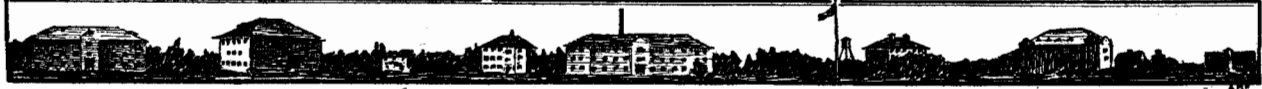


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Northwest School Opens September 30 Advance Enrollment Establishes New Record Many Improvements During Summer

INFORMATION TO NEW STUDENTS

The Northwest School of Agriculture will open for registration on Monday, September 30. All students should go direct to the registrar's office in the library, which is in the Kiehle Building. Classes will begin at 8:15 Tuesday morning, October 1.

As the dormitories will not be open before Monday, September 30, and the first meal served in the dining hall that noon, students should not reach the campus before that date.

Students may save time for themselves and for the registrar by mailing a list of subjects they plan to take during the fall term.

It would be well for all new students to read carefully the first few pages in the school bulletin so that they will know what should be brought to school. The school bus will meet all trains on Monday and go direct to the registrar's office, which will be open until late in the evening.

As the advance enrollment surpasses any previous record by a considerable margin, Registrar John W. Mlinar is making special arrangements to handle the rush of registration with as little delay as possible.

RECORD ENROLLMENT ASSURED

On August 27 Registrar John W. Mlinar reported 304 room reservations as compared to 263 on the same date last year. The advance enrollment has not only passed all previous records, but letters of inquiry from all parts of northwestern Minnesota are arriving daily. Every evidence points to another new attendance record at the Northwest School of Agriculture this year.

Enrollment at the Northwest School, which was established as a co-educational institution twenty-three years ago, has increased from 31 students in 1906 to 319 in 1928. Over eighty-five percent of the graduates have returned to the farm as farmers and home makers.

NEW STAFF MEMBERS

APPOINTED

Former students, alumni and friends of the school will be pleased to learn that R. J. Christgau, Austin, Minnesota, has been appointed assistant animal husbandman and director of ath-



RUFUS J. CHRISTGAU

Succeeds D. H. LaVoi as Assistant Animal Husbandman and Director of Athletics

letics, to succeed Professor D. H. LaVoi, who resigned to accept a position as livestock extension specialist at the Michigan Agricultural College. Mr. Christgau is especially well equipped by both training and experience to continue the good work started by Mr. LaVoi. While attending College, where he specialized in Agricultural Economics and Animal Husbandry, Mr. Christgau was a member of the University of Minnesota football and

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MANY IMPROVEMENTS

DURING SUMMER

By the time autumn arrives with its gay hued colors on tree and bush, Robertson Hall, the girls' dormitory at the Northwest School, will be ready to present herself all spick and span in new gowns of paint and varnish, according to A. M. Foker, Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds. Not only will new colors greet the large family of girls who call this building their home for six months, but a great many changes will be noticeable as well. Visitors will no longer need to wander through the halls in search of the office of the matron. Immediately upon entering the building, two French doors will open directly to the office of the preceptress. Connected with this will be her bedroom and private bathroom. The parlor, which has been inadequate during the large enrollment of recent years, has been enlarged by one-half its floor area. The new room is connected to the old by a graceful arch which spans nearly the whole width of the room. New cornice moulding around its four walls gives the room a suggestion of the Spanish type.

All first floor rooms have been greatly improved by the removal of all ceiling steam and water pipes. These have now been placed beneath the floor. This change not only improves the appearance of the rooms, but adds materially to the efficiency of the heating system. One new students' room has also been added in place of the old preceptress bedroom and bathroom.

The foundation and footings at the southwest corner of the building have been strengthened so further settling at this point will not be anticipated. All cracked and loose plaster in the entire building has been taken down and replastered. The whole interior has received two coats of washable mello-gloss paint in a delicate tan shade. All interior woodwork has

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basketball squads and Captain of the baseball team. After graduation, he devoted one year to part time graduate work and served as Secretary of the Y. M. C. A. at University Farm.

During the past two years he has taught in the St. Peter High School and coached all branches of athletics. Last year the St. Peter High School basketball squad won the district championship, while the football squad defeated the strong Mankato team for the first time in years.

In writing of Mr. Christgau's qualifications, one University professor added the following: "If a good man among boys is wanted, Christgau is the man. As Y. M. C. A. part time secretary at University Farm, as Captain of the varsity baseball team, as a boy among boys, and a man among men, Christgau stands as one among a hundred."

Mr. Christgau is a graduate of the Central School of Agriculture and the College of Agriculture at University Farm, St. Paul. He will be accompanied by Mrs. Christgau, who is also a Central School of Agriculture graduate, and former teacher, together with their young daughter when they join the Northwest School family the latter part of September. Mr. Christgau is a brother of Congressman Victor Christgau, Austin, Minnesota.

Students in attendance last year will also be pleased to know that John W. Mlinar has been appointed Registrar, to succeed A. H. Larson, who resigned to accept the position of registrar and secretary of the School of Music, Rochester University, Rochester, New York. Mr. Mlinar graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1928, specializing in history and mathematics. Last year he took charge of the lecture work formerly offered by Professor Larson, and also relieved Professor E. R. Clark, who served as acting registrar. In addition to his lecture work, Mr. Mlinar took an active part in a number of outside activities, serving as faculty adviser to the Senior Class in cooperation with Miss Retta Bede.

Mr. Mlinar assumed his new duties August 16, so that he will have everything in order for the opening of the fall term.

Elsie May Kingston, Wayne, Nebraska, has been appointed to succeed

Miss Laura Gerber as instructor in clothing and textiles and director of physical education for girls. Miss Kingston is a graduate of the Home Economics division of the Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa. In her Senior year she was elected president of the Home Economics Club, and president of the Literary Club, in addition to active membership in the Y. W. C. A.

Miss Kingston has had two years teaching experience, first at Allen, Nebraska, and later principal of the Junior High School at Waterbury, Nebraska.

Miss Hildur Peterson, Hopkins, Minnesota, has been appointed to succeed Miss Helen Brown, whose marriage to Mr. Myron J. Perry has been announced for September 6. Miss Peterson is a graduate of the Music Department of the University of Minnesota, and studied piano at McPhail



JOHN W. MLINAR

Appointed Registrar and Instructor in Advanced subjects

School of Music. She has had two years experience as instructor in the Public School Music Department at the University of Minnesota, one year as church organist, director of a church choir, and performance in solo, duet, trio, ensemble singing at leading Twin City theaters. According to officials of the Division of Music of the University of Minnesota, Miss Peterson sings exceptionally well, is a good organist and pianist, member of Sigma Alpha Iota, Music Sorority, and a young woman of excellent character and attainments. She comes to the Northwest School with the training and experience necessary to maintain the high standards set by instructors in voice in former years.

Miss Lydia H. Dahlen, Thief River Falls, will take charge of the Health Service Department at the opening of the fall term, thus replacing Miss Elesia Simonson, school nurse during the past two years. Following graduation from the Thief River Falls High School, Miss Dahlen attended the St. Paul Hospital Training School for Nurses. She has more recently completed a special course in public

health at the University of Minnesota. Miss Dahlen called at the school early in August and was delighted with the new fireproof, fully equipped Health Service Building.

Elwyn L. Ocock, graduate of the Farm Mechanics section of the University of Illinois, will assist Professors A. M. Foker and S. A. Anderson with the lecture and laboratory work in Farm Mechanics, gas motors and field machinery. Mr. Ocock will also act as supervisor of the boys' dormitory. Having spent all of his life on an Illinois farm, he has had considerable practical experience with gasoline engines and field machinery. As a student at Illinois, Mr. Ocock was elected to membership in Alpha Tau Alpha, professional agricultural fraternity.

MANY GRADUATES

ATTEND COLLEGE

The Northwest School will have many representatives in the colleges, universities and normal schools of the Northwest during the coming school year. Graduates and former students who will enroll at higher institutions this fall are: George Berggren, Greenbush, '28, University of Minnesota; Kenneth Halvorson, Gary, '25, Mayville, N. D., Teachers College; Rolf Anderson, Fisher, '27, University of North Dakota; Leonard Welte, Bagley, University of Illinois; Gunda Gullingsrud, Nielsville, '28, East Grand Forks Normal Department; Isabel Dobias, Angus, '28, Crookston Normal Department; John Covlin, Erskine, '28, Moorhead Teachers College.

Graduates who have been in attendance at higher institutions during the past year and who will return to resume their work in the fall are: Hanna Degerness, Gary, '28, Moorhead; Lester KenKnight, Clearbrook, '27, and Glenn KenKnight, Clearbrook, '28, Carleton College; Earl Luchau, Gary, '26, Valley City, N. D., Teachers College; Esther Engebretson, Clearbrook, '28, Crookston Normal Department; Lillian Bakken, Erskine, '28, Crookston Normal Department; Gertrude Schaack, Plummer, '28, Bemidji Normal; Ruth Soltis, Tabor, '28, East Grand Forks Normal Department; James Cowan, Hawley, special, '26, Marquette University, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The following Northwest School graduates will be in attendance at the University of Minnesota during the coming year: Melvin Hole, Dalton, '28; Elmer Miller, Goodridge, '26; Raymond Hogenson, Winger, '24; Howard Balk, Guthrie, '25; Richard Aakre, Thief River Falls, '26; Wallace Miller, Roseau, '25; Carl Widseth, Gonvick, '28; Arne Solem, Thief River Falls, '24; Orlando and Stanton Ruder, Leonard, '27; Oliver Howard, Highland, '25. Iver Johnson, Crookston, '24, will continue graduate work at the University of Minnesota.

Northwest School graduates have found that the intensive training received at the Northwest School has been a big factor in their high scholas-

tic attainments at leading colleges and Universities throughout the Northwest.

MANY IMPROVEMENTS DURING SUMMER

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been brightened up with a coating of varnish. The ugly slivered fir floors have been relaid with narrow flooring of hard maple. All floors have received two coats of varnish and topped off with one coat of wax. Such floors will not only make the rooms more cheerful but much easier to clean.

The old green window shades have been replaced by new tan shades to match the exterior brick and wood work, as well as the interior decoration. The black rubber matting in the halls has likewise been supplanted by soft carpet runners.

The change which will be most noticeable to the feminine eye will be the beautiful new overstuffed furniture found in the new parlor. This suite consists of sixteen pieces, viz., four davenports, four club chairs, four occasional chairs, two library tables and two floor lamps. The upholstery is a combination mohair and linen frieze cloth, the very latest in parlor furniture covering. The color scheme consists of old rose, blue and pale lavender figures on a taupe background. All exposed woodwork is of black walnut. A new rug for the parlor addition and new drapes of gay cretonne have also been purchased.

On the exterior the woodwork has been changed from a green to an ivory shade. The entire roof has been re-shingled and metal gutters have also been installed.

Robertson Hall has received a genuine overhauling and renovating. It can now take its proper place alongside the other buildings on the campus as far as appearance, interior finish and equipment is concerned. Everything possible has been done to make the building more comfortable, more pleasant, and more home-like for the girl students of the Northwest School.

School and Station Buildings Painted

In addition to the work done in Robertson Hall, other improvements have been made which have added materially to the appearance of the campus landscape. Senior Hall and Hill Building have been repainted in an ivory color. The horse barn, beef barn, cattle feeding shed, green house and two homes on cottage row have also been brightened up with fresh paint.

A new fire escape has been added to the north side of the Kiehle Building. This will offer emergency exits from both the balcony and main floor of the auditorium. A new fire escape has also been added to the rear of the dining hall building.

New Fence Completed

The station farm has also received its share of improvements. A substantial new fence incloses the fields

on the north, east and south lines. The fence has been built for durability as well as for appearance. All line posts are of cedar eight feet long with five-inch tops. The posts are set a

above the ground given two coats of white paint.

Mr. Foker states that all buildings will be ready for the opening of the fall term on September 30.



ELSIE MAY KINGSTON

Instructor in Clothing and Textiles and Director of Physical Education for girls

rod apart and about three feet in the ground. All corner and gate posts are ten feet long and set in concrete. The fencing consists of woven No. 9 wire, 48 inches high. This is topped by two strands of barbed wire running about 6 inches apart. On the



HILDUR PETERSON

Instructor in Voice

inside, two strands of barbed wire are nailed to the posts 36 inches and 50 inches from the ground. All new posts were creosoted and the parts

MISS BROWN TO BE SEPTEMBER BRIDE

Announcements of the forthcoming marriage of Miss Helen Brown to Mr. Myron J. Perry were received at the Northwest School this week. The wedding will take place Friday evening, September sixth, at the home of the bride at Wells, Minnesota. Miss Brown had charge of instruction in voice, glee clubs and choruses during the past two years. Her interest in each individual student, and assistance in outside activities endeared her to students and faculty as well as hundreds of friends scattered throughout the Red River Valley. The happy couple will enter their new home in southeastern Minnesota with the hearty congratulations and best wishes of the entire Northwest School Faculty.

STAFF MEMBERS ASSIST WITH STATE FAIR

Members of the Northwest School staff will again serve as judges of various departments and assist in supervisory work at the Minnesota State Fair which opens August 31. Superintendent A. A. Dowell has been invited to judge in the Cattle Division, while Professors T. M. McCall and R. S. Dunham will judge in the horticultural and farm crops section. Professor O. M. Kiser and D. H. LaVoi will also assist in the cattle and horse department, with Professors E. R. Clark and A. M. Foker assisting with the Farm Boys Camp. District Club Leader H. A. Pflughoeft will have a busy week in connection with the rapidly growing 4-H Club Department.

DAIRYMEN OFFER SCHOLARSHIP

The Red River Valley Dairymen's Association is offering one hundred dollars toward a scholarship fund in 4-H dairy calf club work to be used either at the Northwest School of Agriculture, Crookston, or the Morris Agricultural School. According to E. E. Thorson, secretary of the Association, an effort is being made to raise an additional fifty dollars so that two seventy-five dollar scholarships may be awarded.

Dairy calf club members throughout the Red River Valley and Northwestern Minnesota are eligible to compete.

Winners will be selected from the boys and girls who have made the best records in the district in 1929 and who have made good records in previous years. Credit will be given for participation in club meetings, in team demonstrations, judging contests, and general activities in the home community. Contestants will

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LYDIA H. DAHLEN
School Nurse

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also be expected to answer questions pertaining to dairying.

The Red River Valley Dairymen's Association, together with the Guernsey and Holstein Breed associations, have done much in the past to encourage dairy calf club work in Northwestern Minnesota, according to District Club Agent, H. A. Pflughoeft.

EARLY SELECTION INSURES HIGH EGG PRODUCTION

In discussing importance of culling the flock, A. M. Pilkey, poultryman at the Northwest School and Station, states that now is the time to cull the hens carefully, and band those that show exceptional laying qualities, combined with the desired breed type. Early selection eliminates all guesswork, and insures uniformity in type, together with steady production.

Professor Pilkey believes that poultry producers should avoid the common practice of buying breeding cockerels in the spring just before the hatching season begins. Usually the best birds are sold during the fall and early winter, with the result that buyers are forced to take what is left. To insure high egg production, male birds should be selected from trap-nested parentage.

Select early hatched cockerels that develop rapidly, have wide, square backs, crow early, and develop comb and masculine heads early in life. They should stand squarely on their feet, and be free from standard breed disqualifications. Professor Pilkey recommends one bird for each ten to fifteen hens.

T. M. McCALL GRANTED LEAVE FOR GRADUATE STUDY

T. M. McCall, horticulturist at the Northwest School for the past eighteen years, has been granted a year's leave of absence for graduate study at the Iowa State Agricultural College, Ames, Iowa. Professor McCall, together with Mrs. McCall and their three children, Donald, Robert and Barbara, left for Ames the latter part of August, stopping enroute at the Minnesota State Fair, where Professor McCall served as judge in the Horticultural Department.

Professor McCall, a graduate of the Iowa State College, joined the Northwest School staff during the summer of 1911, five years after the local institution was established. He has the distinction of being the oldest member of the staff in point of service.

During this eighteen year period the Northwest School campus has been developed into one of the beauty spots of the Northwest. Professor McCall has had charge of the greenhouse, the formal and sunken gardens,



T. M. McCALL
Horticulturist for the past eighteen years, granted leave for graduate study at Iowa State College

and has supervised the planting of trees and shrubs, in addition to conducting the investigational work with potatoes, sugar beets, garden vegetables, fruits, and flowers. Results of these investigations have been of untold value to farmers, gardeners, potato and root crop producers throughout the Northwest. He has served repeatedly as judge at the Minnesota State Fair, district fairs throughout the state, as well as in Iowa and North Dakota. His sound advice and council have contributed much to the influence of the local institution. Friends of the Northwest School and Station wish Professor McCall and family a most pleasant and profitable year in Iowa, and will look forward to their return next summer.

PERSONALS

Miss Fanny Lippitt, head of the Home Economics Department, is attending the summer session at Chicago University, specializing in equipment for institutions, institutional organization and administration, and

problems in institutional work.

E. W. Avery, debate coach, returned to the campus August 19, after spending his vacation with his mother in Nebraska, and at the Avery summer home at Cass Lake. Mr. Avery reports dry weather in central Nebraska, but more favorable crop prospects in the eastern part of the state.

H. A. Pflughoeft, district club leader, together with Mrs. Pflughoeft, spent their vacation in Wisconsin, where Mr. Pflughoeft attended the six weeks summer session at the University of Wisconsin.

Melvin Burke (Advanced '29) is employed by the Emerson-Brantingham corporation as head of the Department of Inspection. In writing about his work, Melvin states that he was granted a very fine promotion after being with the company only three weeks, and adds that his success is due to the practical training received at the Northwest School. Melvin wishes the Northwest Eagle Fraternity as well as all other Northwest School activities a most successful year.

The wedding of Stella Sorenson, '24, Plummer, and Iver Tande, Oklee, occurred on July 21. Mr. and Mrs. Tande will live on a farm five miles north of Oklee.

Professor and Mrs. E. R. Clark, of the Northwest School, announce the birth of a baby daughter, Mary Ellen, on August 5, 1929.

Sanna Hanson, '29, Wanke, is spending a few weeks at Eau Claire, Wisconsin, with friends from Roseau, Minnesota.

Helen Gibbons, '25, Crookston, will attend Northwestern University at Evanston, Illinois, during the coming semester and work for her Master's degree. At the beginning of the second semester she will go to Rio Grand College in Ohio to teach Public Speaking and coach Dramatics.



ELWYN L. OCOCK
Instructor in Farm Mechanics,
Gas Motors and Field Machinery