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NORTHWEST SCHOOL'S FARMERS' WEEK

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RED RIVER VALLEY WINTER SHOWS

Come - Crookston, February 7-11 - Come

JUNIOR SHORT COURSE MARCH 28-APRIL 1

The sixteenth annual Junior short course will be held at the Northwest School, Crookston, the week of March 28-April 1.

Boys and girls 12 to 20 years of age inclusive are eligible to attend. The course opens on Monday evening at 7:00 o'clock, and continues thru Friday evening, April 1. Those who come will therefore leave home sometime Monday, March 28, and will be home again not later than Saturday, April 2.

Each year the attendance at the short course has counted as attendance in the local schools, and perfect attendance certificates are issued on that basis. No doubt the same plan can be followed this year.

The instruction will deal with boys and girls club work, with work in the home and on the farm, and will be interesting and instructive. There will be periods for recreation and excursions. Altogether it is a week that will be attended by a large number again. The total cost for the course at the school will be \$3.00.

ALUMNI GET-TOGETHER

The annual get-together of the alumni and former students of the Northwest School during the Northwest School Farmers Week and Winter Shows will be held on Friday, February 11.

The detailed plans will not be completed until word is received from those who are planning to attend, states Dr. Harry Hedin, Crookston, president of the alumni association. There will be a registration booth at the Northwest School exhibit, and all former students are asked to register there.

The first team is planning for the annual game with the alumni, which will be held at 4:00 o'clock on Febru-

ary 11. Former basketball players should come prepared to take part in this game, and from preliminary accounts the alumni are going to give the first team a hard game.

The suggestion being made to former students then is: Attend the meetings, and if possible come or stay over for Friday, and committees will see that the usual good times prevail for the day and evening.

PURE SEED AVAILABLE

The pure seed distribution announcement was mailed from the station on January 20, and scores of orders for pure seeds arrived by mail and long distance phone within a few days. At this date (January 31) forty-five orders for Mindum wheat have been accepted and 41 growers have received one to six bushels each of the new rust-resistant Ceres, exhausting the supply of the latter variety. Crookston strain Northwestern Dent corn has also been sold out, about fifty bushels having been shipped or called for. Mindum wheat leads all varieties in the number of inquiries, with Gopher oats a close second, followed by Velvet barley. Considerable quantities of Gopher and Velvet still are available, also 500 bushels of Chippewa flax. More than 3000 bushels of seed grain will be sent out from the station this season.

DEBATES MARCH 11

The interschool debates will be held on March 11, with the Fargo, Morris and Northwest Schools competing. The question being used this year deals with the farm relief problem.

The Northwest School teams are being coached by E. W. Avery, and the final teams will soon be selected.

The intersociety debates this year with the Lincoln, Pioneer and Agrarian societies resulted in a tie for the Lincoln and Pioneers.

Plans and preparations are now completed for the Red River Valley's farm week which opens at Crookston next Monday. Meetings and educational exhibits feature the week's activities.

The daily meetings will include many farm and home topics, presented by experts. On Monday evening, February 7, C. G. Selvig, Crookston and Judge Marcus A. Kavanagh, Chicago, are scheduled with Judge A. Grindeland, Warren, presiding. On Tuesday farm crops topics will be presented by E. R. Clark and R. S. Dunham, Crookston; A. G. Tolaas and A. C. Arny, St. Paul; T. J. Harrison, Winnipeg and T. E. Stoa, Fargo. Duncan Marshall, Toronto, is the principal speaker at the evening session with Dr. N. M. Watson, Red Lake Falls, presiding. Dean W. C. Coffey will give an address at the women's meeting.

Wednesday, February 9

Livestock topics are emphasized on the third day of the week's sessions. Presenting the silver trophies to the show winners and a horse hitch demonstration come in the forenoon. Poultry growers will listen to Dr. W. A. Billings, St. Paul and Harold Smith, Wadena. In the afternoon livestock topics will be presented by W. V. Gousseff, Des Moines, J. W. Haw, St. Paul and by Duncan Marshall, Toronto.

In the evening Arthur E. Nelson, St. Paul, will speak on "The Northwest, Its Common Problems," following the introduction of Peter Lindahl, master farmer, Hallock, by Regent J. E. Sundberg, Kennedy, presiding.

Thursday, February 10

Livestock and farm marketing problems receive the major attention on Thursday. In the morning Harry Confer, Angus, and Ernest Palmer, Warren, will give a livestock demonstration followed in the afternoon by

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OUR ALUMNI

The following item from the West Central School of Agriculture News is of equal interest to the alumni and former students of the Northwest School:

"How best to keep in touch with our alumni is a question in which the West Central School is vitally interested. The criticism, or rather the comment, is often made by the alumni that the school does not keep in contact with them after their school days are over.

"That there is some basis for this contention is certainly true. Yet there is nothing that we are more interested in than the welfare and success of our alumni and former students. We rejoice in your accomplishments. We recognize the fact that the alumni are the real reason why the West Central School has prospered. Your example, your influence and your achievements have influenced many boys and girls to likewise continue their education at West Central.

"By your efforts in demonstrating that there is even now an opportunity to make a practical success of farming and that the farm home is an ideal place in which to live and work, the great purpose for which this school was established is being fulfilled.

"We would welcome the opportunity to keep in personal touch with every alumnus. But this is a physical impossibility. The whole school organization has the utmost difficulty in keeping up with the demands made upon it by the active student body. And rightfully this is our appointed task. But although the alumni are "on their own," we want you to know that after all our greatest satisfaction is derived from your accomplishments.

"In our limited way, we are trying to keep in touch with you. The School News, the special visitors' days, and the many activities of the school year to which all West Central people are invited, are a few of the methods in which this contact can be maintained. Any news which the alumni will send in will find welcome publication in these columns. By working together, let us endeavor to keep the familiar touch between school and alumni. Thereby will we all derive greater satisfaction from our efforts."

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

The basketball team is playing a hard schedule this winter, and is giving a good account of itself, as has been shown by the games played this term.

On January 13 the team lost to Thief River Falls, 25 to 19. Thief River Falls has one of the strongest teams in their district. On January 22 the Aggies defeated Fertile high school, 20-16, in an extra period game after the game was tied in each of the quarters. This was the second defeat the visitors had received.

On February 5 the Bemidji Teachers college will play at the Northwest School. The game with Fosston will be played there February 18, and the game with Morris will be at Morris on February 26. Tentative dates have been arranged for other teams to be played in February.

The men who are playing on the first team squad are Joe Skatvold, Twin Valley; Elmer Hedstrand, East Grand Forks; Karrol Gandrud, Detroit Lakes; Randolph Ostlie, Montevideo; Olaf Stenborg, Clearbrook; Earl Luchau, Gary; Harry Confer, Angus; Chester Torgerson, Fergus Falls; Ralph Hamrick, Angus, and Lowell Spokely, Nielsville. D. H. LaVol is again coaching the team.

SENIORS TO PRESENT "APPLE SAUCE"

The seniors have selected the play, "Applesauce," as their senior production and expect to present this some time in February.

The students who will take part will be Lawrence Spears, Shooks; Gladys Huartson, Gatzke; Vivian Olson, Thief River Falls; George Roisum, Bagley; Kenneth Parduhn, Cedar Bend, and Maurice Lillo, Oklee. Miss Anne Simley will again coach the play.

RADIO PROGRAM GIVEN

Three members of the Northwest School faculty were members of a Crookston group of artists who presented a recital in Crookston January 13 as the second number of a series of artists recitals being given this winter under the auspices of the Northwest School and the women's clubs of the city.

Miss Ruth Gurley, instructor in voice, sang a group of three songs. Miss Rose Polski, instructor in piano, played several selections on the pipe organ and also on the piano. Miss Grace Warne, instructor in violin, gave several violin solos in addition to playing the violin obligato for "Ave Maria," which was sung by Miss Gurley. In speaking of this number and the concert as a whole, the Crookston Daily Times said: "It was a fitting climax to a splendid concert, of which the city of Crookston, as well as the institutions represented, may justly feel proud."

MANY AIR PROGRAMS GIVEN

The Northwest School has been represented on a number of radio programs, and from the acknowledgements received many of the former students have been listening in.

Superintendent C. G. Selvig gave three radio talks in January dealing with the seventeenth annual Northwest School Farmers Week and Red River Valley Winter Shows. On January 18 he spoke from KFJM, Grand Forks, on January 25 from WCCO, Minneapolis, and on January 29 from CKY, Winnipeg.

Miss Ruth Gurley, Miss Rose Polski and Miss Grace Warne took part in a Crookston community program which was broadcast from Grand Forks January 18. A. H. Larson is the announcer from Grand Forks for all the Crookston programs, which have been given once every month since last fall. The February program will be given Tuesday, February 15, it is expected.

STUDENTS ENJOY SCHOOL

The social schedule for the second term seems to be working out well, judging from the comments of present students.

Saturday evenings are always given over to recreation of some kind. In January there have been two basketball games, with excellent movies following the games. On January 15 No Yong Park of Korea appeared as the third number of the lecture course, and on January 29 the Buckeye Male Quartet came as the fourth number of the course.

On February 26 the students will present their annual stunt night program. One all school party will be held in February and one in March.

The annual junior-senior banquet will be held on Monday evening, March 7, and there is a possibility that the University of North Dakota men's glee club may come March 5.

In addition there have been several assembly sessions which have been especially outstanding. On January 15 Col. Ralph D. Cole, a former congressman from Ohio, spoke in assembly. Mr. Cole was one of the committee that arranged the organization of the American Legion in France. On March 3, Dr. O. G. Libby of the North Dakota Historical association will speak in assembly. Mrs. DeEtte Cenfield Genung of the English department will present three travel talks on her trip to the Philippines and around the world.

There will also be two recitals during the assembly sessions. On January 27, Mrs. Agnes Rast Snyder, contralto, sang here, and on February 17 Mrs. Kate Mork Twichell, pianist, will be at the Northwest School.

PUREBRED STOCK SALES

On Feb. 10, Holsteins will be sold, bulls and cows. On Feb. 11, Hereford and Shorthorn cattle and Duroc Jersey hogs will be sold. Send to O. M. Kiser, Sec., Crookston, for catalog.

Livestock Entries Indicate Widespread Interest in Show

The entries for the livestock show received up to January 28 are from the following exhibitors listed by counties. This list does not include entries made in the Boys' and Girls' club division.

Kittson county—W. W. Sugden, Hallock, Holsteins; W. D. Clow, St. Vincent, Yorkshire hogs; Elnora Johnson, Hallock, Yorkshire hogs; Robert Ash, St. Vincent, Shropshire sheep.

Roseau county—Harold Miller, Roseau, Jersey cattle.

Pennington county—Jens Letnes, Thief River Falls, Ayrshire cattle and Poland China hogs; F. B. Conklin, Thief River Falls, Guernsey cattle; Stuart McLeod, Goodridge, Guernsey cattle; H. C. Woolson, Thief River Falls, Shropshire sheep.

Red Lake County—Geo. Peterson, Brooks, Holstein cattle.

Marshall county—Monroe Bros., Warren, Shorthorn cattle; Rosendahl Bros., Warren, Duroc hogs; John Cheney, Warren, Duroc hogs; C. L. Spaulding, Warren, Holstein cattle.

Polk county—E. E. Beyers, Angus, Hereford cattle; J. W. Campion, Angus, Shorthorn cattle; Miner Helgeson, Crookston, Poland China hogs; Northwest School, Crookston, Duroc hogs, Shropshire sheep, Shorthorn cattle, Percheron horses; M. L. Enright, East Grand Forks, Holstein cattle; A. F. Giese, Euclid, Chester White hogs; T. W. Giese, Euclid, Chester White hogs; P. M. Finkenbinder, Crookston, Chester White hogs; J. P. Tiernan, Euclid, Chester White hogs; Spence Johnstad, Beltrami, Shropshire sheep and Duroc hogs; Julius Knutson, Fertile, Guernsey cattle; J. H. Sargent, Crookston, Poland China and Hampshire hogs; C. O. Quist, Crookston, Duroc hogs; Fosbakken Bros., Fosston, Holstein cattle; Lloyd Morvig, Fertile, Berkshire hogs; Ben Capistran, Crookston, Percheron horses; F. E. Wolf, Crookston, Percheron horses.

Norman county—Ed Carmen, Ada, Holstein cattle; Johnson Bros., Ada, Holstein cattle; Richard Houske, Halstad, Guernsey cattle; C. L. Sulerud, Halstad, Guernsey cattle; Clarence Holte, Halstad, Guernsey cattle; A. Berge, Halstad, Guernsey cattle; Jacob Stennes, Hendrum, Chester White hogs; A. Marsden & Son, Hendrum, Duroc hogs and Shropshire sheep; Emil Lerud, Twin Valley, Shorthorn cattle; Ingvald Hanson, Twin Valley, Shorthorn cattle; Earl Naugle, Ada, Angus cattle.

Mahnomen county—Schermerhorn Farms, Mahnomen, Hereford cattle.

Becker county—Hilmer Carlson, Detroit Lakes, Jersey cattle; Lake Park Orphan's Home, Lake Park, Holstein cattle; Myrtle Himrum, Lake Park, Holstein cattle.

Ottertail county—M. C. Kroneman & Son, Fergus Falls, Holstein cattle and Duroc hogs.

Wilkin county—F e m c o Farms,

Breckenridge, Holstein cattle.

North Dakota Exhibitors—Anderson Bros., Wild Rice, Shropshire sheep; E. Franklyn, Emerado, Angus cattle; A. S. Albertson, Fargo, Poland China hogs; L. E. O'Connor, Grand Forks, Holstein cattle.

SPECIAL TRAIN SERVICE

The Red River Valley winter shows will have complete special train service during the week of Feb. 7-11, as six special trains will be provided on which a single fare for the round trip on the special trains only is authorized. These trains will afford a convenient and inexpensive way for hundreds to attend the Farm Week meetings and see the shows.

The special trains are Noyes to Crookston and return on February 8 and 10. Warroad to Crookston and return on February 9. Detroit to Crookston and return on February 9 and 11. Single fare for round trip also on Fargo line good going Train nine on February 9 only and returning on special 11:00 P. M., Wednesday, February 9.

G. N. No. 8 will stop to discharge passengers at Beltrami, Lockhart, Borup and Felton, in addition to their regular stops February 8, 9, 10 and 11, 1927.

Fare and one-half open rate has been granted on all trains. No certificates are required. Tickets are on sale February 5 to 11 inclusive, with final return limit February 14.

THE HOME VEGETABLE GARDEN

A farm vegetable garden survey, made from information gleaned from the vegetable crop losses at the Northwest School disclosed the following facts: (1) Little attention is given to choice of varieties in many kinds of vegetable crops. (2) That seldom is more than one planting made of short season vegetables. (3) Greens, such as spinach, is seldom planted and rarely canned. (4) That considerable reliance is placed on commercially canned vegetables. (5) Garden insect pests do considerable damage. (6) That many did not like some of the more common kinds of vegetables.

The shortcomings of the home vegetable garden as brought out in this survey are easily overcome when the entire family cooperates to make the farm garden what it should be. Systematic planning now and a study of vegetable varieties before planting time are the first two steps in successful gardening. Heavy fertilization with well rotted manures and constant cultivation make for succulence and quality in vegetables. Pamphlets and bulletins are available on all phases of garden crop culture, and can be had free from the Northwest School and Station.

PERSONALS

Rudolph Lindbergh is now an electrician on the U. S. S. Oklahoma, where he is serving with the Marines. His address is in care of the Oklahoma, San Pedro, California.

William Lindbergh, '12, passed thru Crookston January 18 on his way to attend the state dairymen's convention at Thief River Falls. William owns a creamery at Minto, North Dakota.

Archie Lee, '23, is again located at Roseau, where he is employed in one of the mercantile stores.

Carl Lindbergh, '15, is now operating the home farm near Plummer.

Laura Kjalberg, '21, was married to Emery Austin at Wannaska, June 19, 1926. They are living at 1008 9th street, International Falls, but will move on Emery's farm at Malung this spring.

Mrs. William Austin (Olga Nettum) of Malung visited school January 20.

Leland Lincoln, '21, is now located at Wausau, Wisconsin, where he is acting as tester for a cow testing association.

Frank Groves, '25, wishes to have the Northwest Monthly sent to him at Kent, Ohio, in care of the Davey Tree Expert company, for whom he is employed.

LaVern Peterson, '22, is enjoying Florida this winter, and expects to visit both the east and west coasts before returning to Brooks this spring. His address until March will be Winter Haven, Florida.

Hazel Martinson, Hampden, North Dakota, who attended the Northwest School last year, sends greetings to her former classmates.

Henry Roningen, who attended the Northwest School the first term, is now enrolled at the College of Agriculture, St. Paul. Henry was a member of the special train last fall which carried the winners of the livestock show thru Minnesota and North Dakota.

Elmer Uggen, Grand Forks, orchestra and band leader at the Northwest School, recently composed "Notre Dame," which was presented in a program sponsored by the Grand Forks Community Music association.

Lillian Walhaug, '26, is finding her work very interesting at St. Luke's hospital, Duluth, where she is in training as a nurse.

Anna Hruska, Lockhart, was married to Selmer Anderson of Lockhart November 16, 1926. They will live at Lockhart, where Mr. Anderson is in business.

A large number of alumni and former students have been acknowledging receipt of the Crookston programs which have been given each month from station KFJM, Grand Forks. These acknowledgments have been of considerable interest to the faculty who have taken part in the programs.

CLEARWATER COUNTY HAS GOOD YEAR

The Clearwater County Farm Bureau had a good year in 1926 according to the annual report of the County Agent A. A. Lund.

Some of the outstanding items of achievements mentioned were in soils, farm crops, livestock, rural engineering, poultry, markets, boys and girls club work, rodents, insects, and pests.

Two tours were sponsored, one to the Northwest School and the other a poultry tour. All the cooperative creameries are Land O' Lakes institutions and paid over half a million dollars to the patrons. The average paid for butterfat was 47.1 cents.

About 75 farmers last spring planted the new Gopher oats which was secured from the Northwest School and others are using certified alfalfa and new seed wheat.

Tuberculin cattle tests were made on 265 farms and nearly 4000 head of cattle were tested. In addition, work has been done in organizing cow testing organizations.

In conclusion Mr. Lund states that "Service is what we aim to give and the Clearwater Farm Bureau is co-operating to the best of its ability in aiding towards making Clearwater county a better, happier, and more prosperous place in which its citizens may live."

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sugar beet growing, J. B. Bingham, East Grand Forks; dairying, Leonard Houske, Halstad and poultry and egg production, E. O. Norby, Thief River Falls. Beekeepers and horticulturists will also meet during the entire day. In the evening President Donald J. Cowling, Northfield will give an address on "Living Together" with C. G. Selvig, presiding.

Friday, February 11

A rehearsal program by the chorus of 150 men's voices will be given in the afternoon followed by a farm bureau meeting at which F. E. Balmer, St. Paul; H. F. Skyberg, Fisher and Mrs. Forrest Oberg, Angus, will take part.

The evening program will be the tenth semi-annual program of the Northwestern Minnesota Singers' association, with T. W. Thorson, Fertile, leader. A. E. Morck is president of this association.

Women's Meetings

The women's meetings will be held each forenoon and afternoon with Dean W. C. Coffey, St. Paul; President J. N. Brown, Moorhead; Miss Carlotta Brown, St. Paul; Miss Aubyn Chinn, Chicago; Miss Georgina Lommen, Moorhead; Miss Louise Landis and Miss Julia Newton, St. Paul, on the program.

Special Trains

Railroads will run six special trains during the week and in addition offer a special reduced rate on all the regular trains. Sales of pure-bred stock are scheduled, Holsteins on Thursday, February 10 and beef cattle and swine on Friday, February 11.

POLK COUNTY

G. U. Kappel

The county agent started work in Polk County in June. In the first project 350 ladies signed up for the clothing project of which 264 completed the course. A very successful achievement day was held on December 11 at Crookston by the ladies in the course.

A second project was the distribution of 4000 sheep in the county. These were mostly yearling ewes obtained from western South Dakota and Montana. Approximately three-fourths of these sheep were financed by the Agriculture Credit Corporation. These sheep were distributed in bands of from ten to four hundred eighty. Fourteen rams were secured for farmers and eleven others told where they could obtain them.

Many farmers were assisted in securing harvest hands during the busy season. Some time was spent in assisting in organizing Cow Testing Associations one of which is now operating. A two day potato tour was held on which farmers could study the diseases of potatoes, how to combat them and how to produce better potatoes. Eleven poultry culling demonstrations were given. Three hundred samples of wheat were collected to be tested for protein content by the State Testing Mill. It was found from these samples that the protein content of Polk County wheat was less than in many counties, probably due to the dry weather in some of the other counties.

The county agent has discussed better balanced rations for hogs at several meetings. After consulting with him four farmers added tankage to their hog feeds.

FARM BUREAU ACTIVE IN ROSEAU COUNTY

The annual report of J. W. Taylor, county agent of Roseau county lists eight major projects which have been stressed in 1926. These were dairy, sheep, poultry, soils, crops, home economics, marketing, and boys and girls club work.

Sixty-five percent of the cattle of the county have been tested for tuberculosis. Seven cooperative creameries pool their shipments of butter and from \$800-\$1200 was saved in freight. Sixteen purebred sires were purchased.

In addition to special meetings on sheep 15 pure bred rams were purchased and 720 sheep bought in South Dakota. A series of poultry meetings were held in addition to nine culling demonstrations.

Five demonstration plots with marl were carried on, and five with phosphate. Pure seed was secured in many cases from the Northwest School and Station. The county agent handled 3040 pounds of alfalfa seed. The wool pool shipped 30,000 pounds of wool while the poultry association and the livestock association had a large membership in Roseau county.

Eleven clubs had the clothing project with 135 members enrolled. Thirteen boys and girls clubs with

265 members were active. Two demonstration teams were trained of which one team went to the state fair. There were \$455 given in prizes for club work at the county fair and among the exhibits were 32 dairy calves and 26 lambs among the Juniors. Fifteen club members went to the state fair, five to the Livestock show, four went to the Junior Short course at the Northwest School and one to the Northwest School Farmers week in February.

WESTERN OTTERTAIL COUNTY R. C. Shaw

At the beginning of 1926 the county agent with the Farm Bureau Association committee met on several occasions to discuss and formulate a program of work for the year of 1926. The outstanding projects in the program of work were:

1. Assist with a pure bred sire campaign in the county.
2. Enroll five hundred boys and girls in club work.
3. Reorganize two cow testing associations.
4. Conduct ten acid phosphate plot demonstrations.
5. Carry on variety demonstrations with Velvet barley, Gopher oats, Winona flax, and Ceres wheat.
6. Complete the clothing course in the home project work.

This program was adhered to rather strictly throughout the year. The pure bred sire campaign was completed. About two hundred pure bred bulls replace grades. Three hundred sixty one boys and girls were enrolled in club work. They were divided into nine clubs with an adult leader in charge. Three hundred twenty-four of these boys and girls completed their project. Sixty-one had beef calves, twenty-nine dairy calves, forty-two sheep, fifty-seven sows and litters, and single pigs, twenty-eight poultry, and the rest were divided among the other projects. One of the pig boys won the grand championship with his fat barrow. The two cow testing associations were reorganized with fifty-four members. Twenty-one farmers cooperated in carrying out the fertilizer test. On account of the extremely dry weather the test could not be checked very carefully. Very good results were secured with the field crops variety test. The work will be conducted this year. Two hundred sixty ladies completed the clothing course.

Aside from this program other worth while things were achieved. A corn show was held at Fergus Falls in November. The farmers of the county entertained the business men at dinner at Fergus Falls the first part of December. A three day boys' and girls' club camp was held on the shores of one of the lakes in the county. A county wide Farm Bureau picnic was also held. Sixteen farmers' clubs and Farm Bureau Units were given assistance with programs and other help. A number of culling demonstrations and caponizing demonstrations were also held.