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Home Coming on October 18 will be Grand Event.

HOME COMING EVENTS

- 11:10—Special Home Coming Assembly.
- 3:00—Football Game, Morris Aggies vs. Crookston Aggies.
- 5:00—Class Reunions.
- 6:00—Home Coming Dinner.
- 8:00—Dance and Party.

Saturday, October 18, is home coming day at the Northwest School. This news should send a thrill of enthusiasm through every loyal Northwest School student and alumnus. The classes of 1909 to 1914 will be special hosts at this home coming. They and all the other classes will hold class reunions amidst the familiar scenes of their school days.

Songs will be sung, speeches will be made, student processions will take place and the great football game of the year will be played.

Eleven war-scarred veterans of football will rush in from the south on the night preceding when the team representing the West Central School at Morris arrives. They will be met on the afternoon of October 18 in mighty contest with the Northwest Aggies. The members of both teams will be primed for a real contest. It will be a game worth coming across the state to see. Enthusiasm, the organized cheering, the colorful processions, the fine setting given the entire affair at the Northwest School campus, all will join in making October 18 an outstanding day in the annals of our school.

Committees have been named from each of the first six classes to make the old grad feel at home. The members of all the other classes will also come en masse, but it will be the privilege of the graduates of the first six classes this year to act as hosts. The reunion committee consists of Mrs. G. S. Olson, Beltrami, '09; Julius Paulsrud, Nielsville, '10; Harry Hedin, Crookston, '11; Carl A. Berg, Warroad, '12; Iver Westad, Gary, '13, and Darragh Geddes, East Grand Forks, '14.

At the assembly, exercises representatives of the football teams will appear. There will be songs and there will be cheers. Mr. W. L. Stock-

well, of Fargo, is scheduled to give an address, which will be in keeping with the occasion.

Following the game the students will join with former students and alumni for the home-coming dinner, which will be served in the school dining hall. Here toasts will be spoken by the captain of the vanquished to the captain of the victors. Good sportsmanship will be the keynote during the entire day. Athletic relations between the Northwest and West Central Schools will be conduct-

NOTICE TO ALL ALUMNI AND FORMER STUDENTS

The classes of 1909 to 1914 are to be the special hosts for the 1924 Home Coming. We hope that the 1924 Home Coming day will be an outstanding one in every respect. Every member of all the graduating classes should try to attend. In addition, all former students and their friends should plan to come to the Aggie School on that day. A fine program is being prepared. The football game will be great. The evening entertainment will be the best ever.

Plan to come.

The reunions for all the classes will be held following the football game.

(Signed:)

Harry Hedin, '11,
Chairman
Mrs. G. S. Olson, '09
Julius Paulsrud, '10
Carl A. Berg, '12
Iver Westad, '13
Darragh Geddes, '14

ed to serve as an ideal in all contests that are to come.

Following the dinner, plans are made for a gala evening. The home-coming dance will be attended by all who are interested, while a regular "hum-dinger" of a party is being planned for the others. Committees are hard at work to make the events of the day of outstanding interest to all.

It is expected that a large number of alumni and former students, as well as people from Crookston and vicinity will attend the game and cheer the boys on when they make their good plays.

FALL TERM OPENS

Record Enrollment in All Classes—
Girls' Hall Overcrowded

SCHOOL

School opened on October 1 with the largest fall term enrollment in the history of the institution. There was an especially large number of girls enrolled, which made it necessary to take care of the overflow from Robertson Hall in rooms on the third floor of Home Economics Building. In addition to this, several rooms in the girls' dormitory are occupied by three girls instead of two that are usually assigned to one room.

About fifty additional students, mostly boys, who have reserved rooms, will enter a week or ten days late on account of the pressing farm work. With their arrival, last year's enrollment for both terms will be exceeded by about ten percent. Additional students will enroll later and also after the holidays, which will again increase the total enrollment to a new figure since 1919.

At the assembly exercises October 2, Superintendent Selvig gave some good advice to the new students regarding their purpose in attending school and the necessity for doing good hard work. Attention was called to the many opportunities for the display of individual talent in music, debating, in stock judging and in various other school activities, all of which tend to develop initiative and self-reliance.

On Friday, October 3, Prof. W. H. Peters, head of the division of animal husbandry, University Farm, St. Paul, spoke to the students, stressing the need of having more and better livestock in this section of the state.

J. S. Montgomery, manager of the Central Cooperative Shipping Association, South St. Paul, spoke to the students on Saturday, giving them a fund of information relative to the livestock industry.

On Saturday evening, the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. gave the annual reception to the new students. This was a very successful event which was greatly enjoyed by all.

ALL THE OLD GRADS WILL BE BACK ON HOME COMING DAY!

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THE NORTHWEST SCHOOL CAMPUS

Alice Amundson, '25.

Of all the wonderful transformations nature brings the various months, it has clothed the earth most beautifully in October. I can imagine nothing more enchanting than the Northwest School Campus at the close of a clear, warm day in October, as the bright sun sinks slowly in the distant west, illuminating the thin grey clouds which surround it and casting glowing rays of light on the immense structures and beautiful flowers and trees, transforming it all into a delightful fairyland.

The climbing vines on the wall appear brighter than ever. The buildings seem intensified at sunset by the reflection of the sun's rays on each little window pane. The large white residence surrounded by stately evergreens, and the houses scattered about the outskirts of the campus form an added attraction of color and beauty.

The sunken garden is the center of interest. Regardless of the late season, the flowers and plants are prettier than ever with their fairy-like harmony of color in leaves and flowers. Here and there surrounding it are smaller gardens of equal loveliness. They all seem like places where fairies would delight to roam.

The trees are slowly changing into the same harmonic autumn splendor. The leaves are almost every color imaginable. They look as though some little fairy had touched them with a wand. Even the trees in the apple orchard which have been heavily laden with fruit add to the charming picture of nature by showing a few rosy-cheeked apples peeping through the leaves.

The Northwest School campus is always fascinating, but nature has chosen October as its ideal month of beauty. Visitors always leave the campus with a favorable impression, and the young people always resolve to attend school here in the future.

COMING EVENTS

A series of four musical programs are being planned to be given during the present school year under the auspices of the Northwest School. Three of these programs are being planned in cooperation with the University of Minnesota department of music, while the fourth will be given by members of the Northwest School music faculty and local institutions.

Mr. Ritcher, Mr. Lindsay and Mr. Scheuerer of the University school of music will give the first three programs, which will open the latter part of November.

Armistice Day

Plans are being made for observing Armistice Day again this year at the Northwest School. A speaker will be secured for the principal address. The observance of Armistice Day at the Northwest School is an impressive event commemorating as it does the sacrifice made by eight

school team comes to Crookston. The concluding game will be with the local high school, the date for which has not yet been decided.

With a group of last year's players as a nucleus, Coach D. H. LaVoi has built up a formidable football machine which is giving a good account of itself in the contests scheduled.

The boys are all interested and are willing to do their best.

FACULTY MEMBER

UNDERGOES OPERATION

Prof. E. W. Avery, who is a member of the Northwest School teaching staff, underwent an operation at the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, on September 25, for the removal of a duodenal ulcer. The operation was an entire success and reports from him indicate that he is fast regaining his usual strength. During his absence, Prof. Theodore Long, graduate of Carleton College, class of 1924, is serving as substitute. It is expected



AGGIE FOOTBALL TEAM IN ACTION

of the Northwest School boys who enlisted for service during the world war.

Thanksgiving Day

Thanksgiving Day will be fittingly observed at the Northwest School, according to plans that are being prepared.

FOOTBALL PROSPECTS

The Northwest School team won its first game, which was with Red Lake Falls high School, by a score of 40 to 0. On October 11 it will meet the strong Warren high school team on the Aggie School campus. October 18 is scheduled for the game with the West Central School, which will also be played at Crookston.

On October 25 the Aggies journey to East Grand Forks for a game with the high school team there. On November 1, Thief River Falls high

that Mr. Avery will return about December 1.

VALLEY WILL HAVE

SUGAR BEET FACTORY

Plans have been perfected for the construction of a sugar beet factory at East Grand Forks, according to an announcement made by the Red River Valley Sugar Company, which is financing the undertaking. This factory will serve the northern portion of the Red River Valley area. It is the second sugar beet factory located in Minnesota, the other one having been established at Chaska, some years ago.

The outstanding success achieved by farmers in the growing of sugar beets in this section of the state would indicate that the sugar beet industry is established here and that

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DON'T FORGET THE FOOTBALL GAME, MORRIS AND CROOKSTON AGGIES, ON HOME COMING DAY, OCTOBER 18.

1925 Red River Valley Winter Show Plans Now Being Made.

Several committees are busily at work making plans for the 1925 Red River Valley Winter Shows, which will be held in conjunction with the Northwest School Farmers Week and Women's meetings, February, 9-13, 1925. The Red River Valley Livestock Association, through its president, C. G. Selvig, and its secretary, O. M. Kiser, will again sponsor the Livestock Show, which has come to be an event of great importance in Northwestern Minnesota. Every effort will be made to set a new record in number and quality of animals exhibited and also to win a new record in attendance at the 1925 event.

In the junior livestock division, A. J. Kittleson predicts larger and more representative entries than in any previous show. The Red River Valley Crops and Soils Association, through its president, Emil Wagner, Ada, and its secretary, R. S. Dunham, of the Northwest School, will cooperate with the Minnesota Red River Valley Development Association in holding the farm crops exhibit. Enlarged exhibit space is promised provided that the growers of grain, potatoes and corn request it. An attempt is being made to have a representative of these associations in each township, village and city in this section of the state, all of them boosting for the biggest and best farm crops show in the history of the Valley.

The Northern Minnesota Poultry Association, through its president, Dr. R. L. Kirsh, and its secretary, John Saugstad, are predicting new records for the poultry show, which is held at the same time that the farm crops and livestock exhibits are staged. The poultry industry is growing by leaps and bounds in this section of the state. The demand for stock is keeping pace with this growth. The poultry show is a very great factor in promoting the poultry industry.

The industrial and other educational exhibits connected with the Red River Valley Winter Shows are being given careful attention by Lee R. Boyd, business manager of the shows, and by the heads of the different educational departments.

All in all, the 1925 event bids fair to eclipse its predecessors both in scope and in the attendance that the event will attract.

Superintendent C. G. Selvig is busily at work in securing outstanding talent for the evening meetings. L. J. Tabor of the National Grange is scheduled for the address on Monday evening, February 9. On Tuesday evening, Fred High, community builder, is to give an address. Dr. Preston J. Bradley, of Chicago, comes on Wednesday evening. Senator William E. Borah has given a tentative promise to come on Thursday evening, which is Lincoln's birthday. On Friday evening, the Red River Valley

Song Festival will be held, with an address by Mayor Arthur E. Nelson between the two parts of the program.

In addition, day programs of importance to farmers and townspeople will be addressed by other eminent authorities and specialists. The details for these programs have not yet been worked out.

The women will be particularly fortunate this year in having more than their usual quota of outstanding speakers, including Carlotta Brown, Dr. Caroline Hedger, Georgina Lommen, Mrs. H. C. Cavanor, and others.

The Red River Valley Rural School Spelling Contest is going full blast in all of the eleven counties of the district. Nearly 200 city, graded and semi-graded schools are entering the Red River Valley Winter Shows essay contest. The rural schools are taking part in this contest also.

The Red River Valley Farmers' Week and Winter Shows have grown to be an important event in Minnesota, due to the splendid cooperation given the men and women in charge by all of the farm and town groups in this entire section. With the returning prosperity that is in evidence this fall it is expected that the largest attendance in the history of the week will come to participate in the benefits to be derived.

SHEEP FEEDING TRIALS

A lamb raising experiment with western ewes crossed on Southdown rams will be carried on at the Northwest Station during the ensuing year. A double deck car of Montana ewes, comprising in all about 240 head will be purchased for this experiment. The sheep will be housed in one of the Northwestern Minnesota Agricultural Association fair buildings, which is located on the fair grounds adjacent to the Northwest Station. Sixty-eight acres of pasture embraced within the fair grounds will be used during the summer of 1925, in addition to a sweet clover pasture on the station land adjoining.

The plan is to divide the ewes into four lots with a different feed for each lot. When the pasture season closes, the ewes and lambs will be handled in four different pasture lots and after the lambs are weaned, they will be finished for market on two different rations.

Screenings, native pasture and sweet clover pasture and alfalfa hay as well as grain rations will figure in these trials.

EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

During September, besides judging at various fairs and community days exhibits, the members of the staff have given addresses at different club meetings. Calls are coming in for speakers at farm club and communi-

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FROM FAR AND NEAR

'13—Walter Linqvist is field veterinarian with the Minnesota Livestock Sanitary Board. His address is 2841 30th Avenue South, St. Paul.

'14—Hannah Hedin was married on June 28 to Gilbert Storasle and they are at home at 545 Lovejoy street, Portland, Oregon.

'20—Milton O. Warner was married to Ethel Lund on August 26. They will be at home at 1517 10th Avenue South, Minneapolis.

20—Melvin Bengtson is attending the American University at Cincinnati, Ohio, this being his third year.

'21—George Norquist, of Gully, and his parents visited at the school on September 22.

'21—Harry Clayton Melick was married on August 7 to Myrtle E. Winjum. They are at home at International Falls.

'21—Gladys Erickson, who is studying music at Wesley College, Grand Forks, was a recent campus visitor.

'21—Martin Anderson visited at the school on September 16. He is now a sophomore at the North Dakota Agricultural College. During the past summer Martin has been taking records in the barberry campaign.

'23—Laura Murray, who attended the Bemidji teachers' college last year, is now teaching primary grades at Northcote.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Anderson, Clearbrook, announce the arrival of Phyllis Lavone on September 13.

Edwin Quam, of Trail, who attended the N. W. S. A. in 1917-18, visited at the School on August 27.

Mrs. H. O. Tellier, Farmington, who was English instructor at the N. W. School in 1910-11, visited at the school on August 27. She was impressed with the extensive improvements that had been made since she taught there in 1910.

Sylvia Stegner, who attended the N. W. S. A. in 1923-24, was married on August 13, to Aaron H. Hess, of Davenport, Iowa.

'24—Iver J. Johnson was married to Maybelle Andrist in August. They are home at 1636 Taylor Avenue, St. Paul.

HISTORY OF NORTHWEST EXPERIMENT STATION

Efforts are being made to compile a history of the Northwest Experiment Station, beginning with the agitation which led to its establishment, and continuing from that date up to the present time. Prof. Willett M. Hays, former Superintendent T. A. Hoverstad, Prof. Andrew Boss and others are assisting Superintendent Selvig in furnishing early data concerning the station and school.

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it will continue to be a profitable business in the state.

The citizens in the towns, as well as the farmers have subscribed a portion of the money required for the factory to be located at East Grand Forks. It is expected that it will be completed in time to open for business in the fall of 1925.

EVERYBODY IS GOING TO THE NORTHWEST SCHOOL ON OCTOBER 18.

**NORTHWESTERN MINNESOTA
CLUB BOYS AND GIRLS
AT THE STATE FAIR**

The two hundred club boys and girls of Northwestern Minnesota who attended the State Fair, either as exhibitors or demonstrators, carried away again this year their share, and more, of the state championship awards and other prizes.

In the demonstration awards, the Lancaster, Kittson County, Bread Demonstration team, composed of Pearl Holmquist, Ruby and Ruth Smith, competing in Class "A" carried off highest honors in that class, while the Puposky, Beltrami county, team, composed of Audrey Coffin and Doris McClellan, competing in Class "B" Bread Making were awarded highest honors in their class. Ruth Lokken, of Ulen, Clay County, was awarded the State championship in individual bread demonstration work. This honor carries with it a free trip to Chicago next December, to attend the National Club Boys and Girls congress.

Miss Cora Walters and Miss Helen Gibbons, competing in the Advanced Class Bread Making, were awarded third place, also they were declared third highest among all bread demonstration teams, which honor also carries with it a free trip to Chicago this fall. Both Miss Walters and Miss Gibbons are students of the Northwest School of Agriculture, and were trained by Miss Schenck of the Home Economics Department.

In the crops and livestock demonstrations, the Farm Management team of Kittson County, and the Sheep and Potato teams of Beltrami county were awarded first places in their respective lines of demonstration work.

Two of the one hundred dollar scholarships offered by the Minneapolis Journal to the Dairy Calf club members making the best records in each of the dairy breeds were won by boys in this section of the state. Lawrence Letness of Pennington County, was awarded one on his Ayershire heifer, and the other was awarded to Wm. Lloyd, of Wadena county, on his Jersey calf.

In the Health contest, Miss Gladys Winjum, of Strathcona, Roseau County, was awarded first honors among the girls as being healthiest club girl at the State Fair.

Every boy and girl who attended the State Fair came home with new visions of club work and a determination to do even better next year, thus living up to their club motto "To Make the Best Better."

SEED CORN NOTES

The immature condition of the corn crop this season makes the curing of seed corn extremely important. Practically all of this year's crop contains a very high percentage of moisture. This must be reduced to 15 per cent or less to prevent injury to its germinating power. However, corn which has reached the "roasting-ear" stage

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may be used for seed if properly cured.

E. R. Clark, pure seed specialist at the Northwest Experiment Station, Crookston, has outlined a safe procedure to be followed in handling this year's seed corn crop.

Artificial heat of some sort should be used, he states, as natural air drying cannot be depended upon during a late season. "Get the moisture out of your seed corn as early as possible, and then "keep it out." A good dry attic, an empty upstairs room, a dry basement, or furnace room makes a suitable drying room. The windmill frame, porch, granary, and machine shed are undependable for this purpose. Ventilation is essential—keep the windows open except during very damp or rainy weather. Fire need not be maintained continuously, but should burn for a few hours each day to keep the air dry.

Any convenient method of hanging, such as the "double-string" system, corn-tree, or wire racks may be used in the drying room. One to three weeks should be sufficient time for drying to within the safe limit of moisture. Thoroughly dried seed corn is not injured even by extremely cold weather, and may be stored in any place protected from rats and mice. However, it must not be exposed to dampness or it will absorb moisture again.

Ordinarily the first heavy frosts of autumn do not injure the viability of corn standing in the field. However, corn which has not been cured to the maximum fifteen per cent moisture content will be seriously damaged by the first zero weather, whether in the field, or husked and stored.

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ty meetings which are being scheduled for the fall and winter months. The members of the Northwest School staff aim to give as much service along this line as it is possible for them to give without interfering with the school and station work.

FOR SALE

Heavy laying strain White Leghorn pullets; also White Leghorn, Barred Rock and Single Comb Rhode Island Red cockerels. N. W. Experiment Station, Crookston.

HOLSTEINS FOR SALE

Two yearling Holstein bulls, registered, out of high producing dams and a son of the world's record four-year-old cow. Fine, growthy animals, priced low. N. W. Experiment Station, Crookston.

SHROPSHIRE RAMS

Three yearling rams. High quality. Pedigreed; \$40.00 each. N. W. Experiment Station, Crookston.

A DAY PACKED FULL OF BIG EVENTS—OCTOBER 18 AT THE NORTHWEST SCHOOL.