Helen Gibbons, Junior; Anna Hoper, Freshman; Alma Engelbrakson, Senior. Rope climb—Harold Amundson, Freshman; Wallace Miller, Junior; Arthur Synnes, Senior.

Dumbbell relay—Freshmen, Seniors, Juniors. Traveling rings—Lydia Miller, Junior; Ellen Lervold, Freshman; Klaire Edgar, Senior; time, 30 seconds. Club relay for girls—Freshmen, Juniors, Seniors. Club relay for boys—Juniors, Freshmen, Seniors. Tug of War—Freshmen, Juniors, Seniors.

# Many Interesting and Valuable Activities Form School's Program

## STUDENTS ENJOY OUTSIDE ACTIVITIES

### TRAINING STUDENTS TO SPEAK IN PUBLIC

The Northwest School believes that public speaking and debating courses are among its most useful and practical subjects offered. Statements from former students and alumni verify this belief. Present students enjoy the work and some excellent programs have been staged during the past year.

The public speaking work is offered in regular classes, literary societies and in public programs. Classes in debate are held for the Freshmen and Juniors, while all classes have instruction in public speaking. Public programs are given at Thursday assemblies, while on alternate Monday evenings programs are staged in the auditorium.

Five literary societies give each student an opportunity to join an organization for good fellowship and development in public address. The men's societies are the Agrarian, Lincoln, and Pioneer, while the Sanford and Home Economics are open to girls.

Each year the men's societies compete in debating, while all societies join in a declamatory contest during Commencement week.

During the year a number of one-act plays and skits are given, while the regular school play is staged in March. Programs for special occasions call for considerable initiative by students and some excellent stunts and novelty numbers have been presented.

Perhaps one of the most useful results of the public speaking work is the ability to take charge of meetings. Students act as chairmen for all programs, and regular classes in parliamentary procedure and practice are conducted.

Practically every community in the Red River Valley has its farmers' club or organization of some kind. The training in public speaking has enabled the Northwest School students to take an active part in the local programs and in many cases they are the leading officers for the promotion of community service.

### CHRISTIAN IDEALS PREVAIL

No life is complete without consideration of the spiritual development. The Northwest School has therefore always fostered religious work among its students and has been ably assisted by the local churches of all denominations. The Y. M. C. A. and

the Y. W. C. A. are both active organizations at the school. Both hold weekly meetings, in addition to the Sunday morning bible classes. The mid-week meetings are conducted entirely by the students themselves, while members of the faculty and campus direct the bible work. Those who assisted the Y. M. C. A. were T. M. McCall, E. R. Clark, O. M. Kiser, A. H. Larson and Superintendent C. G. Selvig. The advisors for the Y. W. C. A. were Miss Simley, Miss Schenck, Miss Nolan, Miss Pederson, and Miss Kneeshaw. During the past year the boys have been studying Cutler's "Student Standards of Action" in their weekly meetings, while both organizations have used "The Manhood of the Mas-

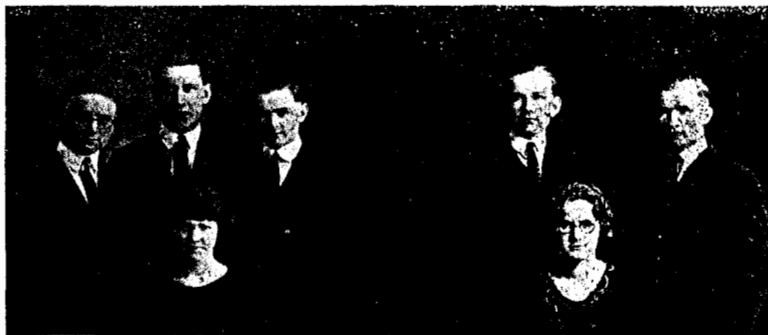
Resolved: That the Government should relieve the existing agricultural depression through the establishment of a government corporation to finance the sale of agricultural products." This was a timely subject and supplemented class work in economics and marketing in an excellent manner. The members of the affirmative team were Arnie Solem, Thief River Falls; Albert Kopecky, Angus, and Iver Johnson, Crookston. The negative team was composed of Wallace Miller, Roseau, Earl Anderson, Crookston and Claire Edgar, Bagley. Helen Gibbons, Crookston, was alternate. H. P. Constans coached both teams this year. This was the second year Mr. Constans has coached the teams and during that time the school has won all debates.

### LINCOLNS WIN DEBATE

"Resolved: That the Farmers of the United States should adopt a system of controlled production of wheat, corn and cotton," was the subject for debate among the three men's literary societies. This question has been of exceptional interest during the past

year and the debate followed closely after the agricultural conference held in St. Paul. The affirmative seemed to have the harder side of the question and no affirmative was able to convince the judges in favor of that side. Each society won on the negative and the Lincolns were declared this year's winners on the basis of having the most decisions.

The contestants in each debate were: Pioneer affirmative—Walter Turgeon, Brooks; James Hanson, Twin Valley; David Drotts, Viking. The Agrarian negative—James Home, Highland; Walter Luchau, Gary; and Donald McCrum, Thief River Falls. In the Agrarian-Lincoln tilt the Agrarian affirmative consisted of Arthur Synnes, Clearbrook; Jesse Anderson, Erie, and Walter Burk, Brooks, while the Lincoln negative was Arnold Swanson, Hallock; Chester Johnson, Fergus Falls, and Ebenhard Gandrud, Detroit. The Lincoln affirmative, consisting of Harold Lee, Gonvick; Robert Davids, Bagley, and Oliver Howard, Highland, debated the Pioneer negative, whose debaters were Howard Baik, Guthrie; Edwin Iverson, Fosston, and Lester KenKnight, Clearbrook.



NORTHWEST SCHOOL DEBATE TEAM, 1923  
Kopecky, Johnson, Gibbons, Solem Anderson, Edgar, Miller

ter" for bible study. On Sunday evenings a joint meeting is held in the auditorium, at which time an outside speaker has given the address. Each month the students present their own program, consisting of sacred music, readings and talks.

The officers during the past year for the Y. M. C. A. were Robert Nelson, Radium, president; Arnie Solem, Thief River Falls, vice president, and Andrew Wardeberg, secretary and treasurer. For the Y. W. C. A. the officers were Johanna Nabben, Thief River Falls, president; Clarissa Friday, Hawley, vice president; and Helen Gibbons, Crookston, secretary and treasurer.

### SCHOOL WINS DEBATES

The Northwest School teams were both victorious in their debates this year over the West Central School of Morris, and the Agricultural School of Fargo. The debates were held March 2, with the affirmative teams of each school debating at home. Negative teams of each school debated as follows: Fargo at Morris, Morris at Crookston, and Crookston at Fargo. Morris won on the affirmative against Fargo, while Crookston won both debates by 2 to 1 decisions.

The question debated this year was

### JUNIOR-SENIOR BANQUET

On the evening of March 5 the Juniors were hosts to the Seniors at the annual banquet. This year the Juniors had decorated the dining hall to represent a large music room. This was in accordance with the rest of the program, in which both the menu and toasts were in musical terms. Arnie Solem acted as toastmaster and called upon the following for toasts: "Time"—Howard Balk; "Note"—Archie Lee; "Bar"—Mr. Constans; "Measure"—Della Nyberg; "Chord"—Inger Lundin; "Harmony"—Miss Schenck; "Staff"—Roger Briden; "Finale"—Supt. C. G. Selvig. Music for the occasion was furnished by the Girls' Sextette, the Junior Octette and a solo by Gladys Gunufson.

### DECLAMATORY CONTEST

In the intersociety declamatory contest, held March 26, the Home Economics club won first and second places in the girls' contest, while the winners in the boys' literary society were Pioneer first, Lincoln second and Agrarian third.

Sylvia Stegner, of Kennedy, won first place with the declamation, "The Perfect Tribute." Wallace Miller, of Roseau, took first place among the boys, with Robert Davids, of Bagley, second, both using the selection, "Sparticus to the Gladiators." Arnie Solem, of Thief River Falls, won third with "President Harding's address at the burial of the unknown soldier."

The selections presented by the girls' societies were "The Leper," by Helen Gibbons, Crookston; "Ask and It Shall Be Given," by Johanna Naben, Thief River Falls; "Jean Val-Jean," by Stella Carlson, Hallock; and "The Perfect Tribute," by Sylvia Stegner, Kennedy. The representatives from the boys' societies were Howard Balk, Guthrie—"Bunker Hill Oration," Walter Burk, Brooks—"Call to Arms"; Arnie Solem, Thief River Falls—"President Harding at the Burial of the Unknown Soldier"; Robert Davids, Bagley—"Sparticus to the Gladiators"; James Homme, Highland—"Dreamers," and Wallace Miller, Roseau—"Sparticus to the Gladiators."

### PLANNING CROP ROTATIONS

One of the most interesting and practical problems studied by the Juniors in their Soil Management class was that of crop rotations. These rotations were worked out for the farm of each student and the steps to be taken in reorganizing the farms to permit of the rotation were outlined.

Comparing the present cropping system with that worked out for the future many advantages of a crop rotation were evident. Crop rotations control weeds, diseases, and insects. They lessen labor and distribute it to better advantage over the season. They lessen the risk of crop failure or falling prices. They increase yields and improve the soil.

In working out rotation plans it was necessary to consider the differing effects of crops on the soil—how some crops exhaust organic matter, while

others supply it, how some tend to cause hard-pan, while others loosen the subsoil, and how some aerate the soil while others cause puddling. It was also necessary to consider the adaptability of certain crops to valley conditions and to select those best adapted, while further selection had to be made to meet the requirements of the type of farming engaged in.

Most interesting was the working out of the size and arrangement of the fields so that they would meet the requirements of a successful rotation and fit the topography of the farm. It was a temptation to move some buildings, fill up a slough, or shave off a hill to make it easy sometimes, but no such short-cuts were permitted. The plans had to be workable for each farm as it was.

### LECTURE COURSE ASSURED

Three numbers for the school lecture course have been decided upon for 1923-24. Upon confirmation of dates these entertainments will be definitely scheduled. They will consist of a male quartette, a magician and a cartoonist. The other numbers will not be scheduled until later when the school enrollment is more definitely known. It is planned, if possible, to bring a University Glee Club to the school for one number, as well as at least two soloists from the faculty of the University School of Music.

The plan followed the past year met with complete success. Each student paid \$1.25 for a season ticket of five numbers as part of the school fees. This made possible the securing of some excellent entertainments. In fact, instead of five numbers as originally planned, it was possible to add a sixth program.

The course as given last year was as follows: November 25, Bidwell-Rice Concert Co.; December 9, The Duggins. This trio appeared in Duluth the following evening as soloists for the first symphony concert. January 9—The Berkeley Sisters. February 17, Professor I. M. Cochran of Carleton College in a reading, "The Fortune Hunter." March 3, Prof. Franz Rickaby, University of North Dakota, in American Ballads, and March 22, Cora Lanham, known as "The Sunshine Lady."

### VISITING DAYS

The Northwest School will not have any certain visiting day during the summer, but will continue the plan begun last year of having groups from various localities visit whenever convenient. A large number of organizations visited the school and station last year. The visits for most part were in the nature of community picnics, with the greater portion of the day spent in observing the experiments conducted.

The Northwest School extends an invitation to all to visit the station this summer and compare results. June and July are perhaps the preferable time for visitations. Clubs and community organizations are asked to set their dates for coming and to notify the school, so that there may be no conflict in dates.

### ASSOCIATION FLOURISHING

In a letter March 26 sent to all members of the Red River Valley Livestock association by the secretary, O. M. Kiser, the far-reaching influence of the association is noticeable. Over 2,300 individuals are now included among the stockholders. This includes farmers, business men, business firms and banks and commercial associations of the largest cities of the state. Mention was also made of the publicity given the association by the leading agricultural papers of the nation in addition to the splendid support given by the Minnesota writers. One cannot read the report without a feeling of elation and satisfaction that it is possible to maintain in the Red River Valley an organization that has grown to the tremendous proportions of the livestock association.

One interesting item in the report was that of the financial statement. When the public accountants audited the books last fall the total indebtedness was over \$26,000. This has now been reduced to \$14,900, with a considerable amount subscribed lately, which will still further reduce this total.

A donation sale is being planned for June which will have for its object the lifting of the entire indebtedness. Grade hogs, cattle and sheep, as well as pure breeds will be offered. Poultry will also be listed. A number of breeders have already listed their offerings and there is no question but that the sale in June will mark a new record for the Red River Valley.

### HOLSTEIN BULL FOR SALE

The Northwest Experiment Station offers for sale:

SIR PIETERTJE TRITOMA ORMSBY 2ND (Twin) 352994.

Born Feb. 12, 1921.

Sire—Sir Pietertje Tritoma Ormsby 276994.

Dam—Edenvale Jessie Ormsby 342622. At 5 years: Milk, 589 lbs. Butter, 7 days, 28.48.

Sire's Sire—Sir Pietertje Ormsby Mercedes 41st, 132723.

Sire's Dam—Alice Tritoma Ormsby, 221365. At 5½ years: 7 days—Milk 516; Butter, 34.43.

Dam's Sire—Sir Pietertje Ormsby Mercedes 39th.

Dam's Dam—Jessie Rosanna Longfield 88561. At 3½ years: 7 days—Milk, 459; Butter, 19.82.

He is the grandson of 41st on the sire's side. In his pedigree he has three crosses of Old Sir Pete. The average of his two nearest dams for seven days is 31.45 pounds of butter. This is a very young bull and a well marked individual. He recently weighed 1425 pounds. This bull is very strong in the Ormsby breeding on both sides of the pedigree.

Extended pedigree will be furnished.

For Sale—Charles E. Bradt, Woodside Stock Farm, Park Rapids—has a registered fourteen months old Polled Durham milking strain bull which he will sell for \$50.00. This bull traces to Imported Young Mary by Jupiter Imported.

## Personals and News Items From Far and Near

Mrs. Arthur C. Erickson (nee Ida Christianson, '14), of Plentywood, Montana, visited friends at the school on March 5. She was a guest at the Junior-Senior banquet that evening, which renewed pleasant school memories.

Nora E. Enge, '14, is teaching at Brook Park this year.

Oscar A. Olson, Angus, who attended the N. W. S. in 1915, was recently elected secretary-treasurer of the farmers' club, which held its annual meeting the first week in February.

Miss Anne Simley, of the English department, is teaching at the Austin high school for the remainder of the spring term. Her address is 308 Nassau street.

A. K. Pierce is enrolled at the University of Minnesota. His address is P. O. Box 2013, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis.

Mildred Schenck who assisted at the Junior Short Course, in Bemidji, has gone on to her home at Algona, Iowa, for a short vacation.

A. J. Kittelson and A. H. Larson spent the week of April 9-13 in Bemidji, where they assisted with the Junior Short course. While there Mr. Larson addressed the Kiwanis club, Junior High school and the Bemidji Teachers' College.

Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Selvig were guests at the annual banquet of the Beltrami Women's Club, given at the Beltrami consolidated school building the evening of April 10. Several Crookston people were guests and there were 75 at the banquet. A fine dinner was served and a delightful program of addresses, musical numbers and readings was given. Mr. and Mrs. Selvig also took part in the program.

Word has been received that Mrs. Wilder, wife of Jay E. Wilder, '12, died at the St. Vincent's Hospital on April 7.

Clarence Magnell, who was a student here in 1921-22, died from pneumonia following the flu early in March. All who knew him express their sincerest sympathy to his family who are called upon to bear this great loss.

Ed. Hammer, '16, and Rasmus Heiberg, '17, Twin Valley, visited at the school on March 7. They came down for the St. Olaf College band concert on March 6. Rasmus has a brother who is freshman at St. Olaf this year. He is a member of the band.

Carl G. Eklund, '11, is traveling salesman for a shoe firm with headquarters at Minot, N. D.

Lulu Casselman, '12, is at present doing nursing work in Minneapolis.

Thorval Tunheim, '16, is at present time connected with the agricultural economics department of the Minnesota College of Agriculture, St. Paul.

Carl Narveson, '20, who is a sophomore in Concordia College, Moorhead,

this year, visited at Crookston between trains recently.

The Crookston Times for January 30 announced the marriage of Anchor S. W. Wurden, '14, Fisher, to Nan Findlay, of Grand Forks. The Northwest Monthly sends congratulations.

Announcement has been received of the marriage of Clarence A. Lee, '18, to Inga Stormoe, Glenwood. They will be at home on their farm near Pencer. Congratulations.

Inga Folwick, '22, and Joseph Thorlison, '20, were married on March 14. Their many Northwest School friends send congratulations and best wishes.

Jennie Nyen, '15, was married on February 13, to J. W. Renbarger. They will live on a farm near the Missouri river at Charlson, North Dakota. N. W. School joins their friends in extending congratulations and best wishes.

Mrs. Harold H. Grandy, (Blanche Morrison, '16), expects to leave soon for Portland, Oregon, to join her husband, who has charge of the art department of the Arcady Advertising company of that city. They will make Portland their permanent home.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Bailey, Duluth announce the arrival of a daughter Elizabeth Anna, on April 11. Mrs. Bailey will be remembered as Ethel Kadlec, who was matron at the school in 1915.

Grace B. Sherwood has charge of the Normal training department of the Central High School, Minneapolis. This department has an enrollment of seventy student teachers, and Miss Sherwood has three faculty members in her department.

Jesse Anderson, Walter Burk and Clarence Meyer, all '23, are working at the Banks dairy farm, near Crookston.

Emil Hallgren, '18, who is just starting out on the new job of editor-manager of the People's Press at Hallock, writes that he enjoys the N. W. Monthly and wishes his address changed from Bronson to Hallock.

Wm. Anderson, who was a student in 1920, is at present convalescing in St. Paul. His brother, Herbert, '17, is stationed at the Marine Barracks, Quantico, Virginia.

Edward N. Johnson, '12, whose address is given as Strandquist in the Alumni Directory, writes that he gets his mail at Route 1, Box 10, Hallock, Minn. Edward was a member of the team from the Happy Corner Farmers' Club, Hallock, that won the silver trophy at the 1923 Winter Shows farmers' club livestock judging contest.

The editor of the personals column welcomes information regarding changes in address and any other items that would be of interest to the school and alumni.

Marie Austin, Maurice Bursheim, '21, and Laurine Severson, a student in 1920, are attending Bemidji Teachers' college.

### PRESENT OUTLOOK

#### FAVORS FLAX CROP

1. The present price of flax seed has risen from \$3.00 a bushel to \$3.35 at Minneapolis in the past six weeks, in spite of the fact that the Argentine crop is now reaching the European and American markets.

2. The protective tariff of 40 cents a bushel and high freight rates favor home grown flax and discourage the importation of flax seed for crushing in the linseed mills of the northwest.

3. Indications are that the United States will not come within 18 to 20 million bushels of producing the amount of flax seed needed by the linseed mills for next year's crushing.

#### Flax as a Substitute for Wheat, Oats and Potatoes

1. Seeding has been delayed by the late spring, which puts wheat at a disadvantage, as late sown wheat is more likely to rust or be injured by hot weather than early sown wheat.

2. The Potato acreage was too large last year. The acreage should and will be reduced this year.

3. Oats is a low profit crop. Flax could well replace a portion of the oat acreage if the crop is to be sold.

4. Flax can be sown later than wheat with assurance of good yields. Present prices indicate good returns from the crop.

5. Where the wheat and potato acreage is to be reduced something else must take the place of these crops. Flax appears to be a most promising substitute for wheat, oats, or potatoes as cash crops.

#### To Insure a Good Flax Crop.

1. Prepare the land well. Either new or old land will grow good flax if properly handled. Flax does best when sown on a firm seed bed. The seed should not be sown deeply ( $\frac{1}{2}$  to 1' inch is best). The land should be clean, with surface finely pulverized.

2. Sow the flax as soon as danger from heavy freezing is past. Early sown flax is less likely to be attacked with wilt, and yields best. While flax has frequently been sown in June, much better yields would be obtained if sown in May.

3. Sow wilt-resistant varieties, if possible to get the seed. North Dakota No. 114 and North Dakota No. 52 are fairly resistant and should be used if seed can be obtained.

4. Sow one-half to three-fourths of a bushel an acre, depending on the quality of the land and on moisture conditions. The lighter seeding is advised where rainfall is light.

#### Flax and Wheat in Combination.

1. Good results have been obtained in some places by growing flax and wheat together.

2. If sown together, 28 pounds or 2 pecks of flax, and 15 to 30 pounds of wheat an acre should be used. The lighter seeding of wheat usually gives a larger proportion of flax in the crop.

3. The seed of both may be mixed and sown together with a drill or broadcast seeder.

4. The best results will follow early seeding.

5. Since straw of the mixed crops

can not be used for tow making, the mixed crop should not be grown where there is a market for clear flax straw.

THE CARE OF THE SETTING HEN

The best hens for setting are those of medium weight, such as found among the American breeds. They are fairly persistent setters, but are not so heavy as to be clumsy, nor so heavily feathered as to make eradication of vermine difficult.

To get the best results from setting hens, the nest should be large and roomy, and not too far from the floor. A box 18 inches square and about a foot deep should be half filled with moist earth or an upturned sod, and care taken to hollow out the earth somewhat in the center. Experiments have proved the superiority of nests composed of moist earth over nests which are of dry earth, sand or ashes. The moist earth approaches nearest to nature and helps to retard evaporation of the egg content during incubation. Place a small quantity of finely cut straw, hay or excelsior in the nest. Care should be taken to see that sufficient straw or hay is plac-

ed in the nest so that the moist earth does not chill the eggs.

To test the reliability of a hen before setting her, place your hand under her. If she shows signs of broodiness and is gentle, she will not fight and flit around, but will settle over your hand. Never set a hen till she has shown broodiness two or three days and has become accustomed to the nest. It is advisable to try the hen out for a few days on china or other eggs before giving her the eggs to be hatched.

The hens should be dusted with some good insect powder before they are set and again before the eggs hatch. The nests should also be thorough cleaned and disinfected. If they are infested with lice and mites, the hen will become uneasy and leave the nests, often causing the loss of valuable settings of eggs.

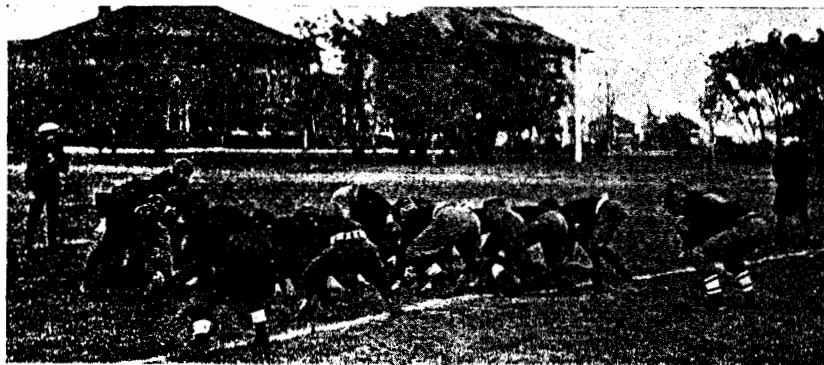
If several hens are setting in the same place, see that they are kept on the nests, only allowing them to come off once a day to receive feed and water, the feed to consist of wheat, corn and oats. If corn cannot be had, replace it with barley. If there are any birds that do not come off the

nests of themselves, they should be taken off. Hens usually return to their nests before their is any danger of the eggs chilling, but if they do not go back within half an hour in ordinary weather, they should be put back.

The eggs and the nest should be examined and cleaned, removing all broken eggs, and soiled nesting material. If the other eggs become smeared with albuminous material from the broken eggs, and this substance dries on the outside of the shell, it may seal enough of the pores of the egg to prevent oxygen entering and carbon dioxide leaving the egg and thus the embryo will die. The eggs should be cleaned with a moist cloth, but never washed.

Many eggs that are laid in the late winter and early spring are infertile. For this reason it is advisable to set several hens at the same time. After the eggs have been under the hens from seven to nine days they should be tested. The infertile eggs and those with dead germs should be removed, and the fertile eggs put back under fewer hens. The remaining hens may be re-set, which will save considerable time in the hatching operations.

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FOOTBALL TEAM, 1922

Information of Interest to Prospective Students

This issue of the Northwest Monthly is being sent to many prospective students. It is intended to be a brief outline of school work and activities which will give each one a greater appreciation of the opportunities offered.

Many do not know that the Northwest School of Agriculture is a state institution requiring no tuition. Board and room are practically the only expense. The aim has been to keep expenses very reasonable. Students bring their own bedding, but all necessary furniture and equipment for rooms are provided.

One of the greatest advantages of the school is that it is in session when boys and girls in Northwestern Minnesota can most conveniently go to school. Many are needed at home during the fall and spring. Rather than enter school late with all the disadvantages and handicaps of making up work, many give up their plan for school. The Northwest School is in

session six months, beginning this fall October 1, and closing next spring, March 28.

The school diploma is given upon completion of three years of six months each. A fourth year of six months is offered. This course consists mostly of history, mathematics and literature. Those who complete this course meet the entrance requirements for the State Teachers' Colleges and the University.

The Northwest School is centrally located and train service is convenient. If necessary, students are able to go home occasionally without much expense.

Other studies besides agriculture and domestic science are taught. The school courses also include such studies as English, mathematics, history, civics, chemistry, physics, business training, economics marketing, music, etc.

Many students prefer to attend school where it is possible to compete

in athletics. Each year there are football and basketball teams. The school has one of the best gymnasiums in this part of the state and many other athletic games and contests are possible. Physical training for all students is given.

The school also believes that school days should be happy days, to which the graduates can look back with many pleasant memories and recollections. The day's program provides time for work and time for play. On every Saturday evening some social event is scheduled. A few that might be mentioned are all-school parties, movies, lecture courses, and festivals. Holidays call for special programs and social activities.

Briefly, then, this is a state school in session when students can best be spared from home. The cost of going to school is low. A well-rounded education is possible through choice of subjects offered.

If you are interested, write for more complete information and illustrated booklet. Talk over school plans with former students and alumni. Visit the Northwest School this summer. There will be between 200-300 boys and girls attending this coming year. Plan to be one of them.