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Parents' Day Well Attended

Over two hundred parents from fifteen Northwestern Minnesota counties attended the Ninth Annual Parents' Day celebration at the Northwest School of Agriculture, Saturday, November 3. From the standpoint of attendance and interest in the work of the school, this was the most successful Parents' day held to date. The delegation from Polk county, totaling 56 fathers and mothers, carried off attendance honors, with Norman ranking second, Red Lake third, Marshall fourth, Clay fifth, and Roseau and Clearwater tying for sixth and seventh. Other counties represented included Pennington, Ottertail, Kittson, Becker, Wilkin, Hubbard and Beltrami, in addition to one North Dakota county.

Among the parents coming the greatest distances were Mr. and Mrs. Sam Erickson, Pencer, Roseau county; Mrs. G. L. Weaver, Williams, Beltrami county; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Canedy, La Porte, Hubbard county; Mr. and Mrs. Ross DePochee, and Mr. Christ Dalager, Pelican Rapids, Ottertail county, and Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Peet, Wolverton, Wilkin county.

The day's activities included the visitation of classes during the forenoon, dinner in the school dining hall as guests of the students at noon, a special student assembly in the school auditorium, a football game with the Mayville North Dakota Teachers' College, afternoon coffee, and an all-school Hallowe'en party during the evening. In arranging the program every effort was made to enable parents to see their sons and daughters both at work and at play.

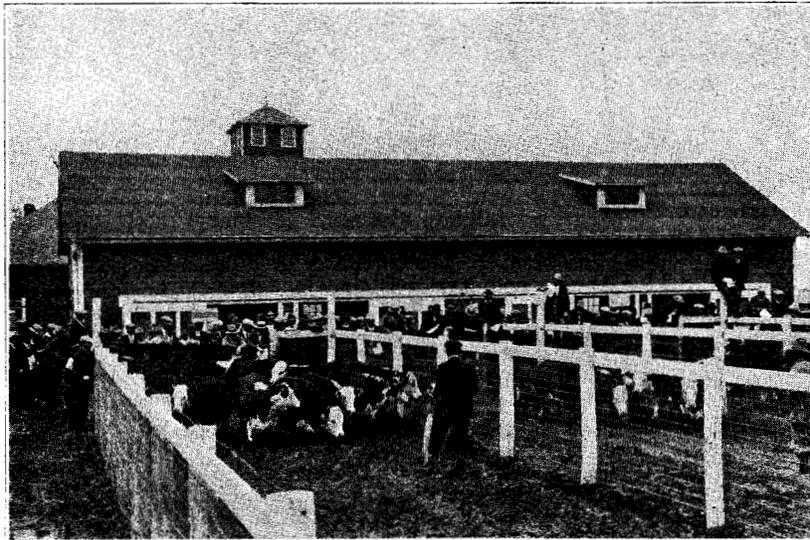
Following the early morning drive and the visitation of classes and laboratories, all were ready for the welcome call to dinner. By using the cafeteria room in addition to the din-

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HOME PROJECT AWARDS

An impressive array of new frocks, embroidery, needlework, and exhibits of canning and baking were shown to parents at the Ninth Annual Parents' Day and Home Project exhibit at the Northwest School, Saturday, November 3. Students in the agricultural classes showed pure seed, potatoes, corn, and farm weed collections from work completed during the summer months under the supervision of E. R. Clark and Miss Retta Bede, of the Northwest School faculty.

Selma Waldahl, Plummer, won highest honors in girls' exhibits with her excellent showing of dressmaking, fancy work and baking. Alice Erickson, junior student, Pencer, showed



Livestock Feeders' Day, Northwest Experiment Station, June, 1928.

the best house dress in a class of 37 entries. Olga Johnson, Plummer, showed the best made-over dress. Other first premium winners were Agnes Sevald, Fertile, embroidery; Carrie Buck, Crookston, French hem; Anna Osmundson, East Grand Forks, hemstitching; Iris Gibbons, Crookston, cake making; Marie Dablów, Thief River Falls, preserving; Sanna Hanson, Wanke, meat canning; Isabelle Letnes, Crookston, canned fruits and vegetables, and Johanna Caudle, Crookston, bread baking.

Forty-eight boys exhibited potatoes, corn, pure seed, and onions. Lloyd Weaver, Williams, won first on Early Ohios and sweepstakes over all pota-

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Northwest Station Produces Record Hen

A. M. Pilkey, poultryman, reports a new high record of 318 eggs in 365 days, made by a White Leghorn hen in the flock at the Northwest Experiment station. This is an increase of six eggs over the record established at the station one year ago, and, according to Mr. Pilkey, is probably the highest record made by any hen in the mid-western states.

Six hens produced a total of 1832 eggs during the year, an average of 305 eggs each. Additional records show that 100 White Leghorn hens produced 24,116 eggs, or an average of 241 each during the year.

These production records are the result of years of selective breeding, feeding and management. Every bird at the station has been trap-nested for the past six years, and all breeding pens selected from the highest producers, size, type and breed character considered. Production records of the dams of all male birds used during the past five years range from 250 up to 318 eggs.

The first pen special mating for this year will include hens with records ranging from 300 to 318 eggs each. Cockerels produced from this pen will be used to head all pens during the 1930 mating season.

According to Mr. Pilkey, the rations fed these birds consisted of five classes of feeds, namely, scratch grain, laying mash, green feeds, animal foods and minerals. Scratch feed was made up of equal parts of wheat, barley and yellow corn, fed in a deep litter to force exercise. Each 100 hens received approximately two quarts of this mixture in the morning and six quarts in the evening. The dry mash, which was fed in self-feeding hoppers, consisted of equal parts of bran, flour middlings, ground yellow corn, ground barley, and meat

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NEW FALL TERM ATTENDANCE RECORD

With 274 students enrolled, E. R. Clark, acting registrar, reports a fourteen per cent increase over corresponding figures one year ago. Sixteen Northwestern Minnesota counties are represented, in addition to several central and southern counties, and the states of North Dakota and Montana. The enrollment includes 101 freshmen, 72 juniors, 56 seniors, 27 advanced, and 18 special students.

LARGE CROWD ATTENDS SCHOOL HOME COMING

A large and enthusiastic crowd of alumni, former students, and friends, returned to the Northwest School campus for the annual Home Coming celebration, October 27. Special events included the general assembly at 11:10 a. m., the annual clash with the Morris Aggies in the afternoon, a get-together dinner in the school dining hall at 6:00 and the school dance and party during the evening.

It was a busy day, but one long to be remembered by those who were privileged to attend. The assembly program opened with songs and cheers for the alumni, visitors, and friends. Speakers included Congressman C. G. Selvig, Professor A. W. Edson, of the West Central School, Morris, and Coach A. C. Heine, of the Morris Aggies, the latter introducing the members of the Morris football squad, together with their Mascot, young 12-year-old Donald Jordan.

Everyone was on edge for the big feature of the Home Coming celebration: namely, the annual clash between the local "Aggies" and the Morris team. Promptly at 2:30 Referee W. W. Clausen, Fargo, N. D., gave the signal for action, and the battle was on. It was a real game, one in which Coach LaVoi and his loyal squad fought as the Northwest School teams always fight. The veteran Morris team, however, composed of men who had played together for two and three years, were victorious, carrying away the long end of a 19 to 6 score.

Everyone enjoyed the annual get-together dinner in the school dining hall, together with the dinner program, which included selections by the faculty orchestra, community singing led by Miss Helen Brown of the Music Department, and brief but

appropriate addresses by Coach D. H. LaVoi; Coach A. C. Heine, Morris; Captain Martin Odland, Wadena; Captain Roy Johnson, Morris; T. M. McCall, Chairman of the Athletic Committee, and Randolph Ostlie, Montevideo, who spoke on behalf of the alumni. After singing "The Valley Aggie," the large crowd filed out of the dining hall to participate in the school dance or party. The former was supervised by Miss Anne Simley and A. M. Foker, while Mrs. DeEtte Cenfield Genung and J. W. Mlinar had charge of the party.

No other day is quite like the day set aside for Home Coming. With each passing year, it appeals to a widening circle of alumni and former students who eagerly await the call to return "home."

HOME NURSING STUDENTS WIN HONORS IN COURSE

During the winter term of the 1927-28 school year, members of the class in home nursing, under the direction of Miss Elesia Simonson, school nurse, enrolled in a correspondence course in "Child Care and Training." This course offered by the General Extension division of the University of Minnesota consisted of sixteen lessons dealing with the habits and diseases of children under six years of age. Miss Simonson has been advised that the following members of the class were awarded certificates of merit by the Extension division, as a reward for special achievement: Alma Krogstad, Fertile; Mary Johnson, East Grand Forks; Olga Johnson, Plummer; Agnes Johnson, Fisher; Hilma Ahlm, Argyle; Lillian Bakken, Erskine; Williamine Cenfield, Clinton; Florence Hanson, Mentor; Estelle Filipi, Angus; and Evelyn Bain, Bandette.

FRESHMEN WIN THE OUTDOOR FESTIVAL

The annual outdoor festival was held Saturday evening, October 13, under almost ideal weather conditions. There was just enough tang to the air to give every one a real appetite for the many good things that had been prepared for the picnic supper. As the long line filed past the tables, they soon found places around the numerous little camp fires prepared for the occasion.

Following the supper, each class rallied around its cheer leader, as a preliminary to organizing for the evening's contests, which had been arranged by the Entertainment and Social Activities committee, of which R. S. Dunham is chairman.

Members of the Freshmen class are to be congratulated on the way they entered into the spirit of the occasion after less than two weeks' residence at the school. Incidentally they won six of the twelve events which gave them a total score of 31 as compared to 20 points for their nearest competitor, the Advanced class.

Chief Announcer H. A. Pflughoeft then called the entire group together

for the grand march to the north woods, where the final ceremonies were held around an enormous bonfire. The evening's activities closed with cheers and songs for the football team, and a determination to capture the Morris Aggies' goat by winning the annual football game scheduled for Home Coming Day, October 27.

FOOTBALL TEAM MAKES EXCELLENT SHOWING

In spite of the fact that the training period is considerably shorter than at most other schools, the "Aggie" football team has made a remarkable showing in its first four games. Playing the first game of the season after but five days of training, the team was rewarded by a 13-0 victory over the veteran Red Lake Falls squad. The team took advantage of numerous fumbles made by their opponents and at the same time played a strong defensive game.

The second contest with East Grand Forks was another hard fought game, the Maroon and Gold warriors emerging victorious by an 18-0 count. A decided improvement over the play of the previous week was noticeable in the latter game, with Widseth, the line plunging full back, ripping and tearing the opponent's line to pieces and scoring a touchdown in the first five minutes of play. The second and third touchdowns resulted from beautifully executed passes by Odland to Fisher.

Although Model High, led by the brilliant Captain Schroeder at fullback, offered stubborn resistance in the third clash of the season, the Aggies were again victorious, the final score being 12-0. Model High received the opening kickoff but was held for downs and forced to punt from midfield. The Aggies then proceeded to march down the field by a series of line plunges, and passes, with Widseth carrying the ball over for the touchdown. The second and third quarters were played on even terms, with each side attempting a number of forward passes. Shortly after the opening of the fourth period, however, Cain, fleet Aggie end, intercepted a Model High pass and raced 55 yards before he was downed on the Model High 3-yard line. On two line plunges Widseth again carried the ball over for the second and final touchdown.

The Aggies, though weakened by injuries suffered by Confer and Fisher in previous games, exhibited real football in the clash with the veteran Morris team. Morris, smarting under the crushing defeat of last year, was determined to even the score on this occasion. Fortified by a team of veterans who had played together for from two to three years, they started off with a rush, resorting to a series of forward passes, which resulted in the two touchdowns made during the first half of the game.

Coach La-Voi's team came back in the third quarter with a series of line plunges, end runs and passes, with

Widseth making the final plunge for the Aggie's touchdown. In this quarter, the Aggies made four first downs to West Central's two. In the final quarter, the Aggies were marching steadily down the field, only to have a forward pass intercepted by a Morris man, who raced 45 yards for the final score. As a result of this 19-6 victory, Morris can for the first time in five years boast of crossing the Northwest School goal.

Coach LaVoi may well feel proud of this outstanding record. Beginning the season with a comparatively green, inexperienced squad, he soon developed a smooth working, aggressive team that is a credit to the institution.

Players who have made a good showing so far are as follows: Arthur Widseth, Gonvick; Martin Odland, Wadena; Harvey Johnson, Rollag; Harry Confer, Angus; Stanton Gandrud, Detroit Lakes; John Covlin, Erskine; Stanley Radnecki, Wanke; Irvin Flynn, Leonard; Elmer Johnson, Erskine; George Berggren, Greenbush; Thomas Cain, Ponemah; Kenneth Avery, Hallock; Lawrence Elton, Hawley; Robert Gleason, Minneapolis; Elon Bryngelson, Callaway; and Roy Fisher, Beltrami.

PARENTS' DAY WELL

ATTENDED

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ing hall, Miss Fanny Lippitt, Dining Hall matron, and her able staff handled the large crowd in a most efficient manner. Everyone seemed to enjoy this feature of the Northwest School family life, and to eat at least one meal in the same room where their sons and daughters come together three times a day throughout the school year.

The assembly program, which was arranged with the idea of presenting the work of the Music, English, Home Economics and Agricultural departments, opened with selections by the faculty orchestra. Special numbers included readings by Rishton Bedard, Northcote, and Mollie DePochee, Pelican Rapids; a violin number by Alvin Degerness, Gary; piano duet by Norah Hamre and Hazel Stephenson, Gary; selections by the girls' glee club; and the following Senior thesis demonstrations: "Color in the Home and the Living Room," by Evelyn Bain, Baudette, and Florence Hanson, Mentor; "Purchasing Food for the Home," by Alice Naplin, Wylie; "Chemicals for Killing Weeds," by Robert Larson, Crookston; "The Old and New in Dairying," by Lauritz Mikkelsen and Lawrence Elton, Hawley, and "A Community Theatre," by Hazel Stephenson, Gary.

The rest of the afternoon was devoted to watching the football game, inspecting the excellent home project exhibits which had been previously judged by Miss Mildred Schenck, of the University of Minnesota, and A. W. Aamodt, county agent of western Polk county, and to the visitation of buildings and School and Station equipment.

From the remarks heard on every hand, it was quite evident that one of the bright spots of the day's activities was the afternoon coffee, served in the Home Economics building by Miss Retta Bede, assisted by the Home Economics girls, together with members of the staff.

Many parents remained for the Hallowe'en party which is always a feature of the Parents' day celebration. The Entertainment committee, of which R. S. Dunham is chairman, had arranged an unusually interesting program, beginning with the Ghost walk, followed by the Grand March, songs, stunts, and contests.

Parents left for their homes with many happy memories of a pleasant and profitable day.

CHEMICALS FOR WEED CONTROL

For many years chemistry has played an important role in the solution of agricultural problems. Problems of soils, livestock feeding, and disease have been solved wholly or in part through the information that chemistry has brought to the subjects. What, then, would be more natural than to suppose that the aggravating problem of weed control might also yield to an attack through chemical means.

If the problem was merely to destroy weeds, it would be comparatively simple and probably would have been solved ere this. According to R. S. Dunham, Agronomist, there are, however, several limitations imposed upon the chemist when he undertakes this important task.

Requirements for Practical Chemicals

In the first place, the cost of the chemical must not be prohibitive. The chemical must not only kill weeds,—it must be cheap. Second, it is desirable to use a chemical that is not poisonous to stock. Third, it should not sterilize the soil for any considerable period. And last, it should not injure severely the sprayer with which it is applied.

With these limitations, the chemist is forced to discard many substances that would otherwise prove effective. Sodium arsenite is deadly in its effect upon weeds, and likewise deadly to man or beast. Furthermore, its cost is prohibitive. Borax is very cheap, but at the Northwest Experiment Station it not only failed to check sow thistles, but caused two to grow where one grew before. Sodium disulphate ate a hole in the sprayer, but the thistles seemed to be made of stouter stuff. Consequently, it has been necessary, for one reason or another, to discard many of the chemicals that have been suggested.

Trials in Minnesota

In 1928 an extensive state plan of determining the value of chemicals for weed control was begun. Trials on sow thistle, Canada thistle, quack grass, leafy spurge, and Austrian field cress were made in those sections where these weeds were common. At the Northwest Station, Professor Dunham has conducted extensive trials on sow thistle in addition to

limited trials on quack grass.

Mr. Dunham points out that it is dangerous to draw many definite conclusions at this time, since final results can only be determined next year. Some indications are, however, apparent at this time.

Results of Trials at N. W. Station

Of the chemicals tried only two appear to be of any practical value; sodium chlorate and potassium chlorate. Sodium chlorate is effective in killing both quack grass and sow thistle (from appearances this year) when used at the rate of four pounds per square rod, dissolved in four gallons of water and applied with a power sprayer. Any kind of power sprayer works satisfactorily, but the sprinkling can was not so successful. Applications made in the summer when the thistles were in bloom were somewhat more effective than those made in the spring when they had just come up. Fall applications were also made but results cannot be determined at this time.

Sodium chlorate is non-poisonous, does not sterilize the soil when applied at the rate of four pounds per square rod, and does not injure the container.

Price quoted f. o. b. Minneapolis or St. Paul in 100 pound lots is 11 cents per pound. At this cost, the use of even this chemical is restricted to small patches. Applications of smaller amounts were made, but did not give a satisfactory kill unless additional applications were made.

ODIN MALE CHORUS PLEASURES

The Odin Male Chorus, under the direction of T. W. Thorson, Fertile, presented an exceptionally well balanced program to a packed house at the Northwest School on October 19. Chorus numbers were interspersed with piano solos by Miss Ruth Holstad, a comedy sketch by the well known comedians, The Berger Brothers, of Fertile, and a brief talk on the value of music to the rural community by Reverend G. W. Tolo, a member of the chorus.

Mr. Thorson is to be congratulated on this outstanding example of community work. Its influence has not been confined to the Fertile Community, but has spread throughout Northwestern Minnesota. He has set a high standard and an excellent example that might well be followed by persons interested in this as well as other lines of community service.

In his brief address Reverend Tolo gave a most interesting review of the history of the Odin Male Chorus since it came into existence fourteen years ago.

In the year 1914 sixteen men, under the leadership of Dr. Arthur Glimme organized the Odin Male Chorus for the purpose of promoting an interest in song and other music in Fertile and vicinity, as well as fostering a spirit of mutual fellowship and good will. These men had no special training in music, but they loved to sing and were determined to learn more. Since then the chorus has grown, both

in quality and membership. At present the chorus has more than thirty members.

As evidence of special interest in this project, the chorus met for fifty-two rehearsals during the fiscal year 1922-23, the average attendance being 21 out of a membership of 26. This last year the men attended 46 rehearsals with an average attendance of 28.

The chorus meets regularly every Wednesday evening, regardless of weather conditions. Members come from a radius of ten miles and if conditions prevent the use of a car, they walked through rain or snow.

In August, 1921, T. W. Thorson, the present director, joined the chorus. Under his able leadership enviable progress has been made. The chorus today has a repertoire of 39 English, 19 Swedish, and 50 Norwegian songs, or a total of 108. Most of these songs have been committed to memory and many are sung without accompaniment. Constant study and regular practice make this accomplishment possible.

In urging the cultivation of music in other communities, Reverend Tolo offered the following suggestions: (1) hear good music whenever this is possible; (2) join a chorus and feel the joy of producing good music; (3) encourage community "Sings"; (4) exercise the utmost care in the selection of records for musical instruments; (5) read literature dealing with music; (6) boost every sincere endeavor to bring good music, instrumental or vocal, into the community, church, school and home.

SUCCESSFUL Y. M. C. A.

Y. W. C. A. RECEPTION

New students received a warm welcome from the upper classmen when the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. held their annual reception in the school gymnasium early in October. The large increase in enrollment was evident to all, as the seemingly endless number of students passed down the receiving line to greet Harvey Johnson, Rollag, president of the Y. M. C. A., and Isabelle Dobias, Angus, president of the Y. W. C. A., together with members of the faculty.

Mr. R. S. Dunham, Miss Anne Simley, Miss Grace Warne, and Mr. J. W. Mlinar had arranged a most interesting program beginning with a general mixer and including a number of individual and group contests.

Long before the call for the Grand March, the freshmen had had an opportunity to meet most of the older students, and hence to become better acquainted with their new associates and school surroundings. Following the Grand March, led by Miss Laura Gerber and A. M. Foker, with Miss Rose Polski at the piano, the students were most agreeably surprised by the announcement from Miss Retta Bede that refreshments were ready. Officers of the Y. M.-Y. W. C. A. are to be congratulated on the successful outcome of this their first social meeting of the school year.

NORTHWEST STATION PRODUCE RECORD HEN

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scrap, plus two per cent charcoal. A moist mash was fed at noon, using the regular dry mash mixture plus milk and one-half cup cod liver oil per day for each 100 hens.

Green food consisted of six to eight pounds mangels daily for each 100 birds, while the animal food in the form of meat scrap was added to the dry mash. The mineral food was supplied by oyster shells and limestone grit.

All birds were housed in a straw loft, cotton front type of poultry house known as the Northwest Station poultry house. Plans and specifications may be secured upon request.

FRESHMEN ELECT OFFICERS

Members of the Freshmen class held their first regular meeting in the school auditorium on October 18 for the purpose of electing officers, and appointing class advisors. Officers were elected as follows: John Anderson, Hallock, president; Knute Gilbertson, Pelican Rapids, vice president; Rishton Bedard, Northcote, secretary; Alpha Bruun, Climax, treasurer, and Nels Stenborg, Clearbrook, sergeant-at-arms. Mrs. DeEtte Cenefield Genung and Miss Grace Warne were appointed faculty advisors for the class.

The class of 1931 may well feel proud of the record they have made in the few brief weeks they have been at the Northwest School. For example, in the one big inter-class contest, held in connection with the outdoor festival, the freshmen won by the high score of 31 points as compared to 20 for their nearest competitor. Furthermore, it is agreed by all that the new students have lost no time in acquainting themselves with the traditions of the school, and in affiliating with some of the many worth while school activities and organizations.

HOME PROJECT AWARDS

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to exhibits. Vernon Bryngelson, Callaway, won first on Irish Cobblers. Other first prize winners were Theodore Anden, Fergus Falls, corn; Ralph Cartwright, Shevlin, Green Mountains; Melvin Sundrud, Fosston, wheat; Alvin Degerness, Gary, barley; Lawrence Peterson, Gary, flax; Albert Sandal, Syre, oats, and Elmer Mortenson, Pencer, onions.

County Agent A. W. Aamodt placed the awards on the farm crops exhibits, and Miss Mildred Schenck, University Farm, St. Paul, judged the girls' work. According to E. R. Clark, this was the largest and best home project exhibit held since this feature of the work was established.

WANTED

Crops foreman wanted. Permanent position for capable single man.

ADVANCED CLASS ORGANIZED

At a recent meeting of the Advanced class, officers for the school year were elected as follows: Chester Torgerson, Fergus Falls, President; John Covlin, Erskine, Vice President; Ruth Hamre, Gary, Secretary; Gunda Gulingsrud, Nielsville, Treasurer, and George Berggren, Greenbush, Sergeant-at-Arms.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Lerud, formerly of Twin Valley, were recent visitors at the campus. They are now living at 1414 23rd St., Everett, Washington. Clifford attended school during the year 1924-26.

Thelma Thorkelson, '22, of Stephen, Minnesota, is teaching at Syre, Minnesota, during this school year.

Rosalyn Joyce, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Zimmerman, Jefferson, Ohio, was awarded first prize in a baby show contest in her home town recently. Mrs. Zimmerman, (Clarissa Friday) graduated from the school in 1923. Her parents and a sister, Rosalind, '21, reside at Hawley, Minnesota.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Brunelle, Crookston, a baby girl, Elaine, on October 3rd. Mr. Brunelle graduated from the school in 1920.

Ruth Soltis, '27, attended the East Grand Forks—Northwest School football game held at East Grand Forks October 12. Though Ruth is enrolled in the teachers training department of the East Grand Forks High school, she enjoyed seeing her Alma Mater carry away the long end of the 18-0 score.

Dr. W. H. Boyd, of the Veterinary Division, University Farm, was a Northwest School visitor during October.

Miss Myrtle Hetland, '27, who is training at the Deaconess Hospital, Grand Forks, reports that she is enjoying her work very much.

Emil Hallgren, '18, and Miss Lillian Lilia Luedtke were married October 25, at Little Chute, Wisconsin. Mr. and Mrs. Hallgren will make their home at Bronson, Minnesota.

Justina Sannes, '30, plans on re-entering school at the beginning of the winter term. In the meantime, she is clerking in a store at Thief River Falls.

Professor T. M. McCall, horticulturist at the Northwest School of Agriculture, acted as judge of the farm crops exhibits at the annual Ulen Harvest Festival, on October 24.

John R. Rodger, State Student Secretary of the Y. M. C. A., was a campus visitor October 30.

Professor O. M. Kiser judged the boys' and girls' livestock exhibits at Warren and Stephen Achievement days, October 13 and October 20. Mr. Kiser reported excellent exhibits and marked interest in club work.

Almira Torgerson, '16, of Fosston, died October 26, from double pneumonia. Miss Torgerson was teaching at Lengby, Minnesota, this year.