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## FIFTEENTH ANNUAL FARM WEEK WAS BIG SUCCESS

Between 11,000 and 12,000 Red River Valley men and women attended the 1925 Northwest School Farmers' Week and the Red River Valley Winter Shows during the week of February 9 to 13. They were attracted here because of the splendid program and high quality exhibits of livestock, farm crops, and poultry. The fact that so many were present will directly benefit the entire Northwestern part of the state. Throughout the entire week optimism prevailed and all realized more than ever before that Northwestern Minnesota is a section of unlimited possibilities, peopled by some of the best folks there are.

For that matter, the entire state gained an opinion of the Northwest that will be of benefit to all.

Individually those who came went away smiling and feeling better than for some time. People cannot see purebred stock of such quality, farm crops, boys' and girls' club exhibits and exhibitors, hear such speakers and sing together without being uplifted. The folks back home in the community clubs and elsewhere will hear the story many times by enthusiasts who came, and everywhere efforts will be made to practice the worth-while suggestions made at the week's sessions. The result will be that many more will come back in 1926 for a still better Farmers' week.

The Northwest Monthly, in a brief article, can only touch on the outstanding points of the meetings and shows. In the cattle shows, Holsteins, Shorthorns, Angus and Herefords were represented. There were about 500 head exhibited. The swine and sheep shows were excellent. The poultry show was above other years. There were over 100 more exhibits in the farm crops department. More club boys and girls had exhibits. More farmers' clubs were represented in the stock judging contest, in which about 80 competed, including high schools, agricultural schools and community clubs.

Banquets were so well attended that at some of them all could not be cared for and the numbers limited. The banquets were sponsored by the Poultry association, the Development association, Northwest School Alumni, Red River Valley Livestock Association, club boys and girls, stock judg-

ing teams and by the Singers' Association. The latter association gave two concerts at which time the Armory was filled and several hundreds turned away at the evening meeting.

Community singing was again placed on a high standard when Mrs. Lucille Holliday Swain led the singing, after an absence of three years.

The speakers this year had soul-stirring messages and struck responsive chords in the themes they discussed. Topics that were emphasized included better farm problems, community cooperation, health and home affairs, abolition of war, education, self-improvement, return of prosperity to the farmers, in addition to practical talks on specific farm topics of interest to men and women.

### Prominent Speakers

The speakers included the following: Evening meetings—James R. Howard, Dr. Preston J. Bradley, Fred High, Dean W. C. Coffey, and Dr. Raymond Robins. Others present for the general meetings were W. H. Peters, E. F. Ferrin, R. C. Rose, A. G. Tolaas, E. C. Johnson, T. A. Erickson, F. W. Peck, A. C. Arny, H. R. Searles, W. E. Morris, Bessie C. Willis, Dr. F. J. Alway, all of University Farm; R. H. Black, U. S. Department of Agriculture; M. C. Herner, Manitoba Agricultural College; George W. Hackett, Minneapolis; Dr. Caroline Hedger, Chicago; Miss Margaret Wells, Minneapolis; Miss Georgina Lomen, State Teachers College, Moorhead; James Davies, music critic, Minneapolis Tribune; E. F. Flynn, St. Paul; Kenneth McGregor, Page, North Dakota, and R. O. Bridgford, Morris.

The first day was given over to stock judging contests. The teams included ten from farmers' clubs, the agricultural schools of Winnipeg, Morris, Crookston and Walsh county, North Dakota; five high school teams and inter-class teams of the Northwest School. In the agricultural school contest, Winnipeg was first, score, 1062½; Crookston, second; Walsh County, third, and Morris, fourth. Among the farmer clubs Joe River Farmers Club, Kittson county, was first, score 1059; Happy Corner, Kittson County, second; Angus Community Club, third. The inter-class contest at the Northwest School, the

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### JUNIOR SHORT COURSE

#### PROGRAM ARRANGED

The fourteenth annual Junior Short Course promises to be the biggest and best of all such courses held at the Northwest School. The dates are March 30 to April 4, and boys and girls twelve to eighteen years are eligible. Students will reach the school on Monday, March 30, in time for the first meeting, which will be held at 7:30 in the evening. They will all reach home on Saturday, April 4.

The expense for the week will be only three dollars, which includes board, room, movies, entertainments and excursions. The boys will study about the pig, the calf, chickens, potatoes, corn, gardening and sheep, while the girls will be sewing, cooking, canning, and doing other work of particular interest to all girls. A program of fun and recreation will be carried on, with games, songs and movies making the week long to be remembered.

Twenty to twenty-four free trips to the Junior Short Course at St. Paul will be offered to boys and girls who attend the Short Course at Crookston. These will be selected from among those who do the best work in the various classes and contests.

### COMMENCEMENT, 1925

The 1925 Commencement exercises of the Northwest School of Agriculture will be held during the week of March 22. The baccalaureate sermon will be given by Dr. C. H. McCrea of the First Methodist Church, Crookston, and the Commencement address by Principal D. D. Mayne, Central School of Agriculture, University Farm, St. Paul.

Other events which will take place during the week are planned and will be announced in the next issue of the Northwest Monthly.

This will be the seventeenth annual Commencement exercises of the Northwest School. The present list of seniors includes the following students:

Alice Amundson, East Grand Forks.  
Harold Amundson, East Grand Forks.  
Elmer Anderson, Clearbrook.  
Cecil Bergh, Halstad.  
Stella Carlson, Hallock.  
Mildred Dunn, Northcote.  
Einer Eilertson, Drayton, N. D.  
Helen Flekke, Thief River Falls.  
Oscar Forseth, Halstad.  
Agnes Forsness, Greenbush.  
Erling Gordon, Shevlin.  
Frank Groves, Bemidji.

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### AN APPRECIATION

The fifteenth annual farm week carried on under the auspices of the Northwest School of Agriculture acting in cooperation with the Red River Valley Livestock association, the Minnesota Red River Valley Development association, the Red River Valley Crops and Soils association, the Northern Minnesota Poultry Association and actively and aggressively assisted by the Crookston Association of Public Affairs, as well as by a large number of farm, community and city business clubs in this section of the state, has come and gone. It was the best attended and the most fruitful in results of all these Valley weeks which were begun in a small way at the Northwest School of Agriculture in 1910.

The faculty of the Northwest School of Agriculture and the Board of Managers of the Red River Valley Winter Shows, wish to express appreciation to all who united to make this week a success. It would be difficult if not impossible to select the names among all who gave evidence of enthusiastic and substantial cooperation. To each one and to all goes this word of appreciation.

The meetings and shows were honored by the presence of official representatives of the Minnesota Senate and of the Minnesota House of Representatives. The delegation of four senators was headed by Senator R. T. Buckler, of Polk county, and included Senators K. K. Solberg, C. H. Kelson and C. L. Hanson, in addition to Senator Buckler.

Representative J. C. Pratt, of Crookston, headed the House delegation, which included besides himself, Representatives O. C. Neuman, M. Rohne, M. Farmer, M. Waldahl, and F. A. Green.

Mayor R. H. Webb, of Winnipeg, was a distinguished visitor at the meetings and shows. In addition there were official representatives from both St. Paul and Minneapolis. Practically all the communities in Northwestern Minnesota and eastern North Dakota were represented.

Plans are already under way to make the 1926 Valley week even more educational, inspirational and effective in carrying out the aims and aspirations of Northwestern Minnesota folk.

Louise Gunderson, Gary.  
Kenneth Halvorson, Gary.  
Selma Hamre, McIntosh  
Violet Hanisch, Stephen.  
Anna Hoper, Stephen  
Ross Jacobson, Clitheral  
Chester Johnson, Fergus Falls.  
Elizabeth Jones, Lancaster  
Elmer Krogstad, Fertile.  
Frances Lindahl, Hallock.  
Einar Loven, Gatzke.  
Elmer Miller, Goodridge-  
Ferdinand Nelson, Hallock.  
Robert Nelson, Radium.  
Julius Nelson, Radium.  
Theodore Neske, Princeton.  
Clarence Ofstedal, Fertile.  
Amy Onneland, East Grand Forks.  
Lorena Quesnell, Mentor.  
Joseph Parks, Borup.  
Benneth Sharpe, Shelly.  
Jacob Sharpe, Shelly.  
Theodore Silness, Halma.  
Emma Satre, St. Hilaire.  
Cora Sorenson, Plummer.  
Helga Sorenson, Plummer.  
Esther Strickler, Euclid.  
Della Strommer, Clearbrook.  
Cora Thompson, McIntosh.  
Christine Vigstol, Donaldson.  
Cora Walters, Beltrami.  
Margaret Woods, Winnipeg, Man.  
The following are members of this year's advanced class:  
Theresa Aakre, Goodridge.  
Howard Balk, Guthrie.  
Robert Davids, Bagley.  
Myrtle Erickson, Goodridge.  
Allan Gandrud, Detroit.  
Helen Gibbons, Crookston.  
James Hanson, Cass Lake.  
Raymond Hogenson, Winger.  
Oliver Howard, Highlanding.  
Walter Luchau, Gary.  
Lydia Miller, Roseau.  
Emma Nelson, Gatzke.  
Stella Sorenson, Plummer.

### CLUB BOYS AND GIRLS AWARDED SCHOLARSHIPS

From funds left the University of Minnesota by the late Caleb Dorr of Minneapolis, scholarships of \$40.00 each will be awarded yearly to ten farm club boys and girls, to be used by them in the Northwest School of Agriculture at Crookston. Awards were made for the winter term, which began January 5, as follows:

Claude Garrison, Barnesville.  
Paul Urtel, Warroad.  
Edwin Husby, Thief River Falls.  
Earl Bengtson, Hallock.  
Ervin Wiebe, Henning.  
Reuben Anderson, Clearbrook.  
Orville Blasey, Ada.  
Monica Zurn, Callaway.

The scholarships are a development of the leadership club project which was organized for older boys and girls. Juniors to be eligible must have been club members three year, in leadership work last year, and have to their credit some outstanding achievement in club activities.

### ALUMNI MEET

The alumni association of the Northwest school met in large numbers on Friday of the Winter Shows week. After taking in the various phases of the meetings and shows, they met in the school gymnasium for a basket ball game with the first

team. Although the alumni had their old time pep their eyes were growing a little dim as they were not able to see the basket as often as the regulars, and lost, 29 to 18, in a very exciting contest. Following the game, dinner was served in the school dining hall, after which the annual meeting of the association took place. In addition to the election of officers it was agreed to stage an intensive membership drive and Thorval Tunheim, Warren, Paul Engelstad, Thief River Falls, and Nels Engen, Warren, were selected to take charge of this campaign. It was also agreed to hold a summer meeting at the Northwest School in June. Following the meeting, a dance was held in the school gymnasium.

### SONG FESTIVAL PRAISED

The sixth semi-annual song festival of the Northwestern Minnesota Singers' Association was held on Friday of the Northwest School Farmers' and Women's week. During the past year three new groups have joined the association, namely, the Fosston Octette, the Mentor Male Chorus, and the Laerken Male Chorus of Winger. This made a total of ten choruses, the others being the Bygland Octette, Crookston Male Chorus, Erskine Male Chorus, Odin Male Chorus of Fertile, Fisher Octette, McIntosh Male Chorus and the Northwest School Boys' Glee Club.

Two concerts were given by the singers; at both times the armory was filled to capacity and many could not gain admission for the evening session. The program was under the direction of T. W. Thorson, Fertile, and was especially well balanced this year. In addition to the chorus numbers by the association, solo numbers were given by the Mentor Male Chorus, the Laerken Male Chorus, the Odin Male Chorus, Northwest School Glee Club, the Erskine Male Chorus and the Ladies' Quartette, composed of Misses Dikka and Agnes Bothne, Mrs. Nora Ulland, Mrs. R. E. Buckingham.

At the annual meeting of the association plans were made to hold monthly joint rehearsals during the summer and also to meet for a summer festival, the place to be decided later.

The Northwestern Minnesota Singers' Association will have as their officers, John H. Hougen, Fisher, president; Robert Erickson, Fertile, vice-president; A. E. Morck, Crookston, secretary; E. C. Hopkins, Fisher, treasurer; T. W. Thorson, Fertile, director, and E. F. Lee, Mentor, assistant director.

### HOLSTEIN BULLS FOR SALE

The Northwest Experiment Station has three exceptionally well bred Holstein bulls that are almost old enough for service. They are priced very reasonably. They are sired by the son of the world champion four-year old cow and are out of high producing dams.

If interested in securing an exceptionally well bred Holstein herd sire, call or write to,

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freshmen won first place, seniors second, and juniors third. In the high school class Warren won first place with 1000 points; Fosston, second, while Fisher and Bagley tied for third place.

William Webster was the high scoring individual, with 387½ points. He is a member of the Joe River Farmers club. Mr. Baron, of the Winnipeg team, was second with 372 points, while Ray Magneson, junior at the Northwest School, was third with 366 points. The high scoring individual of all teams for swine were Elmer Anderson, Northwest school; William Webster, Joe River, and Hugo Wollin, Fairfax-Andover. In beef cattle, William Webster, first, Mr. Baron, Winnipeg, second; Theodore Knutson, Fisher high school, third. Ray Magneson, Northwest School, was first in judging dairy cattle, with Eldon Muir and William Webster tied for second place. Four individuals tied for first place in judging sheep and were Phiney Stenborg, and Ray Magneson, Northwest School; Shulson, Winnipeg, and William Webster.

### Special Awards

Winners of some of the special awards were as follows: Dairy herd special by F. B. Conklin, Thief River Falls, with a herd of Guernseys; Beef herd special by Monroe Bros., Warren, with Shorthorns; Swine herd special by Marsden & Son, Hendrum, with Duroc Jerseys; Shropshire, sheep flock special; A. Marsden & Son, Hendrum; Dairy calf special, Myrtle Himrum, Lake Park, with a Holstein calf; Junior sheep special, Clarence Berquist, Detroit; Holstein calf herd special, (Spaulding award), M. C. Kronemann, Fergus Falls.

### Farm Crop Awards

G. F. Peterson won sweepstakes and silver trophy in wheat; Arthur Norum, Hallock, won sweepstakes in oats; A. P. Lind, Detroit, sweepstakes in barley; Harry Lewis, Warroad, junior at the Northwest School, sweepstakes in potatoes; A. D. VanSickle, Warren, sweepstakes with ten ear sample Minnesota No. 23, and also grand champion prize in dent variety. The grand champion prize in the Flint varieties went to Lawrence Harstad, Crookston.

### Livestock Awards

A. Marsden & Son, Hendrum, won the champion prize in the ram, lamb; Albert Paradis, Brooks, won senior and grand champion prize with cow three years or over, junior champion in heifer two years and under three, while J. B. Schermerhorn, Mahnomen, won the grand champion and the senior champion prize with bull two years or over in the Aberdeen Angus class. In the Guernsey class Albert Johnson, Thief River Falls, won grand and senior champion with cow three years or over; August Jurchen, Eldred, senior champion bull, three years or over. The county Guernsey award went to Pennington, first; Polk, second, and Norman county, third. In the

beef shorthorn class, Monroe Bros., Warren, won grand and senior grand champion bull three years or over, senior champion cow three years or over, grand and junior grand champion heifer, senior yearling, while Emil Lerud, Twin Valley, won junior champion bull, junior calf. In the Holstein awards, Myrtle Himrum, Lake Park, a club girl, repeated her 1924 record by carrying off the senior championship heifer two years under three class. C. L. Spaulding, Warren, won junior champion heifer senior calf and also junior champion bull, junior calf. M. C. Kronemann, Fergus Falls, won junior champion bull senior calf, while C. L. McNelly, McIntosh, received the senior and grand champion bull, three years or over. In the Hereford class, J. B. Schermerhorn, Mahnomen, won grand and senior champion bull three years or over, junior champion bull, junior calf and senior champion cow three years or over.

### Swine Awards

Chester Whites—Senior champion sow pig, J. P. Tiernan, Crookston, and P. M. Finkenbinder, Crookston, won grand and senior champion sow senior yearling, junior and grand champion boar, senior pig and senior champion boar two years or over.

Poland Chinas—In this class Miner Helgeson, Crookston, won grand and senior championship boar, junior yearling, and the senior and grand champion sow two years or over; J. H. Sargent, Crookston, won junior champion boar, junior pig and also junior champion sow, junior yearling.

Duroc Jersey—A. Marsden & Son, Hendrum, won senior champion two year old boar, the grand and junior champion senior boar pig and the junior champion senior sow pig; J. W. Campion & Son, Angus, won the grand and senior champion sow two years old.

In the Hampshire class, J. H. Sargent, Crookston, won junior and grand champion senior boar pig and the junior champion junior sow pig, while F. T. Smisek, Fertile, won senior and grand champion sow two years old or over.

The Berkshire breeders winning honors were: Nels E. Nelson, Fertile, senior and grand champion boar, senior yearling and senior and grand champion sow, senior pig. George Smisek, Fertile, won junior champion boar, junior pig.

P. M. Finkenbinder & Son, Crookston, won senior champion fat hog, while W. D. Clow, St. Vincent, won junior and senior champion boar, senior pig, senior and grand champion sow, senior yearling, junior champion sow, senior pig.

### Boys' and Girls' Club Awards

In the boys and girls' club awards Joe Kopecky, Angus, won sweepstakes in corn and Lester Larson, Barnesville, won the reserved sweepstakes. Lester Larson won first for White Dent; Loren Braton, Barnesville, first in Yellow Dent; Joe Kopecky, first in Flint and Lawrence Harstad, Crookston, first in Northwestern Dent.

### Farmer Club Exhibit

The contest among farmer clubs was especially good and first place was awarded the Warren Farmers' Club, of Warren, second to Maple Leaf, Crookston, and third to Fairfax-Andover Social Circle.

### Complete Awards Available

Complete awards in the crops department will be printed by the Red River Valley Crops and Soils association, and for the livestock by the Red River Valley Live Stock association. These may be secured by writing the Northwest School, Crookston.

### Essay and Spelling Awards

The winners in the district essay contest for the seventh grade were Alfred Paulson, Argyle, first; Harriet Hellquist, Thief River Falls, second; Olive M. Olson, Alvarado, third. For the eighth grade, Ebba Bremer, Lancaster, first; Mary E. Anderson, Roosevelt, second; Otto Stenberg, Thief River Falls, third. Among the high schools the winners were Frances Skogen, Lancaster; Ronald Olson, E. G. Forks, and Gordon G. Hanson, Lancaster. For the rural schools the best essays were written by Harold R. Haaseth, Newfolden, Edna Nessa, Kennedy; Grace Johnson, Warren.

The 1925 spelling contest was won by Geneva Allen, Thief River Falls; Jane Harvey, Winger, second, and Norma Kiltie, Beltrami, third. The banner was awarded the Pennington county team.

### Posture Contest

In the posture contest among high schools, Afton Manion, Crookston, was first, and Vernon Astendorf, Red Lake Falls, second. Among the rural schools, Daniel Letness, Crookston, won first; Alice Erickson, Pencer, second, and Edna Volland, Crookston, third.

### NEW OFFICERS ELECTED

The Northwest School Farmer's and Women's week was the occasion for the annual meeting of many organizations interested in activities connected with the Winter Shows.

At a meeting of the Red River Valley Crops and Soils Association the election resulted as follows: President, Emil Wagner, Ada; vice president, Albert Kopecky, Angus; secretary, R. S. Dunham, Northwest School; treasurer, L. D. Foskett, Crookston. The board of directors for the various counties will be: John Dynes, Roseau, for Roseau county; William Ash, St. Vincent, Kittson County; David Drotts, Viking, Marshall county; Gust Tilberg, Fosston, Polk County; Jens Letness, Thief River Falls, Pennington Co.; Geo. H. Orr, Red Lake Falls, Red Lake County; L. A. Novak, Mahnomen, Mahnomen county; J. B. Luchau, Gary, Norman county; C. C. Williams, Detroit, Becker county; A. Trovaaten, Barnesville, Clay county, and Ole Engebretson, Clearbrook, Clearwater county.

At the Red River Valley Guernsey Breeders' Association the officers elected were: Paul Engelstad, Thief River Falls, President; L. Jensen, Clearbrook, vice-president; Leonard Houske, Halstad, secretary; and F. B.

Conklin, Thief River Falls, treasurer. The board of directors will consist of Martin Landby, Swift; Nels Palm, Alvarado; F. A. Uggren, Erskine; Stewart McLeod, Goodridge, and Harry Woolson, Thief River Falls.

The Minnesota Red River Valley Development Association elected officers as follows: President, L. Ben-shoof, Detroit; first vice president, A. E. Pfiffner, Argyle; second vice-president, V. M. Higginbotham, Red Lake Falls; treasurer, S. M. Sivertson, Crookston; secretary, W. R. Low, Crookston. County directors: Roseau, J. P. Grothe, Roseau; Clay, Pat Schea, Glyndon; Norman, Dr. Sheland, Ada; Red Lake, Henry Enderlie, Plummer; Kittson, W. A. Johnson, Hallock.

The officers elected for the Northwest School Alumni association were Nels M. Engen, Warren, vice president; Thorwal Tunheim, Warren, secretary; Darragh Geddes, E. G. Forks, will continue as president, as will William Espe, Crookston, as treasurer.

The Red River Valley Livestock Association will have as their officers this year: C. G. Selvig, Crookston, president; Frank Jeffers, Red Lake Falls, vice-president; O. M. Kiser, Crookston, N. W. School, secretary; M. E. Dahl, Twin Valley, treasurer. Those re-elected to the board of directors were C. G. Selvig, M. E. Dahl and S. M. Sivertson, Crookston. The other members are: Paul Engelstad, Thief River Falls; Frank Jeffers, Red Lake Falls; C. L. Spaulding, Warren; and C. C. Strander, Crookston. Those re-elected to the advisory board were: J. J. Sinclair, Stephen; M. L. Enright, E. G. Forks; A. J. Robinson, Mahnomen; H. C. Woolson, Thief River Falls; F. Derosier, Red Lake Falls, and Benj. Franklin, Roseau. The other members of the advisory board are N. P. Hanson, Detroit; E. D. Grant, Glyndon; L. Jensen, Clearbrook; Arthur Marsden, Hendrum, and the new member elected was M. A. Thorfinson, Hallock. William Ash, St. Vincent, was elected on the board of directors in place of W. V. Longley, and F. A. Green, Stephen, will take the place of C. O. Carlson, formerly of Crookston.

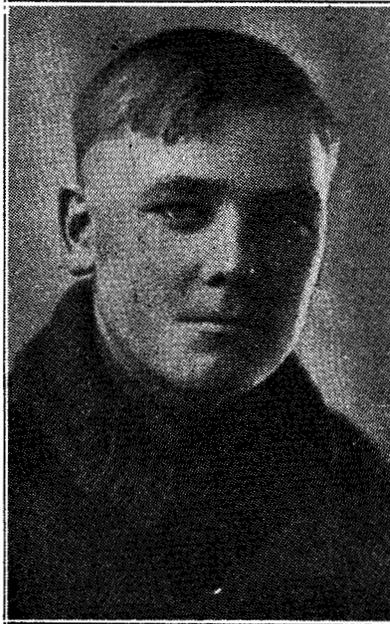
The Northern Minnesota Poultry Association, at their meeting, re-elected Dr. Ralph L. Kirsch, Crookston, as president; J. P. Normann, Crookston, first vice president; J. Saugstad, Crookston, secretary-treasurer; Wm. Munch, Crookston, and A. F. Scrimshaw, St. Vincent, vice-presidents. The directors will be Olaf Nesseth, Thief River Falls; A. B. Suman, Bemidji; Mrs. Miner A. Helgeson, Crookston, and August Aas, Climax.

#### STUDENTS AND ALUMNI WIN PRIZES

As usual a large number of students and alumni were included in the list of winners for the 1925 Northwest School Farmers' and Women's Week. The students who are now in school who were among the winners were Harry Lewis of Warroad; Lawrence Letness, Thief River Falls; Walter Luchau, Gary; Wallace Miller, Ro-

seau; Lawrence Majer, Strathcona and Myrtle Himrum, Lake Park. Harry Lewis not only won sweepstakes in potatoes but also first in the open class for Triumph and first in Roseau County awards in potatoes. Lawrence Letness won fifth in the open class with Irish Cobblers and fourth in the Pennington County award in potatoes. Walter Luchau won fifth in the Norman County award for potatoes. Wallace Miller, with his father, A. R. Miller, won first place in the Roseau County award in flax. Lawrence Majer won second in flax for Roseau County. Myrtle Himrum won the senior championship in the Holstein class and also won the dairy calf special cup in the junior boys' and girls' contest.

Among alumni and former students



Lawrence Letnes won the state championship in the boys' and girls' dairy calf club competition at the state fair last fall on his Ayrshire calf which outdistanced all others. He is a student at the Northwest School of Agriculture, whose home is near Thief River Falls. His uncle, John Letnes, is a prominent farmer living near Crookston.

Lawrence, in addition to winning state championship and a hundred dollar scholarship offered by the Minneapolis Journal, also won the silver trophy in the 1924 home project work sponsored by the Northwest School.

The Thief River Falls Tribune recently printed a story concerning his work in which the above cut was included.

the list is long. The Hjelle Brothers of Newfolden won third in the open class and third in the amateur class with Burbank potatoes. They also won third in the amateur class in Marquis wheat and third in the Durham wheat. In the county award they won first in flax, while in the amateur class in legumes and grasses they

won second. They also won third in the open class with Red Clover and second in the amateur class, while in the county award for this contest they won first place. Paul Engelstad made quite a record with his Guerneys and in addition to being elected president of the Gurnsey Breeders' Association his awards were as follows: A bull three years or over, second; a bull senior calf, fourth; a bull junior calf, sixth; a heifer two years, under three, fifth; graded herd, first; get of sire, sixth; best bull of any age, second; best female any age, first, and first in best herd.

William Ash, St. Vincent, won second in the open class and first in the amateur class with Marquis wheat, together with first for best peck of any variety of wheat. Albert Kopecky, of Angus, made quite a record in several classes. His winnings included fourth in Durum wheat, the Polk County award in oats and fourth place for rye amateur class, and also first place in the county award for rye. He was also fourth in the county award in flax and first in pure variety of oats, first in ten ears of flint and this also won the county award. Ebenhard Gandrud won first in the open class with oats and also first in the Becker county award in oats and flax. Roger Briden, Crookston, won third with sweet clover in the open class and third in the amateur class. The Amundson Brothers, Newfolden, won second in the amateur class with timothy. Ver-al Gibbons, Crookston, won second in sweet corn, while Walter Latta, Crookston, won first. Morrill Campion, Angus, and his father, J. W. Campion, won very good places in the swine award.

Their awards included first and senior and junior championship sow, two years old or over; fourth, boar senior pig; second and third sow senior pig; second, aged herd; second, young herd; fourth, get of boar and third—produce of sow.

#### DR. DAVIES' VISIT

The Minneapolis Tribune, in an editorial on February 23, comments regarding Red River Valley interest in music. The following is a quotation in part from this editorial, which refers to Dr. Davies' visit to Crookston on February 13, when the Northwestern Minnesota Singers' association gave their annual program:

"He found some capable and very enthusiastic teachers and lovers of choral singing. He listened to bands of singers approximating in tone, shade and spirit the better choruses of the larger cities, although these bands were under handicaps heavier than those ordinarily encountered in the big centers of population."

"He was bent on a serious mission—a mission of discovery that life and thought and aspiration do not begin and end with the grain field and the barnyard in the Red River Valley. He not only listened to choruses that would be a credit to any community, but he discerned a discriminative musical sense in the mixed audience to whom these choruses sang."