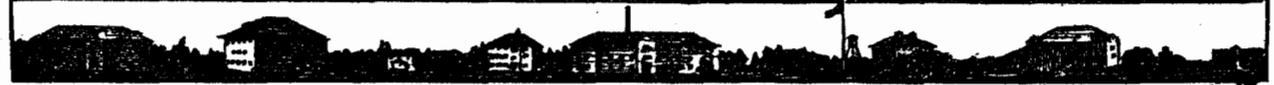


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WOMEN WILL CAMP IN JUNE Three Days Of Rest And Instruction

Arrangements have been made whereby the first Women's Camp for Northwestern Minnesota will be held June 22-24 at the Northwest School. Those coming should reach the school Monday afternoon June 21 so as to be ready for the first meetings Tuesday morning. There will be a reception and opening meeting on Monday night.

The idea of the camp is to provide a short vacation close at home where the women may come for a brief outing. The camp will be given over to play, rest and instruction. The instruction will be in the form of demonstrations. There will be no fires to build, meals to plan, dishes to wash, or other duties to attend to. Instead there will be community singing, picnics, movies and instruction which will mean a great deal to those who come.

The final program will be printed in the June issue of the Northwest Monthly. It will provide for some of the following ideas, "New Ways of Serving Common Foods", "Appetizing Ways of Serving Left-overs", "Home Games," "Bird and Nature Study," "Games for the Rainy Day," "Hints for the Cosy Home," "Making Flowers Grow" and questions on fashions, clothing, poultry and community programs.

Members of the Northwest School faculty will be in charge of the course assisted by demonstrators from University Farm, St. Paul and representatives from the extension departments of various firms.

There will be no expense excepting for board and room. Board and room and entertainment will be \$3.75 for the course.

Each one should bring bedding, towels etc. Rooms will be reserved with two ladies for each room.

It would help a great deal if those planning to come would write to that effect and state whether they wish to live at the school or have other plans for the course.

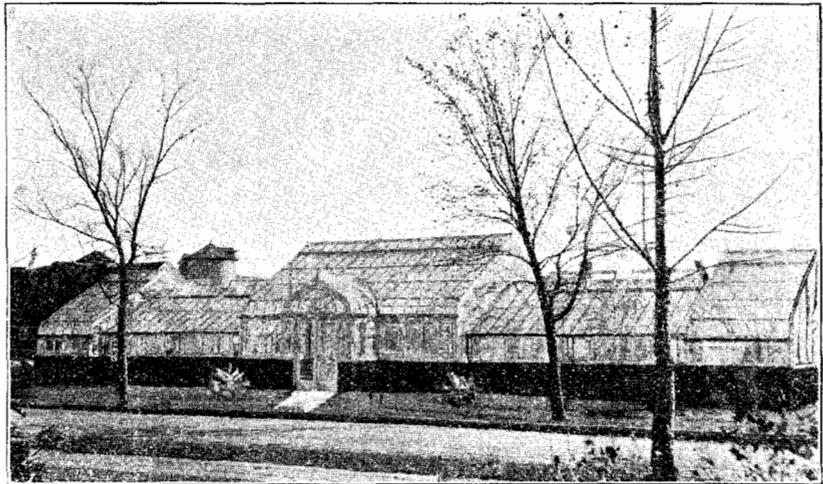
BEEF TRAIN SPECIAL ON TOUR

The Great Northern Railway will tour North Dakota and Minnesota next month with a special train of beef cattle. The train will reach Crookston June 14 and this day has been designated as Red River Valley

Livestock Association and Cattle Feeders' Day at the Northwest School. Those interested in beef cattle will not only have an opportunity to observe the cattle on the train but will also be able to see the results of the beef feeding experiment which has been conducted at the Northwest School this year. Twenty-eight baby beeves have been fattened on various rations and the experiment will close soon. The results will be announced and the visitors will be able to compare the four lots of beeves. In addition to O. M. Kiser, livestock specialist, Northwest School, in charge of the experiment there will be livestock specialists present from University

COME HOME FOR HOMECOMING

Come home for homecoming is the slogan being used for the second annual summer reunion of alumni, former students and present students on Friday June 25. The address of the day will be given by Hon. N. J. Holmberg, state commissioner of agriculture, St. Paul. Mr. Holmberg is an alumnus of the Central School of Agriculture and those who come for the reunion will look forward to hearing him. Other events of the day will include an inspection of buildings and experimental fields, baseball and athletic events. Parties will be in order for the evening. The program will begin at 1 o'clock in the afternoon and those who come will bring picnic dinner and suppers. The class of 1916 will be hosts for the day and will have a large number present for their tenth anniversary.



New Floral Hall Open to Visitors

Farm, St. Paul. Matters of feeds and feeding will also be included in the program both at the special train and at the Northwest School.

Will Welcome County Agent

Western Polk county will meet at the Northwest School on June 18 to welcome Gustav Kappel the new county agent who begins his duties on June 1. The day will be almost entirely of a social nature with sports, music and contests. Representatives from community organizations, town and agricultural interests

will formally welcome Mr. Kappel and pledge their support and cooperation to his work. Those who come will bring a picnic dinner and the afternoon program will begin about one o'clock.

Commencement Exercises

Superintendent C. G. Selvig has been invited to give commencement exercises at McIntosh, June 3; Mahanomen, June 4, and at Borup, June 7. His subject will be "The Fruits of Education."

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Will Rest the Grindstone in June

Minnesota is noted for its farmers' and community clubs with their meetings, picnics and get-togethers. Northwestern Minnesota is becoming well organized into these community groups. These clubs annually set aside the month of June for annual picnics where neighbor meets neighbor on the most friendly terms.

Programs of addresses, stunts, athletics and outdoor dinners in camp style are features of the day. It is not uncommon to see a neighbor and his family enroute to the lake region with tents and equipment for a few days outing with the children. Shorter trips are made when the meals are all prepared in the open.

About 40 communities will make auto tours to the Northwest School. A large attendance of women for the women's camp June 22-24 is expected. Rural school playdays have been well attended by mothers and dads. All these get-togethers point to one thing which is that in the Red River Valley everyone agrees that there is a time for play as well as work.

In the May issue of the "Playground" is a poem which is worth memorizing:

If your nose is close
To the grindstone rough,
And you hold it down
There long enough,
In time you'll say
There's no such thing
As brooks that babble
And birds that sing;
These three will all
Your world compose—
Just you, the stone and
Your darned old nose.

Who's Coming

Although the date for the Women's Camp on June 22-24 is still some time distant, ladies planning to attend are asked to write Sup't. C. G. Selvig to that effect. The making of plans and arrangements for the dining hall and dormitories together with the planning of the program can be accomplished better if an estimate of those coming can be made. Although no definite time will be set for such information, it is suggested that letters be sent before June 10 or as soon as each one plans to come.

Guernsey Sale

The Red River Valley Guernsey Breeders' Association will hold their seventh annual consignment sale of Guernsey cattle at Thief River Falls, Thursday, June 10th. Over 100 head of purebred and high grade Guernseys have been listed. There will be 18 head of high grade bulls from 6 to 24 months of age and 18 purebred females, 9 of which are 2 years old. There are over 65 grades listed all sound, large, of good color and type, and not less than 75% pure Guernsey.

The Red River Valley Guernsey Breeders' Association has conducted very successful sales in the past. This one bids fair to eclipse all others. A large attendance will be present on June 10th. Paul Engelstad, Thief River Falls, is president of the Association; L. Jenson, Clearbrook, Vice-president; Leonard Houske, Halstad, Secretary.

Seniors To Attend State Fair

Sixteen senior girls from the Northwest School will have free trips to the Minnesota state fair this fall. This is a trip Northwest School girls receive every other year. The next group of girls to go will be the freshmen who enter this fall and will be eligible for the trip in 1928. During their stay at the fair they will assist in the serving at the farm boys camp.

Those selected for the 1926 trip are Carrie Buck, Crookston; Adeline Bunes, Eldred; Sophie Breiland, Hazel, Dorothy Chandler and Leota Chandler, Euclid; Hannah Degerness, Gary; Annie Dunbar, Caribou; Gunda Gullingsrud, Kratka; Clara Gunufson, Fertile, Ruby Hanson, Eldred; Anna Hruska, Lockhart; Bessie Swenson, Crookston; Vivian Olson, Thief River Falls; Ruth Soltis, Tabor; Edna Story, East Grand Forks; Nellie Strickler, Euclid.

Many Schools In Music Contest

About 250 high school students met at the Northwest School on April 30 for the second annual district music contest. The high schools represented were Baudette, Clearbrook, Thief River Falls, Argyle, Warren Mahnomen, Crookston, and Beltrami. The contest consisted of piano numbers, music memory, vocal solos, girls glee clubs, boys glee clubs and mixed choruses.

Parking Space For Cars

Many of the ladies coming for the Women's camp at the Northwest School June 22-24 are planning to drive their own cars. To provide for these cars there will be considerable space in the engineering building. If there are more cars than can be accommodated in that building other safe provisions for them will be made. It is therefore suggested that ladies who drive might arrange to bring some of their neighbors with them.

SOW THISTLE CONTROL

Sow thistle can be controlled by crop rotation and good farming methods. Sweet clover and alfalfa, livestock and thorough tillage are eliminating losses from noxious weeds and increasing yields of grain. Such is the experience of progressive farmers of Kittson and Pennington counties, whose methods of controlling sow thistle recently were investigated by the Northwest Station.

Among the thirty-five farmers visited only two stated that they found the perennial sow thistle extremely difficult to control. Sweet clover and alfalfa used for pasture and hay, pasturing with sheep and cattle, and early fall plowing are very effective, according to farm operators interviewed. Summer plowing and cultivation, and summer fallow followed by rye are practiced successfully on many farms.

Wm. Ash, St. Vincent, finds sheep to be the most efficient destroyers of sow thistles. Infested fields are sown to sweet clover and pastured closely the second season until the middle of July. Close pasturing weakens the plants and the trampling of the sheep packs the soil, excluding the air and making the plants shallow-rooted. They then are easily destroyed by plowing and discing. This system also is followed by Clark Wright, Donaldson, and Logan Conner, Stephen, both of whom have flocks numbering several hundred head.

Plowing of grain stubble immediately after harvest, setting the grain shocks on plowed land, or threshing as soon as harvesting is finished, and rushing the plowing with both tractors and horses, are practiced by successful Kittson county farmers. When sow thistles appear on the plowed fields, one or two cultivations with a duck-foot or spring-tooth keeps them down until the ground freezes. Peter Lindahl, Ed. N. Johnson, and Axel Rynning, Kennedy are using the above method as a regular farm practice.

"We plow sow thistles down in June or just as soon as they begin to bud," states Ed. Peterson, president of the Kittson county farm bureau. "Cultivating at intervals during the remainder of the season completes the job." J. V. Price, a very successful Pennington county farmer prefers the spring-tooth cultivator on sow thistle fields, as it brings the horizontal roots to the surface where they are killed by drying.

"Alfalfa, sweet clover, and Guernsey cows," is the solution to the sow thistle problem given by Paul Engelstad, of Pennington county. "Instead of sowing grain on every tillable acre, we have seeded about half of our farm to alfalfa and sweet clover. On the other half, by using a crop rotation and giving more attention to tillage, we grow as much grain as we used to get from the entire farm."

VISITATION DATES ARRANGED

Farmers clubs and community groups will again visit the Northwest School and Experiment station in large numbers this summer. These auto tours have been exceptionally successful and they have served effectively in a number of ways. Only one community is scheduled for each day which brings all the folks together from the same locality. Arrangements are made for the entire family to attend.

Opportunity is given to become better acquainted with the work being done by the school and station. The visit is a combination of instruction and recreation. This year the program will again be different. Several demonstrations will be given by members of the faculty. Station men will be in charge of the visit of the men and Miss Lippett and Miss Bede will take care of the ladies. A number of good movies have been secured and the comedy is a real laugh producer.

The dates arranged thus far are as follows: June 4, Lockhart Community Club; June 14, Red River Valley Live Stock Association and Northwest School beef cattle feeders' day; June 15, Cloverland Farmers' club near Plummer; June 17, Bray, Polk Center Black River Sanders townships of Pennington Co. with Wylie Township of Red Lake county; June 19, Mentor community; June 21, Women's camp begins; June 22, Beltrami Cooperative Creamery Association; June 23, Rosewood Farmers' Club; June 24, Clearwater Co. community clubs; June 25, Alumni and former students summer meeting; June 26, Keywest and Mallory Farmers' clubs; June 28, Gervais Alert Farmers Club; June 29, Argyle Community club; June 30, Boxville Farmers club near Warren; July 1, Angus community club; July 2, Warrenton Farmers club of Warren; July 3, Goodridge community club; July 8, Roon Community Club; July 9, Polk county rural school graduation; July 10, Bloomer Farmers club near Argyle; July 12, Maplebay community club; July 13, Gary Community club; July 14, Tabor Community club; July 15, Fairfax-Anderson Social club of Crookston and Maple Leaf club; July 16, Brandt-Helgeland Progressive Farmers club of Angus; July 19, Red River Valley Crops and Soils Association; July 20, McCrea Farm Bureau Unit near Warren; July 24, Donnelly Improvement club near Stephen.

A number of other clubs will arrange dates soon and there is a possibility of a special train from Kittson county July 17 and one from Roseau county in July. Western Polk county will meet to welcome the new county agent, Gustav Kappel, some time in June. The 18th has been suggested but not definitely set

PERSONALS

The St. Hilaire Spectator recently announced the marriage of Oscar Gigstad '17 to Miss Francis Hovet of St. Hilaire. They will live on Oscar's farm west of St. Hilaire.

Amy Malakowski '18 has had charge of the primary department in Drayton, N. Dak. last year and will return there this fall. Her sister Esther '18 has been teaching in Laurel, Montana. Both will attend the reunion on June 25.

Last year's students will be pleased to hear that D. A. Milligan will return this fall as instructor in farm motors and preceptor of Senior Hall. Mr. Milligan will also assist Coach LaVoi in turning out another winning football and basketball team.

Clyde Green '21, is located at Duluth at 618½ East 2nd street.

Charlotte Flikke who attended in 1919-1920 was married October 1, 1925 to Otto Schroeder. They are living on a farm near Lockhart.

Helen Gibbon, 25 took a prominent part in the May Fete at Carleton College where she is a freshman. Several thousand people from all parts of Minnesota were present for the event which has become a tradition at the College.

Mr. A. M. Foker is building a cottage at Cass Lake this summer.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Dunham will spend part of their vacation in Chicago the first part of June.

Mrs. DeEtte Genung, (DeEtte Cenfield) who will take Miss Rupert's place in the English department is now crusing around the world. Recently she was in Egypt.

Harry Confer, Angus a Junior at the Northwest School will be a member of the beef demonstration team to accompany the special beef train on its tour thru North Dakota and Minnesota. Harry has made a good record in club work and last fall was included among the winners at the Junior Livestock Show, South St. Paul.

Will Swanson formerly of Argyle was there last month looking over his farm interest. He is living permanently at 425 Marlboro, Maryland.

Hannah Imsdahl '16 will graduate from the Warren Hospital School of Nursing June 3.

Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Pierce of Chisholm are planning to attend the reunion of alumni and students on June 25. Mr. Pierce was instructor in the business department for three years, 1921-24.

Argyle Creamery Dedicated

Argyle's new cooperative creamery was dedicated at a well-attended meeting held on May 8th. The creamery began operations with 150 shareholders, each of whom has from three to more than twenty cows. This will insure sufficient volume for making at least 250,000 lbs of butter the first year, which is a large output.

At the dedication program, E. A. Brekke, president of the Argyle Commercial Club, presided and opened the meeting with a few well-chosen words. He was followed by Paul Krogh, president of the creamery association, H. S. Beckwith, Secretary, O. C. Peterson, buttermaker and Albert Malm, vice president, all of whom expressed confidence in their undertaking.

Superintendent C. G. Selvig, gave the principal address. He stated that this event is one of great significance not only to Argyle and Marshall County but to the entire Red River Valley. He showed the growth of cooperative creameries and emphasized the important contribution that is being made by the Land-O-Lakes Association. Mr. Selvig stressed the importance of having a national agricultural policy which would build up and support agriculture in a manner comparable to what has been done for industry, transportation and labor.

Purebred Sire Campaign Is On

Norman county is one of the first in Northwestern Minnesota to stage a pure bred sire campaign. The work was begun a few weeks ago with D. H. LaVoi of the Northwest School in charge of the arrangements. Committees have been appointed and meetings have been held in every township of the county. A great deal of interest is being shown and a large number of good sires will be placed on farms of that county.

School Catalog Soon Ready

The 1926-27 school catalog is being printed and will be ready for distribution by the time this paper is received. Those who are planning to attend the Northwest School this fall on October 4 should write for this catalog which will be mailed free to those interested. The circular contains full information on school life, courses and other matters in which students coming for the first time would be interested.

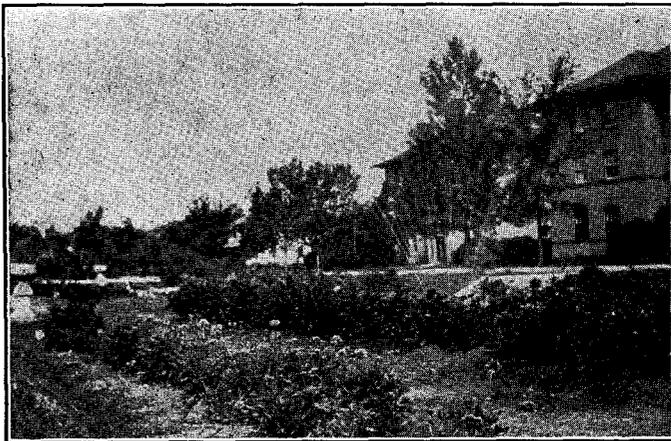
Grant's Shorthorn Sale

A sale of registered Shorthorns will be held at the farm of E. D. Grant, near Glyndon, on Friday, June 18. All lovers of Shorthorns will be present on that date as Mr. Grant has an outstanding herd of Shorthorns noted over the entire northwest. Send to Mr. Grant for a catalog. His address is Glyndon, Minn.

HELP SECURE PRESENT ADDRESS OF FORMER AGGIE SCHOOL STUDENTS

The Northwest School directory is being revised and made up to date. The present address of the following students is not known. The initials of the father follow the name. Anyone who knows the present address of any on this list will confer a favor by writing to the Northwest School, Crookston, giving that information.

Peterson, Arthur.....Upham, N. Dak.	Senske, Arthur (G. H.).....Fisher	Tendeland, Clara (Malena).....Grand Forks, N. D.
Peterson, John (Halvor).....Fisher	Sewill, Clarence B. (Ben).....Angus	Tergen, Carl (A. K.).....McIntosh
Peterson, Martin (J. K. Ristad).....Roland	Sewill, Valley (Ben).....Angus	Thompson, Anna (Martin) Warren, Route 3
Peterson, Nels (Peter).....Fertile	Shablow, Victor F. (Frank).....Orleans	Thompson, Gunder (Gus).....Shellbrook, Sask., Canada
Peterson, Theodore (Halvor).....Fisher	Shawstad, Walter R. (J. J.).....Gary	Tofsky, John.....Crookston
Peterson, Walter (Ludwig).....Lancaster	Silnes, Sigvart (T.).....Gary	Toftner, Josie (Gust).....Twin Valley
Piquette, David.....Argyle	Simpson, Russell F. (F. G.).....Minneapolis, 369 Garfield Ave.	Tollefson, Theander (Gilbert).....Bagley
Quamme, Carl (Mrs. B.).....Twin Valley	Sisler, Carl.....Crookston	Torgerson, Belva (Ole).....Hillsboro, N. Dak.
Quern, Ole (C. C.).....East Grand Forks	Sisler, Claude (C. E.).....Crookston	Torkelson, Selmar.....Grafton, N. Dak.
Roger, William.....Crookston	Sisler, Guy (C. E.).....Crookston	Torkelson, Selmar.....Grafton, N. Dak.
Raymond, Adelle m. (J. S.).....Bemidji	Sisler, Mary (C. E.).....Crookston	Udstrand, Jalma (John).....Holt
Reeve, Rollin (Max J. oung).....Crookston	Sjostrand, Elmer.....Lancaster	Ulván, Alfred (Jacob).....Minneapolis, 49 Wash. Ave. So.
Rexroat, Clarence (T. C.).....Crookston	Skaar, Ole.....Akron, Ohio, 62½ Exch. St.	Urdahl, Clarence (Eric).....Fiom
Rexroat, Frank (T. C.).....Crookston	Slyter, Irene.....Halstad	Van Buren, P. (Orin).....Bayne City, Mich.
Rexroat, Ralph (T. C.).....Crookston	Smidesang, Odin (P. D.).....Wylie	Vestre, Emma (Sivert).....
Ristad, Otto.....Lancaster	Smisek, Genevieve (F. T.).....Fertile	Vigan, Anna (Thor) Mrs. Randall Knutson
Rodseth, Andrew (Lars).....Nielsville	Sontag, Arthur (Gus).....BorupDetroit, Mich., Grand River Ave.
Rohrer, Erwin (John).....Crookston	Sontag, Helen (Mrs. Chas. Kerby)..... Fargo, N. Dak.	Vroman, John (Mrs. Gunil).....Crookston
Rostvold, Martin (J. J.).....Grygla	Sorby, Helga C. (Mrs. Hans).....Fosston	Wahl, Florence M. (Mrs. C.).....Strathcona
Rud, William (A. L.).....Radium	Sorvick, Christian (Anton C.).....Lake Park	Walland, Nels (H. H.).....McCanna, N. Dak.
Rundhaug, Magnus.....Paddington, N. Dak.	Stalemo, Anna, Mrs. Wm. Warblow.....Fisher	Welman, Hefter J. (Nels).....Bagley
Rutherford, Raymond (P.).....Euclid	Staska, John (John, Sr.).....Minneapolis, 1820 Stevens Ave. S.	Westberg, Ethel (John).....Cottonwood Lake, N. Dak.
Samuelson, Rich (E.).....Crookston	Stephens, Gerald (E. H.).....St. Hilaire	Wheeler, Loring (S. W.).....Crookston
Samuelson, Youngive (E.).....Crookston	Strand, Olaf.....Roseau	Wibbels, Lilly (Henry).....Bejou
Sandbrook, Martin (Mrs. E.).....Dina, Alta, Can.	Sundet, John (John).....Fertile, Box 66	Wilcox, Jesse (Myron).....Detroit, Star Rt.
Sandbock, Oscar (Ole).....Mossbank, Sask., Can.	Sunmark, Carl.....Bismarck, N. D.	Wilcox, Lloyd (M. E.).....Detroit, Star Rt.
Sande, Ophelia (C. O.).....Twin Valley	Sunset, Ingvard (A. P.).....Pitt	Wilson, Elder.....Maple Bay
Saxum, Arthur (Mrs. J.).....Minneapolis, 1415 Wash. Ave. N.	Swenson, Bernard (A. T.).....Fertile	Young, Herman (Henry).....Middle River
Scherfenberg, King (G. G.).....Red Lake Falls	Swenson, Oliver J. (John P.).....Hawley	Zeiders, Vernon G. (Mrs. M. Hanson).....Bemidji
Schey, Jennie (Thos.).....Argyle	Swenson, Osmond.....Thief River Falls	
Scholin, Oscar (Swan) Artland, Sask. Can.	Syrstad, Ole (Andrew).....Oslo	
Schulte, Henry L. (Frank).....Roosevelt	Tendeland, Clara (Malena) Grand Forks, N.	



Northwest School Ideal for Camp

Cow Testers Short Course Well Attended

A short course for cow testers was held at the Northwest School the week of April 26. The enrollment was 19, many of whom secured positions as soon as the course was completed. The instruction was under the direction of O. M. Kiser, Northwest School and C. C. Geddes, University Farm, St. Paul.

Valley Livestock Association Directors To Meet

The directors and advisory board members of the Red River Valley Livestock Association will hold a meeting sometime during June, exact date to be determined. Several phases of business that were held

over from the February meeting will be discussed and final action taken. The Livestock Association recently issued a 16 page report giving the financial account, winners in the February Show and notice showing activities of the Association along livestock lines. Anyone desiring a copy of this report may secure one upon application to O. M. Kiser, Secretary, Crookston.

Plan To Meet Arguments

Although every woman of Northwestern Minnesota would like to attend a Women's Camp such as is planned for June 22-24 at the Northwest School many will give reasons why they cannot go. Mother always thinks of home first and forgets self. There are the chickens, the child-

ren, the cooking, washing and mending, and even Dad himself, that needs her at home, she thinks. Suppose all at home meet mother's arguments as she presents them and insist that she spend these few days at the camp. Mother will appreciate it and those who make it possible for her to leave will feel a satisfaction of having done something for the one who has done so much for them.

Livestock Feeders' Day

The Northwest Station Livestock Feeders' Day will be held at the station on Monday, June 14th in connection with the special beef cattle train which is scheduled to be at Crookston on that date. Full particulars regarding these events will be given in the June issue of the Northwest Monthly.

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