Eighty Students Complete Courses in March

C. G. Selvig Completes 17 Years as Supt.

The largest number of students of any previous year completed courses in March and were among the 80 graduates for the nineteenth commencement of the Northwest School. A total of 648 have now graduated from the three year course since the first class of 8 graduated in 1919. Of these 648 Mr. Selvig has presented the diplomas to 631.

The commencement exercises began this year March 20, with the commencement sermon given in Crookston by the Rev. Gilbert G. Curtis, who used as his subject, "Play the Man." On Monday evening the intercollegiate discoursation was held. Doris Olson, of Fertile, and Joseph Skatvold, Twin Valley, were the winners. Tuesday evening was given over to the annual reception by Congressman and Mrs. C. G. Selvig. The concert recital by the music department was given Wednesday evening, with Doris Olson, Fertile, Lilian Bakken, Erskine, and Joseph Skatvold, Twin Valley, taking part.

Commencement proper was held on Thursday, March 24. Classes were held during the forenoon so that visitors might observe the work of the school. The annual get-together dinner was held at noon. At the senior class exercises of the afternoon the address of welcome was given by Miss Laura Gerber and the senior advisor address by D. H. LaVoi. A demonstration on "The Appropriate Hat" was given by Sophie Breiland, Hazel Williams, and "Flowers for Interior Decoration" was given by Ruby Hanson and Adeline Duness, Euclid. The address by the class president was given by Arnold Aakre, Goodridge. The diplomas and awards were presented by Congressman C. G. Selvig.

COMMUNITY CLUBS WILL VISIT NORTHWEST SCHOOL AGAIN THIS SUMMER

At the April and May meetings of Farmers' and Community clubs, dates will again be set for the Sixth annual visitations to the Northwest School and Station.

In 1922 the plan of having communities spend a day at the Northwest School was inaugurated and 400 from eight clubs visited that year. Since 1923 from 30 to 40 communities have been represented annually, many of them including the visit as part of the club program for the year. In 1926 there were 33 days set aside for such visits and 3529 from 45 communities were in attendance.

For the coming summer, June 24, July 12, 15, and 18 have already been reserved. Communities planning to come should send in their preferences for dates soon, as it is planned to have only one locality scheduled for each day. Details of the program and instruction to be offered this summer will be outlined in the May issue of the Northwest Monthly.

DEATH CALLS FORMER STUDENTS

Former students will be grieved to hear of the death of Margaret Woods at Winnipeg, February 12, and of Russell Peterson at Pelican Rapids on January 27.

Both students had a great many friends while in school, and in addition to being good students took an active part in school activities and the welfare of the institution.

Margaret Woods finished the three-year course in 1925 and was a member of the advanced class in 1926. Upon completion of her work she entered training as a nurse at the Warren hospital. She has just been transferred to St. Boniface hospital at Winnipeg and died suddenly as the result of an operation.

Russell Peterson attended the Northwest School in 1921-23. After leaving school Russell was employed in the West, and later returned to Pelican Rapids. On August 18, 1926, he was married to Miss Ida Berg, who survives him. Death came after a long sickness, on January 27.
FAREWELLS TO THE SELVICS

On three occasions at the close of the school year faculty and students in various ways have expressed their appreciation of the work Mr. and Mrs. Selvig have done during the seventeen years of service at the Northwest School. The first meeting was a banquet given by the faculty with Mr. and Mrs. Selvig, Helen and George as honor guests. After the conclusion of toasts the presentation was made of a silver service set as a reminder of the days spent at the Northwest School.

On March 29 the class of 1926 unveiled an oil painting of Mr. Selvig as their class memorial to the school. The portrait had been painted by Mr. Arne Berger, noted artist of Minneapolis. The memorial was unveiled in the dining hall by R. S. Dunham, class advisor for the class of 1926.

At the conclusion of the commencement exercises Arnold Aa k e r, president of the Senior class, in behalf of the student body, presented Mr. and Mrs. Selvig with an addition to the silver service set given by the faculty.

At all these events tribute was paid Mr. Selvig for his untiring efforts in promoting the Northwest School and the Red River Valley. Mention was made of his kindly interest shown towards his faculties and the students. Mr. Selvig said the honors could not be accepted as personal honors but rather as expressions of approval of policies and results that have come from cooperation of many agencies, not only in the school itself, but thru the entire Northwestern Minnesota. Mr. Selvig said he hoped there would continue to come to the Northwest School a group of serious minded young men and young women who believed in the farm and life in the rural communities that the alumni would continue to keep close to the school and station and reflect in the communities the ideals which the school tried to place before them, and finally that the institution thru its out- side meetings and fairs, and in countless other ways, the faculty of the Northwest School and station has been a most important factor in the development of the territory served by this institution. It is indeed gratifying to me to know that with very few exceptions the teaching staff of the past year will be here next fall to greet both new and old students.

During the past several years I have had occasion to work in most of the counties in the Red River Valley. Upon my visit I was impressed with a certain spirit of loyalty and cooperation that seems to be typical of the people of this country. This is an asset of unmeasured value which should be encouraged in every possible way.

In taking up our duties at the Northwest School and Station, we have appreciated the very warm welcome we have received on every hand. In conclusion, I wish, on behalf of the Northwest School and Station, to extend to all a hearty invitation to visit us at any time.

A. A. DOWELL
WINTER SHOWS A SUCCESS.

The 1927 Northwest School Farmers' Meetings and the Red River Valley Winter Shows have passed into history. Undaunted by rather severe winter weather and two storms, many thousands of people came from all parts of northwestern Minnesota and eastern North Dakota and attended the meetings. The following paragraphs taken from February 19 issues of The Farmer express what has taken place in connection with these meetings and shows:

"Northwestern Minnesota is doing a fine piece of constructive development work through the annual Winter Crop and Livestock Shows at Crookston, in connection with Farmers' Week and Women's meetings at the Northwest School of Agriculture. Probably no single agency has done as much to arouse and foster interest in a more diversified and properly balanced type of farming in the Red River Valley."

"The writer's visit to the show and meetings at Crookston last week was his second in four years. The expansion of the show during that period has been steady, and significant of the change which is gradually taking place in the agriculture of that territory. The show reflects the trend toward better breeding and better conditions of the livestock exhibited, and toward a constant improvement in the quality of grains and grasses produced in the Valley."

"The last week in February, 1926, was the first of these winter shows was held at Crookston. Starting in a small way to develop the right type of farming for that territory, it has spread out until it commands attention of farmers far beyond the confines of the Red River Valley. Last week, for instance, there were stock judging teams from four other Minnesota agricultural schools, Manitoba and North Dakota, and breeders present from all parts of the state.

Crop Varieties Increase

Increased acreages of alfalfa, sweet clover, corn, the development of a sugar beet industry that promises to grow in importance, and an astonishing development of the dairy, sheep, and hog industries are some of the indirect results of Red River Valley Shows and meetings. Directing this promotional work all these years has been C. G. Selvig, superintendent of the Northwest School and Experiment Station, recently elected to Congress from that district. At all meetings last week, praise of Mr. Selvig's leadership was sung by all those who know him:

"But, let it be understood that I am not responsible for the success and development of these shows," he maintained at a meeting attended by business men and farmers from all over the Valley. "Success has come through the finest type of cooperation that farmers of all counties are living in one of the thirteen counties comprising the Minnesota Red River Valley. They have co-operated at their own time and their own money. And don't forget that the county boards in each county are giving from $75 to $500 each to this show, that the Legislature is allowing appropriations now totaling $4,500, all of which is to go to the premiums which encourage our farmers to produce finer and finer exhibits. Business men and farmers of the Valley have also invested $75,000 in buildings, against which there is an indebtedness of only $8,000."

RURAL SCHOOLS APPRECIATE SPELLING CONTEST

At a meeting of the County Superintendents on February 11, I. S. Hov, Polk county, and Nels M. Engen, Marshall county, were appointed on the Rural School Spelling contest committee.

A resolution received from the secretary, Miss Erba Pouliot, Red Lake county, states that the Rural School Spelling contest is one of the chief benefits of the Winter Shows Management have had the interest of the rural boys and girls at heart, as shown in sponsoring this educational project in addition to their already wide field of activities."

WOMEN'S CAMP JUNE 20-23

The dates for the second annual Women's Camp at the Northwest School have tentatively set for June 20-23. The Camp will serve as a period for rest, recreation and instruction for women of Northwestern Minnesota. The instruction will all be given in the form of demonstrations and will deal with the home and the community. Those who come will live at the school, and the association with so many women from different communities is one of the chief benefits of the Camp. This preliminary announcement is made in order that plans may be made by those who wish to attend. The program will be more fully announced in the May and June Northwest Monthly.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS ANNOTED FOR 1926-27

Through the Caleb Dorr scholarship fund of the University of Minnesota the Northwest School each year is able to announce awards for special achievements with prizes from $5 to $75. Those who were awarded prizes the past year were:

Progress in Scholarship: Seniors—Ismael Bynum, Kennedy; Hannah Degerness, Gary; Jerome Holm, Bagley; Alta Merrill, Browns Valley; Fred. Men, Beth; Edna Mikkelsen, Slay; Emma Letness, Thief River Falls. Home Projects: Carl Widseth, Clearbrook; Vivian Olson, Thief River Falls; Music—Voice—Doris Olson, Fear; piano—Lillian Bakken, Erskine; violin—Oscar Nordem, Clearbrook. Declamations: Portland—Eda Erickson, Clearbrook; Home Economics—Doris Olson, Earle; Poultry—George Rasmussen, Bagley; Agronomy—Joseph Skatvold, Twin Valley; Agriculture—Carolyn, W. D. Lincoln—Willie, West Fargo City, Indian. Debating: Elmer Anderson, Clearbrook; Carl Widseth, Clearbrook; Otto Saugen, Thief River Falls; Loren Parkin, Earle; Mabel Stricker, Bagley. Some of the other announcements were:


Basketball awards were given to John Skatvold, Twin Valley; Karl Gondrud, Detroit Lakes; Earl Lachau, Gary; Olaf Stenberg, Clearbrook; Ralph O. Drolle, Montevideo; Chester Engen, Hallock; Elmer Hjort, East Grand Forks; Ralph Hanson, Austin; Russell Younggren, Northgate; Harry Crowell, Sherburn, and honorable mention to Chester Torgerson, Vergil.

The 7500 willow cuttings cut out to seventy-five cooperators in 1926 made a good showing in spite of the dry season. An average of over 50% of the cuttings grown, made trees which will be satisfactory for permanent planting this spring.

The golden and white willow cuttings were sent out at the cost of postage to demonstrate how easily wind break trees could be started. Cuttings will be available again in 1927 for those wanting a start with willows. In case a good crop of the seed is obtained this season, seed will be sent out next season.

One hundred willow cuttings will be sent to any address in 1927. The cost for mailing and wrapping will be ten cents per 100.

A limited number of rooted gooseberry layers of desirable varieties will also be available for distribution to cooperators this season. Each cooperator will be limited to one yearling layer or two last season layers. A ten cent charge for mailing and wrapping will be made for the gooseberries. The cooperators are asked to furnish reports when called for.

Address all inquiries for plants to Horticulturist T. M. McCall, North West Station.

FARMERS' CLUB BUYS STOCK

The Brandt-Helgeland Farmers' club have recently added another member to their list of projects for community betterment. Their latest action is the purchase of a share of stock in the Red River Valley Livestock association, according to the secretary, W. J. Durban.

The Brandt-Helgeland Farmers' club has the oldest of the clubs organizing this new business. Its members come from the two towns included in the name of the club. Not only has the club brought about a fine feeling of community in the community, but it has encouraged all those things which make farm life worth while. The social gatherings, the annual picnic, the new outlook for the Northwest School each summer, and the encouragement of better schools, club work and the farm bureau are all matters which give the Brandt-Helgeland club a record of achievement.
ACRONOMY BRIEFS

The appropriation for the Minnesota Crop Improvement association has passed the Senate Finance Committee and the Appropriations Committee of the House. It now rests upon the decision of the Governor.

Phyto having Cures wheat or Hulless oats should be sure to treat for smut with copper carbonate or for maldehyde. Copper carbonate is preferable. Use from S to 3 ounces per bushel, depending upon the amount of smut present.

Some of the farmers have indicated an intention to increase the acreage of durum wheat 30 per cent this year. Old ground where weeds may be troublesome, a wheat and flax mixture is recommended. A dust per bushel, depending upon the amount of smut present.

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