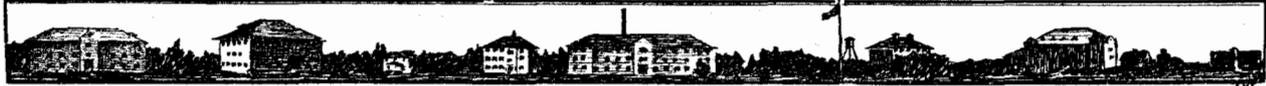


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SECOND TERM OPENS JANUARY 4

The second term at the Northwest School opens for registration on Monday, January 4, and classes will begin Tuesday morning, January 5. The term closes March 26. Classes will be organized for those who enroll at that time and it will be possible for students to complete certain courses. Due to the unfavorable weather this fall many who planned to come for the fall term will do the next best thing by enrolling for the second term. Those who plan to come should write for complete information regarding the classes to be organized. Sometime during December each one should arrange to reserve a room in the dormitory which is done by sending a deposit of \$2.00. This applies on the room rent when the student registers but enables the school to make complete plans for the total number who are coming.

FALL ENROLLMENT SETS A NEW RECORD.

The fall enrollment at the Northwest School is very large. Had fall conditions been better the enrollment would have shown at least 50 more students. Many had to remain at home to help with the work which was delayed by the unusual season.

According to the records in the registrar's office there is an attendance of 225 of which 146 are boys and 79 are girls. The freshmen class has 58 boys and 24 girls, a total of 82. The junior class is next with 44 boys and 26 girls. There will be at least 46 seniors of whom 25 are boys and 21 are girls. The advanced class is made up of 20 including 14 boys and 6 girls. This is the largest advanced class of any year and shows the increasing number who are planning to continue in school above the fourth year. Two girls and 5 boys are high school graduates and are taking special work in various departments.

MANY PARENTS HERE

A large number of parents were present for Parents' Day, November 7. Good roads and automobiles made such an attendance possible. Parents were here from Kittson and Roseau counties on the North and Ottertail county on the south. The forenoon was given over to the visiting of classes and inspection of equipment. All were guests at the dining hall for dinner. At one o'clock

a program was given in the auditorium to illustrate the work being done by the various departments.

The football game between the Aggies and Crookston high school had been cancelled by the high school during the forenoon and was thereby forfeited to the Northwest School by a score of 1 to 0. In place of this the first and second teams had a game so the visitors might not be entirely disappointed.

The outstanding feature of the day was the home project exhibit which was on display during the day and brought forth favorable comments. This was an exhibit of the results of the work done during the summer by students who were in attendance last year. Samples of work in corn, potatoes, gardening, records, sewing, cooking and pure seed were among the exhibits displayed.

FOOTBALL SEASON CLOSSES

The football teams in this part of the state had a hard season because of the unfavorable weather. In spite of this and the late opening of school the Northwest School team did some very effective work. Their record shows three games won, two tied and one lost. A large number of men were out for practice every day and a good nucleus should be on hand next fall as a result.

The first game was played October 3 with Red Lake Falls after the boys had been out only four nights. The score was 29-0 in favor of the Aggies. The next game was won from Mayville Teachers' College, October 10, by a score of 27-0. A drop kick was the cause of the defeat at Morris when the score was 3-0. On October 24 before a large homecoming crowd the game was tied with the strong East Grand Forks high school team, 13-13. On October 31 on a muddy field at Thief River Falls neither team was able to score, although the Aggies were on the 4 yard line with four downs to go. A fumble lost the chance to score. The final game scheduled with the Crookston high School who forfeited the game with a score of 1 to 0.

In summarizing the season's record, it can be said that the Northwest School has a real football coach in D. H. LaVoi who has had charge of the work for the past three years. A number of players gave good accounts of themselves and among these were Cecil Bergh,

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Snow Storm Hampers Donation Sale

The donation sale arranged by the Red River Valley Livestock association met with two snowstorms and several weeks of wet weather but came through with over \$6300.00 to its credit in spite of these difficulties. The mortgage indebtedness will be reduced to \$7000.00 after the sale expenses are paid. The interest on the outstanding indebtedness will be reduced one-half making it possible for the association gradually to pay off the outstanding obligation which is a small amount in proportion to the total value of the three buildings owned by the association. This value is estimated at over \$75,000 which for an association not yet seven years old is a good record.

The officers of the association are highly gratified over the success of the sale and wish to express their appreciation to all who helped in this cooperative effort.

HOLSTEIN BREEDERS MAKE STRONG SHOWING

Secretary O. M. Kiser of the Red River Valley Livestock association checked over the returns in the donation sale made by sales of animals of the different breeds.

Here are the figures:

Holstein	40 head	\$1727.00
Shorthorn	18 head	645.50
Guernsey	14 head	659.50
Angus	5 head	231.50
Hereford	4 head	300.00
Jersey	3 head	74.50
Market	2 head	67.50
Ayshire	1 head	40.00
Red Polled	1 head	65.00
	88 head	\$3289.50

Swine

Duroc	15 head	347.00
Poland China	4 head	107.00
Berkshire	4 head	65.00
Chester White	3 head	54.00
Yorkshire	1 head	7.00
Market hogs	7 head	100.00

	33 head	\$821.70
Sheep	16 head	288.50
Pony	1 head	40.00
Poultry	6 lots	20.00
Seed grain and hay	8 lots	94.48
Honey, flour, and Collie pup	4 lots	79.00

Total\$5173.18
Cash Donations 1225.50

Grand total\$6398.68

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FOOTBALL SEASON CLOSSES
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Halstad, captain; Oscar Forseth, Halstad; Harold Amundson, East Grand Forks; Joe Skatvold, Twin Valley; Ernest Thompson, Fosston; Richard Aakre, Thief River Falls; Walter Luchau, Gary and Einar Loven, Gatzke. A number of new men showed up well and among them were Carl Widseth, Gonvick and Chester Engman, Hallock.

BRIGHT BASKETBALL PROSPECTS

With the football season out of the way attention will now be directed at the Northwest School to basketball. In addition to the first and second teams, each class has teams. In this way all the students who wish to become familiar with the game have an opportunity to do so.

The teams will be coached again by D. H. LaVoi. There is some promising material in school. Those who were here last year and who should make a good showing in the try-outs are Ernest Thompson, Fosston; Elmer Krogstad, Fertile; Karrol Gandrud, Detroit, and Cecil Bergh, Halstad. Games will be played with various high schools and Teachers' Colleges. At least one game will be played before the holidays, although the winter term will see the most games scheduled.

MANY HERE FOR HOMECOMING

Alumni and former students for some time have marked their calendars whenever home coming events are scheduled at the Northwest School. In spite of the weather and roads the 1925 home-coming on October 24 was well attended. Everyone said they enjoyed themselves and gave every indication that such was the case. The feature of the day was the football game with East Grand Forks high school which resulted in a tie, 13-13. Everyone felt that it will be a long time before a better game will be played. Both sides played a hard game and both teams threatened to score several times which gave the spectators all the thrills they could stand in one afternoon. A get together dinner was served in the evening and a dance and party closed the program for the day.

ARMISTICE DAY OBSERVED

Ever since the first Armistice day in 1918 the Northwest School has fittingly observed the day by appropriate services. This year the program was a community affair with the American legion and citizens of Crookston taking part. The address of the day was delivered by Rev. Frank Davis of Crookston, who spoke on the meaning of Armistice Day to the nation and to the individual. The service rendered by the dead and the surviving men of the world war was fittingly commemorated. Following the exercises in the auditorium the march was made to the Northwest memorial where a wreath was placed on the monument by Harold Walters, president of the senior class. The local legion post's drum corps was present. The salute by the legion firing squad and taps concluded an impressive program.

THE THANKSGIVING TURKEY

Already one may hear students ask "Are you going home for Thanksgiving" and the usual answer is "No, I guess not." The reason is obvious for Thanksgiving day at the Northwest School is one of the most pleasant days of the year. It is a busy day for everyone, especially for the dining hall force. Turkey and all the trimmings begin the program at noon. The rest of the day is a community affair with neighbors and friends present. A play will be given during the afternoon together with other numbers appropriate to the day. In the evening the students will join the party groups and eleven o'clock will close a busy day for everyone. Classes are again in session for Friday and Saturday.

POLK COUNTY RANKS FIRST

In value of animals sold and cash donated, Polk county furnished \$2180.00 for the donation sale held on October 22. The following record gives the amount for the counties in the district: (cents omitted)

County	Donated Stock	Donated Cash	Total
Polk	\$1647	\$533	\$2180
Norman	624	137	761
Red Lake	587	10	588
Marshall	480	55	535
Ottertail	382	25	407
Kittson	291	60	351
Clearwater	270	40	310
Becker	284	20	304
Pennington	222	10	232
Mahnomen	229	—	229
Wilkin	100	—	100
Clay	50	—	50
Roseau	35	10	45
St. Paul	—	350	350

SPECIAL TRAINS TO WINTER SHOWS

Plans are being made to secure three special trains for visitors to the Red River Valley Winter Shows next February. One will run from St. Vincent on February 10, another

from Warroad on the 11th, both over the Great Northern and the third, over the Northern Pacific, from Staples on the 12th. This added train service will prove to be of great service to those planning to attend the Northwest School Farmers' week meetings.

WOMEN'S COMMITTEE APPOINTED

Representatives of five Crookston women's clubs will assist the Northwest School faculty during the week of the Winter Shows next February. They will act as reception committees and aid in carrying out the program for the women's meetings. The committee chairmen are Mrs. S. A. Erickson, Current Events Club; Mrs. H. H. Hodgson, Matron's Club; Mrs. J. F. Norman, Woman's Club; Mrs. C. M. Stephens, Legion Auxiliary; Miss Pauline Rauenbuehler, Professional and Business Women's Club and Mrs. C. G. Selvig, representing the Northwest School.

ENRIGHT HOLDS RECORD

M. L. Enright, a prominent Holstein breeder living near East Grand Forks, holds the record of being the heaviest farmer stockholder in the property owned by the Red River Valley Livestock Association, with 101½ shares to his credit. He is a member of the advisory board of the association and has always taken an active part in promoting the association's activities and in furthering the livestock industry in the Red River Valley.

LIVESTOCK SHOW PLANS MADE

At a meeting of the Red River Valley Livestock Association directors held recently, plans were made for greatly enlarging the scope of the show. Market classes of cattle hogs and sheep will be included as will a class for draft horses, both grade and purebred. Added premium money was also authorized for the boys' and girls' club classes, including dairy and beef calves, sheep and pigs.

A new plan for the sales held during the Winter Shows will be presented to the breeders for their consideration at a meeting to be held in Crookston, 7:30 p. m., November 16.

POULTRY SHOW PLANS UNDER WAY

Secretary John Saugstad, Crookston, of the Northern Minnesota Poultry Association reports increased interest in the poultry show which will be held February 8-12, in connection with the Red River Valley Winter Shows. Lack of available space has been a handicap to this show as well as to the other departments but nothing daunted the poultry breeders will use every available corner in order to surpass previous records.

WINTER SHOW JUDGES SECURED

The following well-known livestock judges have been invited by the Red River Valley Livestock Association directors to judge the animals at the 1926 show to be held during the week of February 8: Dean W. C. Coffey, sheep; W. H. Peters, horses; O. G. Schaefer, dairy cattle; N. K. Carnes, beef cattle and H. O. Tellier, swine. They will judge the junior exhibit also.

JENSON'S GUERNSEY SCORES

L. Jenson, who with his son Earl, '21, have a beautiful herd of Guernseys at Clearbrook, donated an eight months' old Guernsey bull for donation sale that brought \$160.00 when he went under the hammer. B. B. Evans, of Bemidji, who was the buyer will place this animal at the head of his herd of registered Guernseys.

FARM CROPS SHOW ADDS TERRITORY

Ottertail and Wilkin counties will send exhibits of grain, corn and potatoes to the Red River Valley farm crops show for the first time next February, officials of the Development and Crops and Soils association report. This comes as a result of favorable action taken by the county commissioners of those counties in providing premium money available for pure seed exhibits from growers living in Ottertail and Wilkin counties. Clay county exhibitors will be admitted again in 1926 as the county board of that county has decided to make the necessary fund available.

Corn exhibitors will show in two districts in 1926, according to R. S. Dunham, Crookston, secretary of the Red River Valley Crops and Soils association. Ottertail, Wilkin, Becker and Clay counties form the southern district and the remainder of the Valley comprises the Northern district in the new classification.

WINTER SHOWS PREMIUM LIST READY DEC. 15

L. R. Boyd, business manager of the Red River Valley Winter Shows and in charge of the industrial exhibit annually held in connection with the Shows, announces that the copy for the 1926 premium list is now in the hands of the printer and will be ready for distribution before the first of the year. Applications for advertising space in the premium list which goes into the hands of thousands of Valley farmers should be sent in at once.

JUNIOR LIVESTOCK AND CROPS SHOWS

The boys' and girls' club workers will participate in the 1926 Winter Shows to a greater extent than ever before according to H. A. Phlughoeft, assistant state leader of boys'

and girls' club work at the Northwest School. An advance premium list has been sent to the club members and it is expected that from one to two hundred of them will send in crop exhibits or come in person with their livestock entries.

REAPPOINTED SHOW SUPERINTENDENTS

At a recent meeting of the Board of Managers of the Red River Valley Winter Shows, J. J. McCann, Thief River Falls, was reappointed superintendent of cattle; Paul Engestad, '16, Thief River Falls, swine; J. W. Taylor, Roseau, sheep; J. P. Norman, Crookston, poultry, and R. S. Dunham, Crookston, farm crops. H. A. Phlughoeft is the new superintendent of the boys' and girls' club division and M. A. Thorfinnson, Hallock, was reappointed as superintendent of the junior livestock department. O. M. Kiser, secretary of the live stock association, will receive the entries in all the livestock classes and R. S. Dunham for the farm crops.

SOUTH DAKOTA ENTERS LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST

A livestock judging team representing the South Dakota School of Agriculture will match its skill with teams from Winnipeg, Morris, Park River and the Northwest School at the February livestock show. It is probable that the sub-collegiate class at Fargo will also be represented. Five classes of livestock will be judged by the students, including beef cattle, swine, sheep, dairy cattle and horses. The contest will be held on Monday, February 8, beginning at 8:30 a. m.

A judging competition open to Smith-Hughes high school agricultural departments will also be held in case there is a request for it. Four Northwest School teams will take part in the inter-class contest.

The farm club and township stock judging contest will be held again with an increased number of entries. Clubs or township units desiring to enter this competition are requested to notify C. G. Selvig as soon as possible in order that plans for the contest may be worked out before hand. Last year twenty-two teams participated in these contests. They judged the same animals before the same judges but were divided into four separate divisions, teams competing only against those in their class.

SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR 1926

The Crookston Association will sponsor the publication of a calendar for the Northwest School again, according to a decision made by the directors of the organization. Harold H. Grandy, '16, has been commissioned to prepare the drawings. Two photographs showing Aggie School scenes will be used. The calendars will be ready for distribution before January 1.

LECTURE COURSE PLEASES

In continuing a plan begun a number of years ago, a five course lecture program will again be given this year. Due to the increased enrollment a stronger program has been secured. The first number was presented October 31, when the Kentucky Jubilee Singers, a negro quartette gave their program. This consisted of negro spirituals, camp meeting songs, readings, banjo, guitar and ukelele selections. For over two hours the quartette kept the audience in the best of humor.

The second number will be by the Playmakers from the University of North Dakota on November 28. They will present the University play "Her Husband's Wife," a three act comedy. The Playmakers were at the school two years ago and gave one of the best numbers of the season. On March 6 the Tamburtiza Quintette will give the program. This is a group of men and women from Jugo Slavia who will sing and play instruments of their own country.

Two other programs still to be selected for the second term.

MUSIC RECITAL TO BE GIVEN

Through the cooperation of the University of Minnesota, the Northwest School of Agriculture and the women's clubs of Crookston it will again be possible to hear a number of artists who will come to the school this year. The artists who will come this year are from the music department of the University of Minnesota. The first one will be Gerald Stephens, pianist, on November 24. On December 15, Karl Schurer, well known violinist, will give his recital. Miss Gertrude Hull, Soprano, will come January 21 and the last number will be on February 18 by an instrumental trio. All of these artists will present a program at the Northwest School and another in the evening in Crookston. The students' privilege tickets will admit the students to these programs which will be an excellent opportunity to hear some of the best musicians available.

BIBLE CLASSES ORGANIZE

The students at the Northwest School spend a part of their Sunday mornings in bible study and the work of the Y. M. and Y. W. C. A. The school has been unusually successful in this work and has received very favorable comments for these endeavors. At the boys' meeting over 75 boys were present. The Y. M. C. A. also met recently Elmer Miller, Erie, is president, Phinney Stenborg, Clearbrook, vice-president, and Ray Magnuson, Grygla, secretary and treasurer. The Y. W. C. A. was also organized the first Sunday of school with Cora Thompson, McIntosh, president, Violet Lundberg, Kennedy, vice president and Agnes Forsness, Greenbush, secretary and treasurer. Y. W. C. A. programs will be arrang-

ed for each Sunday morning.

At the first Sunday evening meeting a sacred concert was given by members of the school faculty. The numbers were piano solos by Miss Tordoff, vocal solos by Miss Gurlley, readings by Miss Simley and Miss Rupert and violin solos by Miss Sherwood.

Each month the program for one meeting will be given by the students themselves which will furnish them excellent training for such work after they have finished school. At other meetings ministers and others from Crookston interested in such work will address the students. A number of other speakers are also invited to address these meetings.

Personals

Former members of the faculty, former students and alumni living in the twin cities will hold their annual get together on Saturday evening, November 14. Mr. J. P. Bengtson is chairman of arrangements and has reserved room 206 in the Men's Union at the University for the banquet and get together which is scheduled for 6:30.

George Jorgenson, '20, is recovering at Sunnyrest Sanatorium, Crookston and is looking well. He will appreciate hearing from his school mates.

Emma Nelson, 24, is taking her first year in Teachers training at Thief River Falls.

Alex Tamminen (Gust Tammy), '22 is attending the Theological Seminary at Suomi College, Michigan. Alex took a prominent part in the Y. M. C. A. work at the school and plans to return to the Iron Range when he completes his course.

Announcements were received of the marriage of Tarjie Steenerson '19, to Miss Nora White on September 19. Their address will be Wilkinson, Indiana.

Mrs. J. B. Grothe (Luella Hanson), '21, accompanied by her little daughter visited the school on October 21. Her address is now Halstad where Mr. Grothe has charge of one of the banks.

Northwest Monthly readers will regret hearing of the death of Mrs. Arthur Erickson (Ida Christainsen), '14 on October 3 at Plentywood, Montana.

Edwin Quam writes from Trail that he has been quite successful in his work since leaving school. Mr. and Mrs. Quam, who were married on last New Year's Day, announced the arrival of Alice Josephine, weighing 7 pounds, on October 3.

Kenneth Monson, '21, is still at Elmwood Farm, Deerfield, Illinois, where he is herdsman for one of the large farms near Chicago. In his letter to Professor O. M. Kiser, Kenneth mentioned that he had been on the snow circuit with part of his herd with good success.

On September 15, Irene Wurden of Bygland, near Fisher, became the bride of Alfred Torrison of Fisher. Following the ceremony the newly-

weds left for a trip thru the Lake Region of Northern Minnesota. They will live at Fisher where Mr. Torrison is president of the Bank of Fisher. Mrs. Torrison attended the Northwest School in 1914-15.

King Scherfenberg '17, spent a few days in Crookston during the hunting season. King is engaged in the automobile accessory business in the Twin Cities.

Guy Spokely, 18 is now sales manager of the Ford Agency at Sioux Falls, S. Dak.

A. K. Pierce, former member of the Northwest School faculty, is now principal of one of the graded schools in the Chisholm school system. His address is 314 W. Birch Street.

POULTRY PAYS IF YOU

1. Keep only standard bred stock.
2. Breed only from the best.
3. Provide a sanitary, dry, bright house with abundance of fresh air, and keep it clean.
4. Don't overcrowd the house, but force exercise.
5. Get rid of lice and mites and keep them out.
6. Feed for growth.
7. Feed for winter egg production.
8. Hatch chicks early.
9. Cull out the boarders.
10. Keep poultry accounts, know, don't guess.

Culling, feeding and housing better will do much to raise our average egg production. Your Northwest School can help you. Every egg added to the production of the thirteen and one quarter million Minnesota hens will increase the wealth of this state \$397,500. Let's give Biddy a chance.

FATTEN MARKET TURKEYS

The market demands plump, well fattened turkeys and prime birds bring the best prices.

In order to get the benefit of this extra price it is necessary that the turkeys intended for market be fattened by generous feeding for a period of three weeks to a month before marketing them. Experiments with confining turkeys at fattening time have not proven very satisfactory.

Before figuring the surplus of the turkey flock, select and mark the birds that are to be kept for breeding stock. To select the biggest and best, as the market demands, is sure to result in a falling off in the vigor of the flock and consequent losses.

HOME PROJECT EXHIBIT

An attractive display was made at the Aggie School when the fifth annual home project exhibit was opened for inspection to visiting parents and friends on parents' day. A splendid array of fifty-ear samples of corn, pure seed and potatoes and home economics work in canned foods, baking, sewing and design by students occupied the attention

of the judges and visitors throughout the morning. Lawrence Letness, Thief River Falls, winner of the 1924 cup, carried off first honors on fifty ears of dent corn, with Manly Larson, Twin Valley second. Loren Parkins, Euclid, won first on potato exhibit with Early Ohios.

Three boys made remarkable records with Gopher oats, viz: Ebenhard Gandrud, 115 bu. per acre on 1 3-4 acres.

Melvin Flaskerud, 109 bu. per acre on 2 3-4 acres.

Lawrence Letnes, 113 bu. per acre on 6 1-2 acres.

Harold Norseth, Gonvick, increased his yield of oats from 16.6 bu. per acre to 51.5 bu. by use of phosphate fertilizer.

An exhibit which attracted much attention was a display of red globe onions by Elmer Hedstrand, East Grand Forks, who grew 255 bushels of market onions one half acre as his home project. Walter Luchau, Gary, an advanced student and winner of the State Fair championship on dent corn for the Northern section, showed an exhibition sample of his white dent corn.

Anna Hruska, was awarded first place for best girls' exhibit on her collections of canning and crocheting.

First on canning fruit and vegetables was awarded to Violet Lundberg, Kennedy, while Agnes Forsness, Greenbush, won first on preserving and Nellie Strickler, Euclid, first on canned meats. Awards of the two silver trophies and scholarships for best boys' home project and best girls' work based upon the entire seasons' work, including the exhibit will be announced at the close of the semester.

HONOR ROLL

The following students have been placed on the Honor Roll for the first half of the fall term because of high rank in their studies:

Teddy Carlson, Hallock
 Carrie Buck, Crookston
 Ella Christianson, Mentor
 Annie Dunbar, Caribou
 Anne Flekke, Thief River Falls
 Gladys Huartson, Gatzke
 Selmer Harstad, Fertile
 Elmer Hedstrand, East Grand Forks
 Melvin Hole, Dalton
 Ben Hurner, Averill
 Frances Homme, Goodridge
 Lester KenKnight, Clearbrook
 Lawrence Letness, Thief River Falls
 Einar Loven, Gatzke
 Elmer Miller, Goodridge
 Randolph Ostlie, Gully
 Alma Odegaard, Hibbing
 Loren Parkin, Euclid
 George Røisum, Bagley
 Arthur Ramse, McIntosh
 Glenn Smith, Wadena
 Phinney Stenborg, Clearbrook
 Belinda Sletten, Mentor
 Evelyn Sheldrew, Grygla
 Joseph Thompson, Twin Valley
 Carl Widseth, Gonvick
 Harold Walters, Beltrami