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## RED RIVER VALLEY'S WEEK MADE NEW RECORD LARGEST ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS AND GREATEST INTEREST IN SHOWS SINCE START.

"Bigger and better," "We need more room," "We must have more room," "How much larger can these meetings become?" and similar expressions characterized the 1926 Northwest School Farmers' Week and Women's meetings and Red River Valley Winter Shows which were held in Crookston, February 8-12. They were by far the most successful meetings ever held during the sixteen years since their beginning. Every meeting and program can only be expressed in terms of superlatives. The weather was ideal with a regular spring thaw prevailing not only during the week, but the week preceding.

### Special Trains Bring Crowds

The attendance exceeded all other years. Three special trains were used to bring in the visitors. On Wednesday the special train from St. Vincent brought in over 500. On Thursday, a special train from Warroad brought in about 400 while the special train from Staples on Friday had an estimated passenger list of 650 with almost 300 coming from Fertile alone. The fourth special train was necessary for Wednesday evening to take the visitors to Fargo, Moorhead and intervening points. Special rates of one fare had been made possible by the Great Northern and Northern Pacific railways.

### Delegations Were Present

During the week, there were official delegations sent from the commercial clubs of Minneapolis, St. Paul, Duluth, Fargo and Grand Forks. Many of the city papers and farm publications had special representatives to cover the meetings and very favorable comments were made by the press in all sections. Some of them characterized the meetings as an exhibit of the Red River Valley \$100,000,000 industry and went on to quote the official figures for the resources of this part of Minnesota.

### Alfalfa Arch Lauded

Another feature of the week was the alfalfa arch erected near the meeting places. This was a reproduction of the alfalfa arch used by Pennington County at their annual alfalfa meeting. Signs on the arch called attention to the fact that alfalfa is queen of the Red River Val-

ley and that Pennington County leads in its production. When the booster delegation from Pennington County came on Thursday, they assembled about the arch singing their alfalfa song and giving their alfalfa yell. This and other means were used to encourage still greater diversification.

### Exhibits Increased

Following out the idea of expansion, horses were shown for the first time and it was evident from the exhibits that the raising of horses is and will be an important factor on Red River Valley farms. Market classes of all kinds of livestock were also included. Expansion was also made in boys and girls club exhibits. In the farm crops department there were 380 exhibits compared with 354 in 1925 and 174 exhibitors competed compared with 159 in 1925. Nearly 200 more head of cattle, sheep and swine were exhibited and the poultry department had a correspondingly large increase.

### Judging Contests the First Day

Judging contests were in order the first day with high schools, farm clubs, agricultural schools and class teams of the Northwest School. There were a total of 78 contestants. These included 15 from the agricultural schools of Winnipeg, Morris, Park River, North Dakota, Brookings, South Dakota, and Crookston. The high school teams were from Warren, Detroit, Fisher and Fosston. The farm club teams were Red River, Hallock, Two River, Joe River, Enok and Happy Corner, all from Kittson county with Fairfax-Andover, Booster, Angus, Mallory and Maple Leaf clubs from Polk county, Warrenton Farmers' Club from Marshall, Thief River Falls Farmers' Club from Pennington and Park River Farmers' Club from Walsh County, North Dakota.

In the agricultural schools class, Morris won first with a score of 1830 points; Park River, second, with 1823 points; and Northwest School, third, with 1818 points; Brookings, fourth, and Winnipeg, fifth. There was only a difference of 12 points between first and third place. In the high school class, Fisher won first with 1128

points; Fosston second with 1020; Warren third, and Detroit, fourth.

In the farm club class, the first five places went to Kittson County with Joe River, first, with 1126 points; Two River, second; Hallock, third; Red River, fourth; and Enok, fifth.

In the Northwest School interclass contest, the Seniors won first with 1244 points, Juniors second, and Freshman, third. The high man in Northwest School contest was Alfred Erickson, Northwest School Junior from Lengby with 444 points and Phinny Stenborg, Northwest School Senior from Clearbrook with 421 points.

In the sub-collegiate school contest, Walter Satter of the Morris team was high man with 624 points and G. C. Elder, of Winnipeg, second, with 622 points. In the high school contest, Herman Moe, Fisher, was first with 404 points and Robert Hamilton, Fisher, second, 369 points. In the farm club class, Eugene Finney of the Joe River Club of St. Vincent had 420 points with Wesley Sutherland of the Hallock Club and Carl Davis of the Maple Leaf Club, Crookston, tied for second place with 399 points.

### Crookston Wins Grain Judging

In the school grain judging contest, Northwest School was first with 505.58 points out of a possible 600; Morris second, with 487.73; Park River, third, with 484.45; and Winnipeg, fourth, with 465.67 points. The winning team was made up of Elmer Johnson, Clearbrook and Lawrence Letnes, Thief River Falls, with E. R. Clark as coach. The highest individual was Walter Affield of Morris with 256.51 out of a possible 300 points.

### Evening Meetings Strong

An unusually strong list of speakers were scheduled for each evening. On Monday evening, Dudley Crafts Watson of the Chicago Art Institute discussed "Art and the Community." On Tuesday evening, former-Governor W. L. Harding of Iowa gave the address on "The Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Tide Water Project—The Way to the Sea." On Wednesday evening, former-Governor Frank O. Lowden of Illinois spoke on the subject of "The Farm Problem," while Lt. Gov. W. I. Nolan, of Minnesota, spoke on "The Duties and Responsibilities of Citizenship" on Thursday evening. On Friday evening the Northwestern Minnesota Singers' as-

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 agricultural education and home training for  
 Northwestern Minnesota.

### THE 1926 FARMERS' WEEK

February 8 to 12, 1926, will long be remembered in the Red River Valley. From every community men and women came to attend the Northwest School Farmers' Week and Women's Meetings at Crookston and to see the Red River Valley Winter Shows. Thousands came and all of them expressed the same thought that it was the greatest educational week in the history of the Valley.

It is impossible to evaluate a week's activities of this scope and extent. Its educational and inspirational influence is far-reaching and will be permanent.

To me the eager throngs of happy folks meant that a new day is dawning. That conditions will prevail which will make all happier and more content. That the spirit of cooperation and comradeship is dominant.

The success of the meetings and shows is due entirely to the unselfish efforts of hundreds who helped. To them and to all who came I send a sincere word of thanks. In united effort it is possible to accomplish all our aims.

C. G. SELVIG

### AGGIE STUDENTS WIN

Home project students of the Northwest School made splendid records at the Winter Shows in both open and Junior club classes. Lawrence Letnes '26, Thief River Falls, won second on ten ears and third on fifty ears Northwestern Dent corn and second on Gopher oats in the open classes. Selmer Harstad, '27, Fertile, third on Gopher oats, while third on ten ears Minnesota No. 13 corn, southern section, went to Glenn Smith, '27, Bluffton. Loren Parkin, '27, Euclid, won third on Early Ohio potatoes and fifth on Duroc Jersey pig in the club classes, and Carl Peck, '27, Euclid, won sixth on market lamb. Third on Northwestern Dent corn in the club class went to Ishmael Rynning, '27, Kennedy.

A number of students attended the club leaders' conference conducted by Messrs. T. A. Erickson, A. J. Kittleson, and H. A. Pflughoft of the University extension division on Wednesday, February 10. Many of these will enroll in the community service project for the coming summer.

### BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB WINNERS

There was an increase of one hundred percent over 1925 in the livestock exhibits in the junior department of the Winter Shows at Crookston. Sixty-six animals were shown. Of these, 36 were dairy calves, 15 sheep, 12 pigs and 3 beef calves. In addition there were 14 corn and 10 potato exhibits. The exhibits were of high quality and keen competition prevailed in every department.

The showing contest, put on for the first time this year, attracted a large crowd. Lewis Paradis of Brooks won this contest and a silver trophy offered by the Crookston Rotary Club. Myrtle Himrum of Lake Park gave a short demonstration in showing with her Holstein cow.

Five silver cups were awarded in the livestock division. In the dairy calf class, Myrtle Himrum of Lake Park won permanently the silver cup offered by the Red River Valley Dairymen's Association.

Russell Nelson of Angus won the cup offered by the Red River Valley Livestock Association with his senior yearling Hereford which was also placed as the champion steer of the show. Burton Finney of St. Vincent won the silver cup offered by the Red River Valley Livestock Association with his Shropshire sheep. In the pig class, the trophy offered by the Crookston Kiwanis Club went to Catherine Whalen of Ada who showed a Poland China hog.

#### Farm Crops Awards

George Gehrig of Barnesville won the sweepstake with his ten ear sample of Minnesota 13 corn. Lawrence Harstad of Crookston was awarded reserve sweepstake with his Northwestern dent sample. These two boys will receive trips to the Farm Boys' Camp at the 1926 State Fair with all expenses paid.

The first two winners in each variety will get a free trip to the Junior Short Course at the Northwest School of Agriculture March 29 to April 2. They are Loren Braaten and Arnold Hough, both of Barnesville; Clarence Mielke, Richville; Chauncey Johnson, Detroit; Lawrence Harstad, Crookston; Garwin Lundberg, Kennedy; and Pehr Granquist, Lancaster.

The same trips are offered to the potato exhibitors. George Spangrud of Karlstad, won the sweepstakes with his sample of Early Ohio. Clarence Mielke won reserve sweepstakes with Russet Burbanks. These two boys get trips to the Farm Boys' Camp. Gordon Gunnarson, Bronson; Loren Parkin, Euclid; Casper Spangrud, Kennedy; Richard Radway, Roosevelt; Earnest Wickstrom, Badger; and Bennie Burk, Brooks, get free trips to the Junior Short Course at the Northwest School at Crookston.

### STATION REPORT READY

The report of the Northwest Experiment Station work for 1925 is being distributed at the present time. It contains valuable information concerning crop production

livestock projects and poultry. Special topics included are the ewe and lamb project and potato roising in the Red River Valley.

A copy of this report will be mailed free to anyone upon application. Address Northwest Experiment Station, Crookston.

### PERSONALS

Helge Krogseng, '16 is planning to visit the United States this summer. Helge is now secretary of the American Legation in Finland.

"A better community, better homes—A brighter future for the family" is the slogan of the annual report of the Dorchester-Marathon Cow Testing Association compiled by Leland Lincoln '21. Not only is it a complete report but contains much valuable information to the members of the association.

Esther Pearson, '16 is now Mrs. Edwin Michmershuizen, Granite Falls.

Harold Grandy, '15 is beginning his third year in Portland, Oregon as manager of his own engraving establishment. Harold has recently completed the art work for the 1926 Red River Aggie.

Thorval Tunheim, '16 has recently resigned his position as city editor of the Crookston Times and has accepted a position on one of the daily papers in Pasadena, California.

Amy, Onneland, '25 and Johanna Nabben, '24 are completing their 4th year in the Grand Forks high school.

Alice Amundson, '25 is doing stenographic work in Minneapolis. Her address is Berkeley Club, Minneapolis.

Morril Campion, '20 was a member of the stock judging team of The University of Minnesota that competed at the Chicago International in December. Morrill will graduate from the College of Agriculture this spring.

Frank Short and Gertrude Pulkraek, '24 were married November 10, 1925. Frank was also a former student at the Northwest School.

### Holstein Bulls For Sale

Your choice from six splendid sons of Pietertje Mamsell Ormsby 353486, a grandson of old "Sir Piet," the most outstanding bull of the Holstein breed, and out of the dam Mamsell Johanna 390124 with a world's record as a junior four year old for 365 days of 1317 pounds of butter. They were born from August 23 to October 12, 1925. Prices range from \$100 to \$200, depending upon the dam's record. If you need a high class sire, come and look them over. Northwest Experiment Station, Crookston.

### Shorthorn Bull for Sale

Shorthorn bull, roan color. Calved Feb. 12, 1925. A well bred beef strain. N. W. Station, Crookston.

### BOYS WANT JOBS

Several of the young men attending the Northwest School this term wish to secure work this coming season. Write Mr. Selvig for their names.

## RED RIVER VALLEY'S BIGGEST WEEK

sociation, under the direction of T. W. Thorson of Fertile, presented the program.

### Music Prominent

Music was the pronounced feature of the evening programs with bands, orchestras, quartettes and other group numbers. Band concerts preceded each program, the first four nights and were given by the Crookston Municipal Band and the Crookston Juvenile Band, the Beltrami and Ada bands, all under the direction of H. L. Smith of Crookston. Group organizations consisted of a ladies' trio, the members of which were Misses Ruth Gurley, Esther Latteral, Mrs. Nora B. Ulland; rustic quartette made up of Ann Flekke, Doris Olson, Joe Skatvold and Einar Loven of the Northwest School; a black-faced quartette consisting of Messrs. C. L. Oppegard, L. A. Smith, L. S. Miller and J. L. Gavin; a ladies' quartette with Miss Myrtle Hovland, Mrs. O. W. Peterson, Miss Cora Mellum, Mrs. Edith Keefe as members; Scandinavian quartette made up of Mrs. E. B. Canaan, Mrs. N. A. Thorson, N. A. Thorson and T. W. Thorson; and a Scotch quartette consisting of Miss Ruth Gurley, Mrs. R. E. Buckingham, C. L. Oppegard and Mickle Bang.

Mrs. Mildred Langtry Meland of St. Paul, formerly of Warren, gave a recital on Thursday evening while the Choral Group of the Moorhead Music Club were on the program Wednesday evening. Their director D. C. Preston sang two solos.

Mrs. W. A. Nebelung and Miss Reefa Tordoff gave pipe organ recitals at the women's meetings while the accompanists for the various programs were Miss Reefa Tordoff, Mrs. J. Leo Gavin, and Mrs. Clarence Larson. The community singing for the women's meetings was directed by Mrs. C. Merriam Stephens and Miss Ruth Gurley while A. H. Larson of the Northwest School directed the community singing for the evening meetings. The Crookston high school glee club was on the program Friday.

### Song Festival Appreciated

The festival chorus consisting of 150 singers with an orchestra from Fertile of over 20 pieces gave one of their best concerts. This was the eighth semi-annual song festival under the direction of T. W. Thorson. Space will not permit an adequate account of the program which was given both afternoon and evening to a capacity house. The program included six numbers by the festival chorus in which such numbers were sung as "The Old, Old Love," "Song of the Vikings," "The Deathless Army," "Love's Old Sweet Song," with Mrs. Nora B. Ulland, soloist and "Glorious Forever," by Rachmaninoff. Nationality songs included Negro songs, French, German, Norwegian, Irish, Swedish, and songs of Holland.

### Day Meetings Well Attended

During the forenoon and afternoon regular classes and demonstrations were held dealing with farm crops, farm mechanics, livestock, poultry, sugar beets, fruits, potatoes, bee keeping, marketing and feeding. Among the speakers for these programs were O. S. Aamodt, St. Paul; A. G. Tolaas, St. Paul; E. R. Clark, R. S. Dunham, O. M. Kiser, A. M. Foker, D. A. Milligan, D. H. Lavoi; H. A. Pflughoeff and C. G. Selvig of the Northwest School; A. C. Army, St. Paul; W. H. Peters, St. Paul; N. K. Carnes, St. Paul; E. W. Schuster, Crookston; Prof. Fr. Jaeger, St. Paul; N. E. Chapman, St. Paul; R. E. Geiger; W. R. Page, Grand Forks; Dean W. C. Coffey, St. Paul; Joseph Berg, Warren; A. G. McGuire, St. Paul; Dr. Harry Hedin, Crookston; Geo. W.

### AN APPRECIATION

To the Red River Valley  
Livestock Association:

We, the boys' and girls' club exhibitors, wish to thank you for serving the fine banquet at the Winter Shows. We feel that it did much toward making our stay pleasanter in that it gave us an opportunity to become better acquainted early in the week with our own members and those associated with the Winter Shows.

We also wish to thank the Association for paying our railroad fares and for furnishing the feed and bedding for our livestock and for the many other courtesies to us during the week.

We feel that this show encourages boys and girls in their club work, and it is a great incentive for them to get better livestock and to take better care of them.

#### COMMITTEE:

Myrtle Himrum  
Natalie Woolson  
Lawrence Letnes  
Johnny Meyer

Hackett, Minneapolis; P. B. Malberg, Thief River Falls; L. Houske, Halstad; L. E. Fink, East Grand Forks; F. W. Murphy, Wheaton; A. M. Pilkey, Northwest School, and A. V. Dahlberg of the American Beet Sugar Company.

### Women's Meetings Popular

Every meeting for the women was attended by large groups, both forenoon and afternoon. The speakers on this year's programs included Dudley Crafts Watson; Dean W. C. Coffey, former-Governor Frank O. Lowden, Lieut. Gov. W. I. Nolan, Miss Anna Swenson, state department of Education; Miss Mary L. Bull, University of Minnesota; Mrs. Agnes M. Fryberger; Miss Ruth Raymond;

Miss Louise Landis, also of the University of Minnesota; Miss Fanny B. Lippitt and Miss Laura Gerber of the Northwest School. Particular attention was given this year to colors, color schemes, batik, dyeing and correct forms of dress.

### Lincoln's Birthday Observed

On Friday afternoon, an impressive observance of Lincoln's birthday was held in the Methodist Church with Hon. F. W. Murphy of Wheaton as the principal speaker. Mr. Murphy outlined the principal events in the life of Lincoln and showed the effects of that noble life on America. A number of appropriate epigrams were presented by students of the Crookston schools.

### Ottertail County Wins Spelling Contest.

Thirteen counties competed in the Red River Valley rural school spelling contest which was in charge of Miss Anne Simley of the Northwest School. Ottertail County team composed of Martha Stone and James McGuire of Fergus Falls won first and also the pennant; Red Lake County, second; and Polk County won third. The highest score was made by Lorraine Malwitz of Red Lake Falls with James McGuire, second, and Martha Stone, third.

### Polk County Wins Posture Contest

The awards of the posture contest which was under the direction of Paul Schmidt of the Crookston high school are as follows: Forrest Monson, District 238, Polk County, first; Lillian Hetland, District 10, Norman County, second; Alice Demarais, District 45, Polk County, third. Independent District, Jane Quam, Crookston high school, first prize.

### Many Banquets Held

Banquets and dinner meetings of various organizations were held by the groups during the week. On Monday evening, a banquet was given for the boys and girls club members and the various judging teams. On Tuesday, the Red River Valley Crops and Soils association held their dinner. On Wednesday, a banquet was served at noon with former-Governor Frank O. Lowden as the honor guest. On Thursday, the Red River Valley Development association met for a dinner meeting while a banquet was given the singers association on Friday. Complimentary dinners were also held for the speakers of the women's meetings while the poultry association also had a banquet.

### Pioneer Honored

The influence and worth of the Red River pioneer was brought to the attention of the visitors at the Winter Shows when Peter Engelstad, prominent pioneer farmer of Pennington county was introduced on Wednesday evening by Superintendent C. G. Selvig. The life of Mr. Engelstad had previously been reviewed in an article by a prominent American magazine.

**Awards**

A detailed summary of the awards will be issued in separate publications, which can be secured by writing the Northwest School, Crookston. In the special trophies and awards made, the Joe River Club of Kittson County won the stock judging cup for the third time and thereby receive permanent possession of the cup. The dairy calf special award offered by the Red River Valley Dairymen's association goes permanently to Myrtle Himrum, Lake Park, who has won this for the third year. Catherine Whalen, Ada, won the silver sup for the best boys and girls club pig; Russell Nelson, Angus, silver cup for the best boys and girls club beef calf; and Louis Paradis, Brooks, for the best in the boys and girls club showing contest.

**Livestock Awards**

Champion beef herd award was won by Monroe Bros., Warren; the champion dairy herd cup by C. L. Spaulding, Warren; best Holstein calf herd by C. L. McNelly, McIntosh; best sheep flock by A. Marsden and Son, Hendrum; best swine herd by Riverside Farm, Stephen.

**Guernseys**—Senior and grand champion bull, Stuart McLeod, Goodridge; Junior champion bull, Albert Johnson, T. R. Falls; Senior and grand champion cow, Albert Johnson, Thief River Falls; Junior champion cow, F. B. Conklin, Thief River Falls.

**Ayrshires**—Lawrence Letnes, Thief River Falls, won Junior and grand champion heifer and Junior and grand champion bull in the Ayrshire class.

**Milking Shorthorn**—Senior bull calf, won by M. A. Helgeson, Crookston.

**Shorthorns**—Senior and grand champion bull, Monroe Brothers, Warren; Junior champion bull, Emil Lerud, Twin Valley; Senior and Junior champion cow, Monroe Bros. Warren; Junior and grand champion heifer, El Tovar Farm, Twin Valley.

**Holsteins**—Senior and grand championships, both sexes, C. L. Spaulding, Warren; Junior champion bull, M. L. Enright, East Grand Forks; Junior champion heifer, C. L. McNelly, McIntosh.

**Herefords**—All the championships in this class were won by the Schermerhorn Farm, Mahnomen.

**Aberdeen-Angus**—Senior and grand champion bull, Earl Naugle, Ada; Junior champion bull, Albert Paradis, Brooks; championship female awards won by Schermerhorn Farm, Mahnomen.

**Swine Awards**

**Yorkshires**—All the championships won by Schermerhorn Farm, Mahnomen.

**Hampshires**—F. T. Smisek, Fertile, won all championships.

**Berkshires**—Senior and grand champion boar nad sow, Lloyd Morvig, Fertile; Junior champion, both classes, Nels E. Nelson, Fertile.

**Duroc Jerseys**—Senior and grand champion, both sexes, Riverside Farm, Stephen; Junior champion boar, A. Marsden and Son, Hendrum;

Junior champion sow, C. O. Quist, Crookston.

**Poland Chinas**—Senior and grand champion boar, A. S. Albertson, Fargo, North Dakota; Junior champion boar, J. H. Sargent, Crookston; Senior and grand champion sow, Miner Helgeson, Crookston; Junior champion sow, J. H. Sargent, Crookston.

**Chester Whites**—P. M. Finkenbinder, Crookston, won the championship awards in this class.

**Horses**

L. Capistran, Crookston, showed champion gelding in the grade draft horse division; B. Capistran, Crookston, showed first prize purebred stallion and mare.

**Sheep**

Champion ram and ewe, A. Marsden and Son, Hendrum.

**Poultry**

Champion cock, Mrs. Miner A. Helgeson, Crookston, on Rhode Island Reds; Champion hen, Mrs. Florence Suman, Hines, on Buff Orphingtons; Champion cockerel, A. A. Gillespie, Minto, No. Dakota, on Barred Rocks; champion pullet, H. W. Boltman, Crookston, on Single Comb Rhode Island Reds; champion pen, Mrs. Florence Suman, on Buff Orphingtons; best dozen eggs, Alfred Malmberg, Crookston.

**Grain and Crops Awards**

Potato sweepstakes, H. E. Sanders, Warroad, on Triumph; grand champion dent corn, northern section, William Huggins, Jr., East Grand Forks; grand champion flint corn, northern section, Ole Nerall, Warren; grand champion dent corn, southern section, C. C. Williams, Detroit; sweepstakes, C. C. Williams, Detroit.

John Christianson, Fergus Falls, won sweepstakes and silver trophy with a sample of Marquis wheat; Arthur Norum, Hallock, won sweepstakes in oats; W. H. Kile, won sweepstakes for the best peck of barley.

**Farmers' Club Awards in Grain**

Maple Leaf Farmers Club, Crookston, first and silver cup; Warrenton Club, Warren, second; Fairfax-Andover Club, Crookston, third; Red River Farmers' Club, and Two River Club, both of Hallock, fourth and fifth.

**Holstein Sale Brings High Prices**

The purebred Holstein sale held on Thursday was well attended with an average price paid of \$135.00 to \$139.00. The highest price was paid for a six-year old cow from the Spaulding Farm of Warren purchased by the F. E. Murphy Farm, Breckenridge, at \$590.00.

**Associations Elect Officers**

Several associations held their annual meeting with election of officers. The Red River Valley Holstein association is the new group to be organized and elected officers as follows: Joe Berg, Warren, president; Charles Wright, Fergus Falls, secretary; directors, Wm. Sugden, Kittson County; Art Sommers, Marshall; J. W. Taylor, Roseau; Hans Anton, Pennington; M. L. Enright, and C. L. Cronquist, Polk; F. Derosier, Red

Lake; Erick Widseth, Clearwater; Victor Dryden, Mahnomen; Ed. Carmen, Norman; Andrew Dahlen, Becker.

The Red River Valley Livestock association re-elected their officers with C. G. Selvig, president; Frank Jeffers, vice-president; O. M. Kiser, secretary; M. E. Dahl, treasurer.

The Red River Valley Guernsey Breeders' association re-elected officers and set June 10 for their annual sale at Thief River Falls. The officers are Paul Engelstad, president; L. Jensen, vice-president; Leonard Houske, secretary-treasurer.

Northwestern Singers' association, A. E. Morck was elected president; Ole Snustad, vice-president; N. A. Thorson, secretary; George A. Beito, treasurer; T. W. Thorson, director; Fred Hirsch, Fosston, ass't director.

Minnesota Red River Valley Development association elected officers as follows: A. E. Pfiffner, Argyle, president; V. M. Higginbotham, Red Lake Falls, first vice-president; A. J. Robinson, Mahnomen, second vice-president; W. R. Low, Crookston, re-elected secretary; and S. M. Sivertson, re-elected treasurer.

**PEDIGREED SEED IN DEMAND**

One hundred and four orders for pedigreed seed grain have been accepted up to February 15 by the pure seed department of the experiment station and scores of checks have returned to growers applying for seed after the available stock was exhausted. Requests for Velvet (Minnesota No. 447) barley, the smooth-awned variety first offered this season, outnumbered all others. Gopher oats, an early, high-yielding variety distributed last year is again in great demand.

The popularity of amber durum wheat has increased the demand for Mindum (Minnesota No. 470) the supply of which seems to be quite limited this year. Advance inquiries for wilt-resistant flax seed indicate that many growers will use the new pedigreed varieties for sowing on old land. 3600 bushels of Chipewa (Minnesota No. 181) are reported for sale in the R. R. V. Crops and Soils Association seed list.

An acute shortage of seed corn of adapted varieties (in this section of the state) is apparent. A few seedsmen are offering Crookston strain Northwestern Dent and Haney's Minnesota No. 13 from reliable sources. The supply of Northwestern Dent at the experiment station has been exhausted.

Trebi barley, known locally as "Canadian," has proved to be popular with growers who have tried it and is in great demand. This variety, although susceptible to a disease known as barley-stripe, has yielded very well a two years' trial at the Crookston station. It has not been approved for increase at the Minnesota stations but considerable quantities have been grown in this section of the state from a carlot of seed imported from Canada by a grain company at Stephen, Minnesota.