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## HOME COMING OCTOBER 27

Alumni, former students and friends of the Northwest School should make special effort to be on hand for the usual Home Coming October 27. Committees are busy, arranging an standing program, which will be with a special assembly at 11:10 M., and continue throughout the t of the day and evening. R. S. mham, chairman of the assembly gram committee, promises a real p meeting following brief addresses Superintendent P. E. Miller of the est Central School, and Congress-

on C. G. lwig, for- r super- endent of North- st School d Station. At 2:30 m. Coach a Voi's rriors ll clash th Morris gies in e most ortalant me of the eason. ice foot- all rela- ns were ablished th the est Cent- l School ur years o, the lo- l team

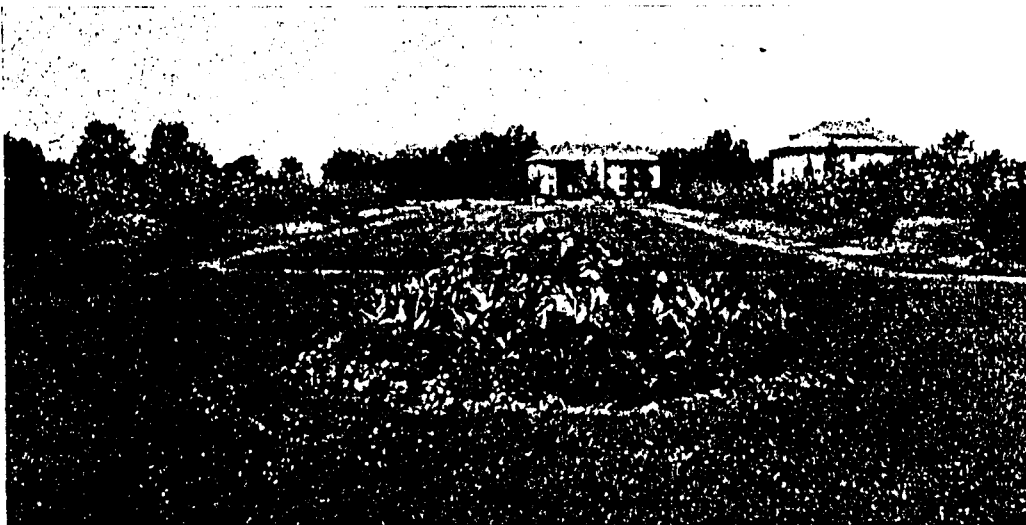
s won three of the four encounters. is year Coach LaVoi is none too peful, as but two 1927 regulars rted for duty, George Berggren, eenbush, and Harry Confer, Angus. gardless of the outcome, however, is game will be full of thrills from irt to finish.

In the evening there will be a get-gether dinner, with an appropriate ner program arranged by the com- ittee, of which Miss Helen Brown chairman. All who plan to re- in for the dinner should notify iss Fanny Lippitt not later than Oc- ber 25, so that provision can be ade for all.

The evening program will be devo- to a school dance and party. Miss ne Simley and A. M. Foker will (Continued on Page 4.)

## NEW FACULTY MEMBERS ENTERTAINED

New members of the Northwest School staff were the guests of the other instructors at a most enjoyable get-together held at the home of Superintendent and Mrs. A. A. Dowell Saturday evening, September 29. R. S. Dunham, a member of of the program committee, announced two va- cancies on the staff and called for nominations. T. M. McCall and A. M. Foker responded by placing before the faculty the names of S. A. Ander- son and J. W. Mlinar to replace H. C. Rutt, resigned, and A. H. Larson, now on leave of absence for graduate



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study. Following the acceptance speeches, the new members were admitted to the Northwest School fam- ily circle.

Letters were read from A. H. Lar- son and H. C. Rutt. Mr. Larson is located at 703 So. Limestone St., Lexington, Kentucky, where he is studying for a Master's Degree. Mr. Rutt resigned to accept a position with the Public Service Company of Northern Illinois, and is devoting his time largely to rural electrification.

The evening's program included vo- cal and instrumental selections by Miss Helen Brown, Miss Rose Pol- ski, Miss Grace Warne, and Mr. O. M. Kiser, and readings by Miss Anne Simley, Mrs. DeEtte C. Genung and Mrs. E. R. Clark.

## PARENTS' DAY PLANS COMPLETE

Faculty and students of the North- west School extend a most cordial in- vitation to all parents to visit the school on Saturday, November 3. The occasion will be the Ninth Annual Parents' day. A special program is being arranged so that the fathers and mothers will have an opportunity to see the students at work and at play. The forenoon will be given over to the visitation of classes, so that parents may meet the instructors and inspect the equipment in the various class rooms and laboratories. At noon

the parents will be the guests of the students in the school din- ing hall. To insure ade- quate provi- sion, it will be neces- sary for all who plan on at- tending the dinner, to notify the school not later than Novem- ber 1.

At 1:00 o'clock a special as- sembly will be held in the school auditorium. This will be

a student program in which the stu- dents will demonstrate the work of the Music, English, and Home Econ- omies departments.

All are invited to remain for the Hallowe'en celebration scheduled to take place in the gymnasium during the evening.

Another feature of the day's activi- ties will be the Eighth Annual Home Project exhibit, which will be held in the cafeteria room of the school dining hall.

Last year an unusually large num- ber of parents visited the school on Parents' day and reported a most en- joyable occasion. It affords an excel- lent opportunity for all to acquaint themselves with the work of the School and Station.

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**RECORD FALL TERM ENROLLMENT**

E. R. Clark, acting registrar, reports the heaviest fall term enrollment in the history of the school. Figures available at the close of the second week of the term show a total of 251, compared to 232 on the same date one year ago. As a number of students have informed the registrar that delayed fall work will make it necessary for them to remain at home a few days longer, the total net enrollment for the fall term is expected to pass 260. With the addition of new students at the beginning of the winter term, the total enrollment for the school year should be well over the all-time record of 301 established in 1919-20.

**STUDENTS ENJOY GET-TOGETHER**

Social activities at the Northwest School were officially opened Wednesday, October 3, when the upper classmen were hosts to the Freshmen boys and girls. The boys held their annual Pow Wow in Senior Hall parlors, while the girls' Frolic took place in Robertson Hall. The girls' Frolic opened with an appropriate get-together in which each girl announced her name, where she lived, and other items of interest. After the introductions, Miss Bede extended a welcome to all new girls, and urged them to take part in at least one of the many worth while school activities. The meeting was then turned over to members of the Advanced class, with Isabel Dobias, Angus, acting as chairman of an appropriate stunts program.

Miss Helen Brown and Miss Rose Polski, of the Music department of the school took charge of the community song fest, which was followed by school yells, led by Hazel Stephenson, Gary. The twenty-third annual Frolic all too quickly passed into history, leaving recollections of another happy evening at the Northwest School.

Harvey Johnson, Rollag, a member of the senior class and president of the Y. M. C. A., announced the various numbers of an excellent program which had been arranged in cooperation with the faculty entertainment and social activities committee, of which R. S. Dunham is chairman. Lauritz Mikkelson, Hawley, speaking

on behalf of the Y. M. C. A., emphasized the part this organization had played in maintaining the high moral standards of the school.

In the absence of Captain-elect Harry Confer, Angus, George Berggren, Greenbush, invited new students to try out for class and school basketball teams. Melvin Burk, Brooks, in a few well chosen remarks, reviewed the work of the Northwest Eagles Lone Scout organization. Members of the faculty were then called upon to outline the opportunities offered in a number of other school activities. T. M. McCall spoke on behalf of the literary societies; E. W. Avery emphasized the value of training in debate; Coach D. H. LaVoi discussed football prospects, and Superintendent A. A. Dowell welcomed the new students to the "Northwest School Family." The two new members of the faculty, S. A. Anderson and J. W. Mlinar, were then introduced to the student body, and, in responding, expressed their appreciation of the warm welcome they had received on the part of students and faculty alike.

Other features of the program included two excellent piano selections rendered by R. S. Dunham, and the community singing led by J. W. Mlinar. Following the apple scramble and strong man stunt staged by Arthur Widseth, Gonvick, the boys closed the evening's activities by serenading the girls in Robertson Hall.

**HOME ECONOMICS GIRLS AT STATE FAIR**

One of the coveted trips offered to Northwest School girls is the one to the Minnesota State fair, where the girls assist with the work in connection with the Farm Boys' camp. This camp, supervised by the Y. M. C. A., had an enrollment this year of 170 boys.

The work of the girls is to assist in preparing the food for the camp, to set the tables, and to wash the dishes. In return for these services, the girls were given the trip to the Fair with all expenses paid. They also received complimentary tickets to the grand stand for the afternoon and the evening performances, and to the horse show.

As the girls were provided with rooms on the fair grounds, they had an excellent opportunity to visit the exhibit buildings and other attractions during spare moments. It was a joy to see how sixteen snappy girls could make short work of such prosaic tasks as peeling vegetables and washing dishes when the attractions of one of the greatest state fairs in the world await them. By properly organizing their work, aided by the occasional and much appreciated help from some of the boys, the girls managed to have plenty of time to view the Fair.

One of the most delightful events of the entire trip was provided for the girls by the people in charge of the camp. It was a sixty-five mile drive around the Twin Cities and included all the main points of interest.

Were the girls tired at the end of

the strenuous week? Just ask them. And yet they all declare they would do it all over again if given the opportunity.

Mr. Lester Howard, Superintendent of the Farm Boys' camp, expressed his personal appreciation of the fine spirit of cooperation on the part of Miss Retta Bede of the Home Economics department and the sixteen Northwest School girls who helped in every possible way to make this the most successful camp ever held at the State fair.

**AGGIES WIN OVER RED LAKE FALLS**

Coach LaVoi's green Aggie team surprised their most loyal supporters by defeating the fast Red Lake team in the opening game of the season, Saturday, October 6. The 13-0 score did not, however, represent the comparative strength of the two teams, for time after time the fast Red Lake backs broke loose for long runs around the ends. They varied their running attack with well executed passes, but seemed to be unable to make the last few yards necessary to cross the Aggies' goal.

George Berggren, Greenbush, the only 1927 regular on the Aggie squad, played a brilliant game at left tackle. Other outstanding performers in the line were Roy Fisher, Beltrami, at end and Irvin Flynn, Leonard, at center. Flynn's steady passing and aggressive line work was a big factor in the final outcome of the game. Widseth and Odland shared honors in the back field. The big full back repeatedly plowed through the line for substantial gains, and was responsible for the last yardage needed to score both touchdowns. Other players to show special promise were Stanley Radnecki, Wanke, and John Covlin, Erskine, the latter having been a member of the 1925 squad.

Coach J. A. Hughes' Red Lake Warriors, averaging but 130 pounds, played a brilliant running and passing game, with Bassett and Fellman starring for the visitors. The game was called promptly at 3:30 and was played under ideal weather conditions. Mr. W. Clafsey of Ada, refereed the game in a highly satisfactory manner. Mr. L. G. Meffert, physical director of the Crookston schools, officiated as head linesman, with T. M. McCall and E. F. Kiland as time-keepers.

Red Lake Falls		Aggies
V. Keifenheim	LE	E. Bryngelson
		S. Gandrud
R. Brunnelle	LT	G. Berggren
D. Kundert	LG	L. Peterson
		E. Johnson
Rawertz	C	E. Flynn
Richards	RG	S. Radnecki
		H. Roadfeldt
VonWold	RT	J. Covlin
Helm	RE	R. Fisher
Pouliot	QB	R. Gleason
		L. Elton
Bassett	RII	H. Johnson
Fellman (Capt.)	LH	M. Odland
Freund	FB	A. Widseth

**IGHT SCHOLARSHIPS****AWARDED IN LEADERSHIP**

As a result of outstanding work in community leadership project during the past summer, eight boys and girls have been awarded scholarships to be applied on their expenses while attending the Northwest School of Agriculture. These valuable scholarships, amounting to \$50.00 each, were made available through Caleb Dorr scholarship funds. 4-H Club members, as well as Northwest School students were eligible, the only limitations being that they complete the leadership project and meet the entrance requirements of the Northwest school.

In making the awards the Scholarship committee was impressed with the scope and quality of the work performed. Scholarships were awarded to four Northwest School students—Gritz B. Mikkelsen, Hawley; Lawrence Elton, Hawley; Arthur Wilder, Gönvick, and Alice Erickson, Meeker, and a like number to students who are now attending the school for the first time—Evelyn M. Bierbaum, Brookwood, Clearwater county; May Huseby, Norman county; Herbert Schroeder, Fergus Falls, West Ottertail county, and Annie Louise Lindli, Warroad, Roseau county.

Evelyn Bierbaum has been an enthusiastic club member for the past several years, winning many firsts in the local county contests. In 1926 she was a member of the canning demonstration team that entered the State fair contests. The following year she gave an individual bread baking demonstration at the State Fair. During the summer of 1928 Evelyn won first in cake, first in canning, second in garment, second in bread and second in poultry at the county fair, in addition to her leadership project in which she had 43 members enrolled. Herbert Schroeder has just completed his fourth year in club work. In 1925 he exhibited in the sow and pig, pure bred gilt, and fat barrow classes, but failed to win a place at the county fair. The following year, in addition to the other classes, he exhibited a ton litter, winning third on litter, and fifth on fat barrow. Instead of being discouraged, Herbert was more determined than ever to make a good showing in the swine classes, and returned to the county fair the following year with a ton litter weighing 2,890 pounds, thus capturing first in the county and fourth prize for the entire state. In addition to his leadership work during 1928, Herbert again exhibited at the county fair, winning first on fat barrow, and first on pure bred gilt. As a result he was awarded a free trip to both the State Fair and the Junior Livestock show. In reporting on his leadership project Herbert states that beginning with four interested members, the club was increased to twenty-six enthusiastic workers.

County Agent J. J. McCann summarized Mayda Huseby's club record as follows:

Mayda Huseby, of Halstad, has

been in 4-H club work the past two years. She has been of great assistance to the county club leader in securing new members and in arranging for meetings and programs at Halstad." She is Secretary of the Halstad club, which has a membership of 65. In arranging for special events such as the annual outing at the Northwest School of Agriculture last June, Mayda was instrumental in sending the largest delegation from any one club. As a result of outstanding club work, Mayda attended the Junior Short Course held at University Farm last June. During the past season, she won first in Class A individual bread baking contest in the county, thus securing a trip to the State Fair. She also was a member of the canning team which represented Norman county at the State Fair.

Annie Brandli began her club work by enrolling in the sewing project in 1925. In recognition of her consistent work over a period of years, she had the honor of being selected as the Roseau County delegate to the Junior Short course at University farm last June. Annie, as president of her local club of 31 members, took an active part in a number of outside activities, including the club camp at Rocky Point, the county fair, and summer picnic.

**MISS ROSE POLSKI****WINS SCHOLARSHIP**

Miss Rose Polski, who has been a member of the Music department of the Northwest School of Agriculture for the past several years, was awarded a scholarship valued at \$120.00 while studying piano at the Chicago Musical college during the past summer. This high honor was conferred upon recommendation of the faculty following a series of contests with other students representing practically every state in the Union. Miss Polski studied under Mr. Edward Collins, one of the foremost American pianists. She plans to continue her work at the Chicago Musical College next summer.

**FACULTY ENJOY****HOUSE WARMING**

The Northwest School families gathered informally Tuesday evening, September 25, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Anderson, the occasion being a surprise house warming for the newly married couple. Mr. Anderson has been employed at the Northwest School for a number of years, having charge of the school bus and station cars. He has made a very warm place for himself in the hearts of students and faculty alike as a result of the many little courtesies extended from time to time.

On behalf of the campus folks, Professor A. M. Foker, in a few appropriate remarks, presented a beautiful mantel clock. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, in responding, expressed their appreciation of the hearty reception they had received.

This was followed by a most delightful supper, served by the campus ladies. At the close of the evening's

activities the self-invited guests departed after extending congratulations and a warm welcome to the new member of the "Northwest School Family."

**CLUB WORK AT STATE FAIR**

Eleven hundred 4-H Club members received trips to the Minnesota State fair this year as a reward for doing successful club work in their respective counties. Each cherished the secret ambition of winning even greater honors for his county with his livestock or as a member of one of the many demonstration or judging teams. It was a busy week, with plenty of sightseeing trips, fun and entertainment for everyone. Special features included a picnic supper and stunts by counties; a parade before the grandstand, with free seats for the evening program, and fireworks; and free admission to the horse show. The entire group were guests of the Minneapolis Civic and Commerce association, on Thursday night. They will long remember that splendid dinner and the fine entertainment that followed. This annual event is one that the club members look forward to eagerly each year. Excursions were taken each afternoon to various places of interest in the Twin Cities.

According to H. A. Pflughoeft, district club leader, there were more demonstration teams than in any previous year, with forty-three agricultural teams demonstrating during the week. In the home economics division there were forty-eight canning teams, sixteen teams each in the bread and garment, and one hundred eighteen individual bread club members.

Exhibitors from eighty-three counties showed a total of two hundred fifteen dairy calves, the largest number ever shown at the Minnesota State fair.

Special honors were won by eighteen-year-old John Meyer of Ada, Norman County, who was the champion showman. His calf also placed second in a class of sixteen purebred yearlings. John has won five trips to the State fair, and incidentally has acquired several fine Holsteins as a foundation for his future herd.

Wellington Schroeder, of Bemidji, Beltrami county, was the reserve champion calf club member, the grand championship going to Elmer Johnson, Nicollet county. The above selections were made by means of an oral test to determine how much each contestant knew about his work; Wellington's animal placed first in the pure-bred two-year-old class. He has been in club work six years.

In the purebred Holstein calf class, with forty-nine entries, Sigurd Hasfjord of Becker county placed third and Roland Brandt, of Clay, fourth. In the grade yearling, Alvin Bennis, of Fertile, Polk county, placed first. This is his second year in club work. Winning first is becoming a habit with Alvin, as he had previously won similar honors at the Fertile Fair and also at the Winter Shows. Frances Paiman won third place in the same

class on a yearling heifer out of a cow with which she started club work some years ago.

In the Guernsey class Irvin Sundseth, of Halstad, Norman county, won first with his grade two-year-old. This is a very typey animal and no doubt will make Irvin a good foundation cow. Frederick Rau, of Fergus Falls was placed second, with a pure-bred yearling, while Arnold Hanson and Raca Woolson, both from Pennington county, placed fifth and seventh respectively with their purebred calves. Ernest Nelson, of Fertile, Polk county, placed ninth with thirty-five entries in the class.

There were sixty-six entries in the purebred gilt class. It was an outstanding show as eligibility was limited to the first prize gilt from those counties with an enrollment of at least fifteen. John Cheney, of Warren, Marshall County, is to be congratulated on winning first with his Duroc in a class of nineteen entries. Herbert Schroeder, of West Ottertail placed sixth in this same class, and Lawrence Elton, of Clay County placed fourth, with a purebred Yorkshire gilt.

The girls of Northwestern Minnesota upheld the fine record made last year. Coral Hemmingson and Avis Jensen, of Kittson county were declared the State Champion cake team. It will be remembered that Coral was the state champion cake individual last year. The state champion class B. Garment team consisted of Isabel Zuehlsdorff and Emma Schroeder, West Ottertail county, while the class B breadmaking team winning high honors consisted of Annie Pederson and Edith Johnson, Hubbard county. Mr. Pflughoeft may well feel proud of the long list of honors won by club members from Northwestern Minnesota.

### ODIN MALE CHORUS OCT. 19

The Odin Male Chorus of 34 voices, under the direction of T. W. Thorson, Fertile, will present the first of a series of special music and lecture course programs in the Northwest School of Agriculture auditorium, Friday evening, October 19. According to Director Thorson this noted chorus, recruited from Fertile and the nearby community, was organized in 1914, to foster the Scandinavian singing. Most of the original sixteen charter members were Scandinavian, a mixture of all three nationalities, but for the past five years no such distinction has been made. More recently Scotch, English, Hollanders and Germans have joined this chorus.

This chorus rehearses the year around with an average of 26 members in attendance during the past year. Two-thirds of the chorus are farmers living within a radius of ten miles of Fertile. Mr. Thorson adds the interesting statement that farmer members of the group have established a remarkable record not only for regular attendance but for being on

time regardless of distance or weather conditions. Five former Northwest School boys are members of the chorus.

The Odin Male Chorus is a member of the Norwegian Singers association of America, Northwestern Minnesota Singers' association and the Fertile Community Choral society. From the beginning it has taken an active part in all public occasions, and was one of the first choruses affiliating with Northwest Singers. It has attended most of the Saengerfests during the last ten years, participating in the Festival held in Winnipeg, Canada, last summer.

### Chorus Membership.

Director—T. W. Thorson.

First Tenors—Clarence Swenson, Olaf Christian, Ed. Johnson, A. P. Odlaug, Selmer Harstad, Ole Pederson.

Second Tenors—Robert Erickson, H. O. Viker, Joe Harstad, August Stephenson, Carl Christianson.

First Basses—Selmer Ogard, Ole Haugen, Clarence Roragen, William Harstad, O. H. Viker, C. H. Larson, Carl Olson, Elmer Krogstad, Hercules Boelter, G. W. Tolo.

Second Basses—Leonard Mattson, John Mattson, Rudolph Erickson, Martin Leithe, Martin Harstad, M. H. Viker, G. H. Gredvig, S. A. Jordahl, C. H. Mulder, Ed. Christian.

The program to be rendered in the school auditorium will consist of English Male chorus numbers, the masterpieces of Norwegian and Swedish songs for male voices, a talk on the place of music in the rural community, by Rev. G. W. Tolo, a member of the chorus, a group of piano numbers by Ruth Halstad, a dialect reading Beatrice Rolland, and a short sketch by the well known comedians, the Berger Brothers, from the Fertile community. To add to the education value of this varied program, Mr. Thorson promises a description of each song and number as rendered.

### Male Chorus Songs

The Viking Song—Coleridge Taylor; a song of rhythm and spirit.

Annie Laurie—Giebel; Old Time songs.

Sonny o' Mine—Moore; semi-popular.

### Norwegian Group

Landkjending—Grieg; the masterpiece of Norwegian Chorus music, portraying the return of Olaf Trygvason to his native land after having spent his boyhood days in England, and a portrayal of his moods and prayer in returning to his native soil.

Paa-Satervang—Reissiger, a short, lively song descriptive of the fields and meadow lands high up in the mountains, where the villagers gathered once a year to harvest and make merry.

Gjaterjenten—Borg; another descriptive song of the herd girl in the mountains, using the echo feature as

she calls from one side of the valley to the other.

### Swedish Group

Vikingarne—Frieberg; an excerpt from the light opera, The Vikings, using a solo and chorus; one of the finest and most descriptive numbers, embodying the spirit of the Vikings, their call for red-blooded men and pitying those who are faint hearted, etc.

Sverige—Stenhummer; one of the latter day songs by a modern composer, and a masterpiece as showing in song the love for the land where our forefathers lie under the shadow of the church. It is a beautiful thing and has been sung in this country only the last few years.

The Pilgrims' Chorus, from Tannhauser—Wagner; from the opera, and one of the most popular of male voice songs of this type.

In Flanders Field—McCrae and Olesen; one of the few things that lived from our war days, and a song that typifies memorial as well as patriotism.

The Mulligan Musketeers—An old marching song from Revolutionary days and lately found and set to music.

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supervise the dance program, in the school gymnasium, while Mr. J. W. Mlinar and Miss Elesa Simonson are arranging the party, which will be held in the cafeteria room of the dining hall.

It will be a real treat to attend the assembly, see a thrilling football game, enjoy the evening dinner, and participate in either the dance or party, but the real thrill of Home Coming Day comes in meeting old and new friends, and reviewing the old familiar sights about the campus. Remember the day—Home Coming, October 27.

### PERSONALS

Mrs. Oscar Lien, '22 (Minnie Torpet), has asked to have the Northwest Monthly forwarded to her Canadian address, Sandford Dene, Saskatchewan. She was married December 31, 1927, to Oscar Lien.

Faculty, students, and friends of the school were shocked by the sudden death of little Katherine Clark, six year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Clark, of the Northwest School of Agriculture. She was taken sick October 1 and passed away early Monday morning, October 8. Burial took place in the Oakdale cemetery, Dr. F. J. Hibbard, pastor of the Crookston Presbyterian church, officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. John Swiers, '20, Bejou, Mahanomen county, announce the arrival of a son, John Selvig Swiers. The Junior Swiers was named in honor of Congressman Selvig, who was Superintendent of the Northwest School during the time Mr. Swiers was in attendance.